

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 11th MARCH, 2021
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**** DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

2. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, 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 : *The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice.*

- Psalms 37:30

We will go to *Questions & Answers* and I call the hon. Member Pu V.L. Zaithanzama to ask Starred Question No. 156.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state –

- a) Total nos. of court cases (civil) and land dispute cases under Revenue Deptt. which remain unsettled.
- b) Amount incurred by the Revenue Deptt. for losing such court cases during 2019-2020.
- c) Whether there is any plan for survey of land for bamboo plantations and rearing animals through SEDP.

SPEAKER : I call the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to reply the questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama's questions is as follows:

- a) The following are number of court cases (Civil) which remain unsettled –
 - i) 1863 cases (Civil) and 13 nos. in Mara Autonomous District Council.
 - ii) 1084 land dispute cases and 3 nos. in Mara Autonomous District Council.
- b. The following are the amount incurred by the government for losing court cases during 2019-2020 –
 - i) ₹1, 61, 95,920/- for payment of compensation as per the court decision for increase of land value in the construction of MZU road;
 - ii) ₹88, 84,154/- for payment of compensation for land acquisitioned for construction of BSUP building at Hawngtial area of Edentharr;
 - iii) ₹49,54,59,000/- for payment of monetary fine for failure of the Railway Ministry to comply with court order for increase of land value for the same period.
- c) Land survey is proposed to be carried out for plantation of bamboos at Lawngtlai whereas there is no plan to the same in other districts as of now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. If LSC issued to privates within Assam Rifles settlement have been cancelled? If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : I call the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to reply.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, measure is taken for cancellation of any LSC within the said area and we are now waiting for Court and PIL hearings.

SPEAKER : I call the hon. Member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask Starred Question No. 157.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state:

May PHE Department replace the existing water pump at Tlabung with a larger capacity as it no longer serves the demand of the entire town?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to reply the question.

PU TAWNLUIA, DY. CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is - There is no intention to replace water pump at Tlabung as of now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, since Tlabung is a Sub-Divisional Headquarter, the population increases every year. The existing pump usually failed in rainy season which further causes much problem for the people. May the hon. Minister explain the reason? Also, in Nunsuri water supply through gravitational pump is not working properly and so may be replaced with solar pumping.

It is sad that no development is seen in PHE work of Serhuan which comprises 146 households. It will be pleasing if the hon. Minister provides water supply as soon as possible?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and then Pu Zothantluanga.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is as follows –

Will DPR for solar pumping project under JJM scheme be completed during the financial year, 2021-2022? The same for my constituency is completed and we are waiting for sanction. If this can be finalized? May a submersible pump be provided in the areas where scarcity is most intensive? t

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from the hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are

—

- i) The reason for scarcity of water in Aizawl City.
- ii) Water tariff of which year is now in use?
- iii) Step taken by the government to alleviate scarcity of water.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to reply the question.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the existing pipeline is still in good condition. However, we have obtained the sanction from to the 15th Finance Commission for reinforcement of pipelines and the work may be started after this session. I hope this answer is covering the question regarding Silsuri. At the same time, I would like to inform the House that survey work on Atah River for solar pumping is now in progress.

As of the question of Dr. Tanpuia on solar pump under JJM scheme, we are trying to complete within this financial year. We have also submitted proposal of submersible pump for rural areas where water problem is most severe. However, fund is not easily available but we are trying to cover as much as possible according to the availability of fund.

To answer the question of the hon. member from West-I, water sources dried up quickly since now is of dry season. The main problem for Aizawl city is transformer at Luangmual which is now under repair. I request the people to be patience as the concerned department is doing their best in the repair works. Regarding water tariff, we are now using water tariff issued on the 24th June, 2016. I do not think there is a change is the billing system as we still are using the same tariff till today.

Regarding measure taken on for improvement of water supply to Aizawl City, we are now working on Phase-III which will fetch 37 crore litres per day from Tlawng River below Tanhril whereas the existing Phase-I & II fetches 26 crore litres a day. Unless other problems evolved in the process, completion of Phase-III project is expected within this dry season.

Secondly, as mentioned before, the process of pumping tends to stop for 4 or 5 hours in every load shedding. As such is the case, power station is being set up at Dihmunzawl through SIPMIU for a dedicated power supply and is expected to function very soon.

Thirdly, there is a plan for supplementing water supply to the southern part of Aizawl by setting up gravitational pump from Tawitlang on which 30 - 40% of the work is done. However, the pandemic has slowed down the process as the workers were compelled to go home, yet, we manage to maintain the progress of work gradually. Hopefully we will receive enough water supply when we finished the project.

On the contrary, distribution system also needs upgradation. So, we are working on improvement of the distribution system through multiple points. If the process is completed during this working season, we hope that water supply for Aizawl will be much improved. Pu Speaker, that is how my department is taking measures to resolve the problem of water supply of Aizawl city. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaua to ask Starred Question No. 158.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state –
Whether there is a plan for reconstruction of dilapidated supply godown of Vawmbuk and Lungpher?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to reply.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the department is aware of the condition of supply godown at Vawmbuk and Lungpher. I think we could cover through loan that we apply from NABARD for construction of warehouse, courtyard, staff quarters, toilet block and approach roads.

SPEAKER : So many hands are raised, but let me call the hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaua to ask Supplementary Question.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Before I ask my question, I thank the hon. Minister for the plan to construct staff quarter, approach roads and toilet block. My Supplementary Questions are as follows –

- i) Construction of roads are in full swing as for the coming rainy season. Can we increase our monsoon stock?
- ii) When will Legal Metrology building constructed at Lawngtlai be inaugurated?
- iii) May supply godown of Bualpui 'Ng' be repaired?

SPEAKER : From the opposition bench, Pu KT Rokhaw to ask Supplementary Question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. Retailers at 73 villages within my constituency could not receive ration supply due to poor signal. My questions are –

- i) May the hon. Minister consider the process of ration supply be done offline in the aforementioned areas?
- ii) Lawngtlai – Kawlchaw East is 33 kms and the carrying contractor often refuses to go. In the stead, they hired sub-contractor who refused to supply the ration as per the govt. rate. So, may the government instruct the actual contractors to deal with the supply? Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to ask *Supplementary Question.*

DR. Z.R. THIAMSAंगा: Pu Speaker, thank you. Is there any plan to implement the central order on doorstep delivery of food grains? Also, if there is a plan for construction of supply godown in various parts of Mizoram? If so, is Rabung included in the list? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister to reply.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding Pu H. Biakzaua's question, it is a fact that we have a problem due to widening of roads in various parts, yet, we are trying our best. As per the report of the DCSOs, we have to provide monsoon stock at 53 places.

Regarding Pu KT Rokhaw's questions, we are trying to negotiate with the contractors regarding the carrying charge. Since BRTF is not hurry in their works, we also need a talk and urge them very strong to speed up their works.

As of e-Post machine, I think we have a standing order that it may not be applied in the areas of poor signal.

PU KT ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, this is of a serious matter and I urge the hon. Minister to attend to this problem with immediate effect.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, we also face the problem in my constituency. So, I request the hon. Minister for the same.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, yes, this is an important matter. I assure the hon. members that immediate step will be taken for supply of ration offline.

We received order from National Food Security Act to implement Doorstep Delivery. However, it is believed that we could not afford to do so as of now whereas we have also been pressurized by the retailers not to implement the system on immediate case. Yet, due to continuous instruction from the central, we now have a plan to start with DCSO Aizawl West as an experiment which will soon be started. We intend to assigned MIZOFED as the agency and asked them to study the rules.

Pu Speaker, we have included supply godown of Rabung for construction through loan which may be availed from NABARD. In the early stage of this ministry, the hon. Chief Minister approached the central for fund provision for construction of godown and as a result, we received for 10 nos. supply godown. We have also completed 10 nos. supply godown through NABARD funding for 21 nos. godown and the rest to be done accordingly. We have an ongoing proposal for construction of 22 nos. warehouse, 24 nos. staff quarter,

19 nos. toilet, approach roads, officer quarter, administrative building and district weight bridge centre. We have other projects as well apart from the said proposals.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, let me remind the hon. Minister that he had missed out my Supplementary Question.

SPEAKER : Alright, he may proceed with it.

PU TAWNLUIA, DY. CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we have Legal Metrology building at Lawngtlai which remains unoccupied. We also have at Siaha and we can cover from there for the time being as the problem of shortage of staff is severe. More staffs should be recruited as per our financial condition so that we can accommodate all the requirements.

We will try to repair Bualpui 'Ng' supply godown on the first opportunity and so is the demand for Mamit, Khawzawl and Saitual which are of much importance, especially Legal metrology. We received fund provision for Saitual and Khawzawl to construct at a lapidary standard and the site has now been prepared. Likewise, it is a must to put Mamit in function. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask Starred Question No. 159.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education be pleased to state –

- a) Whether there is recruitment of casual teacher due to increase of students under H&TE?
- b) If so, in which colleges and the details thereof?
- c) No. of student during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in such colleges where new teachers are posted?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to reply.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) 100 nos. Asst. Professors with monthly salary of ₹25,000/- with honorarium.
- b) Colleges in which the newly recruited Asst. Professors are appointed: -

Sl. No.	Name of Institution	No. of Post
1	Govt. College Aizawl	3
2	Govt. Aizawl North College	1
3	Govt. Aizawl West College	2
4	Govt. Champhai College	5
5	Govt. Hnahthial College	3

6	Govt. Hrangbana College	4
7	Govt. J. Buana College	4
8	Govt. J. Thankima College	1
9	Govt. Johnson College	3
10	Govt. Kamalanagar College	5
11	Govt. Khawzawl College	4
12	Govt. Kolasib College	5
13	Govt. Lawngtlai College	3
14	Govt. Mamit College	3
15	Govt. Sialha College	3
16	Govt. Saitual College	4
17	Govt. Serchhip College	5
18	Govt. T. Romana College	3
19	Govt. Zawlnuam College	3
20	Govt. Zirtiri Res. Sc. College	3
21	Lunglei Govt. College	5
22	Inst. Of Advanced Study in Edu. (IASE)	2
23	Mizoram Hindi Training College	2
24	Mizoram Polytechnic, Lunglei	6
25	Women Polytechnic	1

- c) The nos. of student in 19 colleges increases totaling 1663 whereas no changes is seen in the remaining 6 colleges. Besides, students' registration in PUC and MZU has also increases due to the effort of their Principal, Teaching Faculty and the Vice Chancellor respectively.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is –

- i) If the said recruited Asst. Professors had drawn their salary during 2020?
- ii) Why did the 6 colleges in which no changed is seen in the students' registration were allotted with new teaching staff?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What step has been taken so far by the government regarding the land dispute of Govt. Aizawl College at Mualpui?

SPEAKER : I call hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to reply.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it may be noted that there are norms in the distribution of teaching staff to any faculty in which the ordinance of the University fixed number of teaching staff to be allotted a particular faculty. As such is the

case, we have to make recruitment as per requirement. Also, the need arises for introduction of online teaching as a result of the pandemic. The appointment 89 nos. teaching staff is done so as per the terms and conditions.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, considering our financial crisis due to pandemic, I opine the government have to determine if it is best to utilize a full-fledged budget provisions. It is doubtful that the government is able to follow all the norms being given amidst this financial crisis of our state's Govt.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the government is not satisfied with the appointments of certain nos. teaching staff which had been done since we still have 92 posts which remain unfilled.

SPEAKER : We have half an hour and call upon the hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 160.

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

- a) As per notification of the Revenue Deptt. dated 27th May, 2020 relating to the Silchar-Sairang National Highway project, there are some people who claims themselves as being able to change V/C pass into a periodic patta by profiting 75% of compensation and 25% by land holder after payment of land revenue. If the hon. Minister witnesses the alleged business?
- b) Whether there is any practice which is done against the Deptt. notification?

SPEAKER : As *Question Hour* is over, no supplementary question in this regard will be entertained. Let us call the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to reply.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is -

- a) No.
- b) It is not known.

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* is over and I would like to inform the House that hon. Member Pu Andrew H. Thangliana is absent due to family affairs.

We will now go to *Financial Business*. Today, we have the demands of two ministers such Pu Robert Romawia Royte and Pu Lalchamliana to be discussed and we will be voted after discussion.

Now, I call the hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to submit to the House the following Demands under his concerned departments such as –

- | | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Demand No. 20 | - | Sport & Youth Services. |
| Demand No. 43 | - | Tourism. |
| Demand No. 48 | - | Information & Public Relations. |

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I beg the House to pass my Demands –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services	25,61,31,000.00
43	Tourism	10,89,78,000.00
48	Information & Public Relations	4,59,27,000.00
TOTAL		41,10,36,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia to submit to the House the following Demands under his concerned departments such as –

- Demand No. 8 - Taxation
- Demand No. 16 - Home
- Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 8, 16 & 30 for ₹8,44,43,66,000/- for meeting expenses during 2021-2022 in respect of the following Departments –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
8	Taxation	22,82,87,000.00
16	Home	7,60,46,73,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	61,14,06,000.00
TOTAL		8,44,43,66,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the two hon. Ministers have submitted their respective Demands in the House. We will have a discussion and each member will have 10 minutes. Let us call the hon. Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I will go first to Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services.

The department progresses immensely since this ministry came into power and, in this connection, it is important to note that the previous minister of Sports deserved much credited through the effort of the present minister of Sports. To highlight our development in sports within this ministry, it is first necessary to mention regarding the implementation of the Mizoram Sports Policy, 2019 through which 5% reservation to sports personal is

implemented and conclusion of the Mizoram State Games, 2019 successfully. Also, announcement of sports as '*Industry*' is worth-mentioning.

Thanks to the effort of the hon. Minister, we have various projects of equipping our playground with artificial grass turf and if possible, we need one for Ngopa as well as so a separate community hall and indoor stadium. We also need renovation of our playground and tennis court through which Ngopa is placed at the state level of tennis. We have even hosted Mizoram Open Tennis Competition at Ngopa.

On Demand No. 43 - Tourism, I am proud to mention that my constituency is having a good prospect on tourism such as famous mountain ranges Mawmrang and Lengteng. Thanks to the effort of the Village Council leaders, we have even constructed the approach roads from my MLA fund. I opine it is wise for the government to promote such places as tourists' attraction. We even have Tualbung with important historical background where counter-shooting took place between Major Deswal and the freedom fighters on the 25th April, 1968. It is a worth-memorable place for younger generation to visit and instill sense of nationalism in their minds.

On Demand No. 48 – Information & Communication Technology Deptt., I am grateful that High school in my constituency such as of Kawlkulh, Hliappui and N.E. Khawdungsei are receiving computer sets. I think we all have known the valuable performances of ICT especially during the pandemic. It is notable that the department is implementing the central Govt. policy of 'Digi-locker' and e-Governance effectively. Also, during the spread of covid, the department arranges online tutorial classes to the students which is quite notable. Meanwhile, I request the hon. Minister to approach various mobile agencies for installation of more towers so that it cover all rural areas.

Going to Demand No. 8 – Taxation, it is great that tax collection is increasing due to the efforts made by the Taxation Deptt. At the same time, it is important to consider the interaction of the department with that of the general people since the department is not concern with giving out the public needs but collecting taxes from them in the stead. The hon. Minister may react if deems necessary that professional tax is a matter which involves even the Constitution of India. However, it is criticized by majority of the Govt. servants on taking equal amount of tax from the top-ranking officials to the lowest grade. I believe some are not familiar with the Article 276 that provides the ceiling of such tax which should not exceed ₹2,500/-. Thus, it is important for the government to give awareness to all concerned Govt. servants.

On Demand No. 16 – Home Department, we have a lot to be thankful for the performance of the department. We are facing the problem due to covid as so border dispute and the department really shows its strength in maintaining the situations. In concern for the safety of our state, the staffs always render their valuable service without complaining and with a courage to sacrifice their life for our land and the people. In this

connection, I request the hon. Minister to consider placing of Police Station at Kawlkulh, the largest population within my constituency with highest case registered.

Last, on Demand No. 30 - DM&R Deptt., numbers of household such as of Hliappui, Pawlrang and Changzawl were destroyed by the hailstorm on 23.4.2020. In this regard, I would like to convey to the people of Pawlrang and Changzawl and their respective VCs for being able to manage themselves in such a situation whereas all attentions had been given to Hliappui, a village victimized by the calamity most severely. We received ₹10 lakh from the Mizoram Synod, 100 nos. bundle of roofing materials from the hon. RD Minister and financial aids of ₹29,21,197/- from DM&R. I thank the Mizoram Synod, the hon. Chief Minister and the concerned Minister for their valuable concerns. Nonetheless, I thank the people in the surrounding villages for keeping up with the beautiful '*Zonunmawi*' in their actions on such a situation.

Thus, Pu speaker, I am happy to pass these Demands with hope that my fellow members would do the same. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be next? Let us call the hon. Member Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I will go to Demand No. 8 – Taxation.

I want to mention regarding tax payers. At Chawngte, we have two major departments, PHE and P&E. It is mandatory for the public to pay consumption charge within the stipulated time or else, the supply will be disconnected. While this is the condition, facility provided by these two departments are very poor, especially supply of electricity. Power supply is stopped between 6 PM to 8 PM on regular basis allegedly due to load-shedding. Likewise, we receive water supply only once in a month. So, if consumption charges of such supplies should be paid on regular basis, a regular supply of such facilities should also be necessitated. There should be a good service of these two departments if a regular payment of tax is insisted upon the people.

On Demand No. 16 – Home, we have three Police Stations in my constituency whereas staff quarters which became unfit for living had now been abandoned. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of our problems. Besides, we have no Lock-Up for women at Chawngte as the existing one is now in poor condition. So, the repeated demand made by the concerned staffs whenever I visit the Police Station is of Lock-Up and Police staff-quarters. Also, PS of Borpansuri and Vasei needs vehicles for their operation which I opined to be of an urgent need in border areas like Boransuri where criminal activity is often witnessed.

Coming now to Sports, we are fortunate to have an efficient and hardworking Sports Minister as during his tenure that we are expecting artificial turf for Chawngte Football

Playground. However, the material did not reach us as yet and I urge that the project is done before rainy season.

Huge amount of fund provision is expected through PMJKVY since it is of a newly programme. In this regard, I would like to request the hon. Minister to prioritize my area in which the need of infrastructure is intensive. We also need multipurpose hall at Parva, Lawngpuighat, Kamalanagar and Borapansuri, especially the need is intensive for Borapansuri for we do not have a place for public meeting or else whereas it is impossible to do so in an open ground due to hot climate. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? Alright; Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. At the outset, I will go to Demand No. 24 – Sports Deptt.

As we have seen in the budget, the department has only .40% of the total B.E. Yet, we have able Minister who knows how to acquire from other sources. It is great that Sport Department is progressing through sports policy which even put the central in awe.

I am thankful for setting up NCC mixed battalion at Lunglei which will enable our youths to turn into a new perspective. It is remarkable that 5% job reservation for sports persons is implemented and so is declaration of sports as '*industry*'. Besides, we have SAI Sports Training Centre being set up at Saidan, Kolasib, District Sports Complex in three districts and Residential Sports School in five Districts through many youths will have the chance to pursue their interests thereby maintaining their educations at the expense of the government. In spite of criticisms, the hon. Minister does not stop taking measures on various infrastructure developments by outsourcing the budget provision so as to meet the demand of the youths today.

On adventure sports, we introduced river rafting, aero-sport and para-gliding as we have had hosted a successful Pro-fight boxing tournament in cooperation with LPS. Under the able Minister, we have even passed The Mizoram State Sports Council Act, 2021. While this is the case, Sports Officer is the collective need in every district headquarters which may be considered as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism, our budget is not that much but we are fortunate to have a minister who knows how to deal with it. In this connection, I would like to mention that we also have potential areas for extension of tourism such as Sairep which is only 8 kms away from Lunglei where varieties of natural growth orchid to be found. It is a place in which researchers from inside and outside comes to enjoy and study the nature of birds. Apart from this, we have natural forest with endemic species of tree like *Lalruanga Dawibur*, *Chawngtinleri Puan Bantlang* etc. As such are the natural gifts of this place, I believe it deserves to be developed as a tourist spot.

Considering technical development of today's world, I believe ICT is of an important department which concern with development of our state in parallel with such advancement. We are fortunate that we have a minister with technical knowhow of such facilities and determine to make the best use of it. Some may not notice of internet signal that we received is much improved compare to the previous years.

On Demand No. 8 – Taxation Department, I opine it is not appropriate for the general people of alleging the government of doing the business out of tax collection. It is time for every individual to change our mentality as any citizen in advanced state possesses sense of responsibility on tax payment knowing the fact that it is essential to build a nation or State. One must contribute tax as per his income. It is wrong to rely only on the government resources and ignore our duty as a citizen to contribute tax.

On Home Department, it is the department which provide our safety. During the spread of covid and border dispute, the police forces sacrifice themselves for the safety of our state as some remains in the border areas to safeguard our border as MZP played the same role in the past.

On Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management is the department which support us in any incident of natural calamity. There is a permanent landslide near Bualte on NH 54 which needs reinforcement where as there are about 10 villages which need fund provision for protecting their roads from landslip that occur every year. I would like to stress that it is a relief that we receive fund provision through this department for improvement of roads. At the same time, let me remind the hon. Minister that we will once again apply for same for this year as well. Thank you.

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

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing the demands of the two hon. Ministers. In order to keep up with the time, I will only mention what I deem important.

First, on Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services, I am thankful for having a minister who is familiar with what he is doing. The performance of the previous Sports minister was no doubt quite good, but the present minister excels. Having a precise vision in Sport Policy, the youths who excel in their discipline will now have job reservation of 5%. Pu Speaker, I am thankful for setting up of sports infrastructure at Saidan, Kolasib through SAI as we have not any within our reach. I think we are the only State in India that promotes sports as '*industry*' and I thank the hon. Chief Minister and Sports Minister for having such a great idea. It is remarkable that the government has now transform sports as a source of employment for the talented youths on sports. Accordingly, the Mizoram State Games organized by this government also was commendable as we are hoping the same after covid crisis is over. Regarding the needs of my constituency, I opine it is necessary to

establish Sports Centre at Vairengte and also to repair playground of Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir for we are hosting YMA conference in October.

(Dy. Speaker is at the Chair)

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism department may not be in the forefront; however, it does great works. Regarding *Chawngkhupa Island* which was once named by the previous ministry as ‘*Hawla Island*’, I would also like to request the hon. Minister to consider renovation as tourist attraction.

On Demand No. 16 – Home Department, it is a debated issue if the hands of our police forces are bounded. While this is the case, I think it is important that they are well-equipped with good building for the office and staff quarters and with befitted vehicles. Whereas police station at Vairengte and Saiphai which located near the border should be prioritized. Likewise, I support the demand for the repair of playground at Bilkhawthlir where YMA Conference will be held and so is renovation of the Police Outpost.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would also like to mention of the role played by the police forces in the recent border dispute. Border dispute incident came twice under the MNF Ministry in which we had retained 455 kms of our land at the first encounter under the leadership of the then hon. Chief Minister and Home Minister and 1 km at the second encounter which occurs during this ministry. With the initiative of the hon. Chief Minister and Home Minister, SSB IR are now stationed at the extended site equipped with new Outpost buildings and vehicles. Relating to this, I opine this border security need to be strengthened by setting up IR Battalion Hqrs. at Vairengte. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you for my time.

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

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. As pointed out by my fellow members, there are so much developments to be seen in Home Department and Sports & Youth Services Department. I will go first to Demand No. 43 – Tourism Deptt.

Our familiarity of this department in my constituency is not very long; it is only from the first MNF ministry under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga. The department have tourist lodge at West Phaileng which became very useful till today as we do not have any other place for accommodation within my constituency of 33 villages. Yet, the building is now becoming old and need renovation. So, I suggest setting up tourist lodge accommodation here so as to attract the tourists for accessing the scenic view of Bangladesh from this point.

On Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, the role of this department as known to us all is providing our safety from disaster such as fire, landslide and other natural calamity occurs. When the disaster struck my constituency last year, it is the department which help us with constructing retaining wall and culvert. Accordingly,

immediate step was taken by the department when heavy rains occurred in Lallen as two persons were injured. It is appreciative that the hon. Minister took immediate measure as soon as we informed the incident.

Next, on Demand No. 16 – Home Department, the safety of our State depends on the department. As we had experienced during last year, 5 problems occurred simultaneously within our state. With the initiative of our leaders, it is appreciative that we were able to push through to alleviate such problems. It is remarkable that we achieved in stationing our police forces in the disputed border area by providing electric and water connection on time. Our police forces are now able to operate along the mountain range of Hachhek as far as Mittel Lui which we had never claim as of our State. I convey my thanks to the hon. Minister for the progress being made. Yet, we still have a lot more to do as in Mideli in which power supply is given but not water supply for drinking. Also, Zawlpui Outpost needs toilet which may be attended immediately. Problem often occurs in the border area near Tripura due to illegal drug trafficking and thus is important that we strengthen this outpost with better equipment.

Coming to the demands of my constituency, I would like to request the hon. Minister to attend to the dilapidated building of Police Outpost at W. Phaileng which need reconstruction. They also are in need of a good condition vehicle for more efficiency in the operation. Whereas the same at Thinghlun also needs reconstruction and better equipment as the Assam forces are occasionally operating on the opposite side.

Next is, Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services. It is remarkable that we are able to achieve Mizoram Sports Policy, 2019 just within a year. Due to zealous efforts of the hon. Minister, it is truly appreciated that we are opening Residential Sports School at West Phaileng at the cost of ₹3286.32 lakh which comprises academic building, Boys and Girls hostel, multipurpose hall, synthetic grass turf for football ground, large RCC water reservoir, 8 units of Principal and Staff quarters, basketball and volleyball court. Besides, State Adventure Training Centre at Vaipuanpho will soon be inaugurated. Also, there is a plan for basketball court and viewing tower at eight places with sanction provision for eight nos. volleyball court being released. We are very thankful to our Minister as we intend to honor his visit to my constituency at our utmost.

I request that all members agree to pass the demands of the two hon. Ministers Demands for development of our State. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama and, Pu Ramthanmawia will follow.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. It is a good opportunity for me to have time to participate in the discussion of the demands of the two hon. Ministers. It is learned from the hon. Sports Minister that our border issue as being settled whereas the hon Home Minister was at a loss of such information. It is believed that the hon. Chief

Minister had shared such information only to the hon. Sports Minister and kept it as a secret to all others for he had claimed before as having a secret plan of resolving our border dispute. In this regard, I urge the government to resolve the issue immediately as the people too are at a loss of such information.

On Demand No. 8 – Taxation, as known to us all is a revenue earning department in which 80% of State Own Tax Revenue is earned. Thus, the department deserve better equipment so as to increase more productions. Whereas the first and foremost need is restricting the department but I have no idea if there is any plan to do so. Our revenue target for this year is 600 crore and the hon. Minister may thus inform the House if we are able to achieve the target. It is regretted that many have refrain from giving tax and setting up of state tribunal is thus suggested in order to collect unpaid taxes. Also, there are 312 nos. sanction post in the department whereas only 238 nos. are filled indicating 23.71% vacant posts. Keeping in mind of the future, I opine the department needs better equipment so as to increase the earning.

On Demand 16 – Home Department, the budget increased by 5.16% which truly is appreciative. We occasionally encounter border dispute with Assam in which our lifeline had often been closed down. Thus, it is of utmost important for the government to determine the solution of this problem. I opine there are two things which needs to be done, such as - resolving the dispute and then set up a commission which is strong and active. Secondly, we need to station the State Armed Force Battalion at Bairabi and Vairengte. If we cannot afford the entire battalion, let there be three companies at the least.

Relating to Home Deptt., I would like to know how the government is dealing with the case of 8 nos. illegal migrants of Rohingya women of age between 18 – 22 who are under the police custody at Vairengte. They are now accommodated at a temporary detention centre which causes a burden for the police there. I opine we need to dispose them off carefully and with immediate effect so as to prevent ourselves from involving in a serious situation for it concern international issue.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services, ₹205 lakh is allocated for promotion of 31 nos. sports discipline during 2020-2021; however, it is learned that nothing is received till date, even by the end of this year. Thus, it will be appreciated if it is provided as soon as possible. At the same time, I would also like to know plan which has been made so far for improvement of sports since inception of sports as ‘industry’ whereas nothing is seen in the budget for that purpose. Pu Dy. Speaker, as we praise the performance of the concerned minister, I am afraid we are going too fast and that we bumped into trouble in the maintenance. Thank you.

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

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Today, we are having a discussion on the demands of the two hon. Ministers; and, at the outset, I express my support to the demands.

Pu Dy. Speaker, as we all have known, a civil war in Myanmar compels many people abandon their homes and seek a refuge in some neighboring countries. As the House Leader had announced in the House, it is our responsibility to provide shelters for them anytime any place. This announcement made our kin in Myanmar very happy as they express their appreciation through social media. The reaction of our Chief Minister towards the refugees indicates his quality as a father figure for our fellow mizos in and outside Mizoram.

On Sports & Youth Services, it is great to know that development goes towards the south and western part of our State surpassing the achievement made in the previous ministry. I must say that no progresses had never been witnessed in the previous years as in the present ministry. Yet, we are hoping to see the same in the eastern side by the next phase. At the same time, Pu Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to RD Deptt. for a Mini Sports Complex constructed at Khawbung and is expected to be opened soon. Whereas it is our desire to have a full-fledged playground equipped with artificial grass turf for Farkawn. Also, the hon. Minister may attend to our need of sports stadium for hosting football and other tournaments as in other places.

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism has earmarked 180 places as ‘the National Important Places’ in which one of them is ‘*Kawtchhuah Ropui*’ or ‘Vangchhia’ of my constituency. So, I would like to inform the hon. concerned minister that measure is taken for transforming this place into tourist attraction. Besides, ‘*Khali Khawng*’ where traces of our ancestors is found may be improved for tourist attraction.

Regarding Home, I opine the Police Deptt. needs better equipment with vehicles and staff quarters for it is the police forces who spearheaded in our mission for border security. In our fight against covid also, they have rendered their utmost in their official duty across the state. Therefore, the department truly deserves special attention of the government.

On Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, the people in my constituency remains without peace for fear of earthquake which struck consistently. Being in such state, the hon. Minister shows his concern by providing us with all the essential materials such as fund provision and silpaulin and even arranged emergency duty at some places. Some ministers and MLAs had even visited the spots and consoles us by providing with our needs. I convey my sincere thanks to all the ministers and MLAs for their valuable concerns to the people of my constituency. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will take a recess and we will resume our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am very thankful to have the opportunity to discuss the demands of Pu Lalchamlia and Pu Robert Romawia, the two hon. Ministers. I will go first to Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services.

It is great that progress is seen with numbers of sports enthusiast youth. The budget allocation of the department may not be sufficient to meet the entire requirements, but the minister concern knows how to pull out central funds for the projects which may be made. With that, it is great that numbers of foundation stones had been laid as major infrastructures are being set up.

Under Smart City project, the project of Football Stadium at Tuivamit and Music City Programme at Industrial Growth Centre are in progress and they will soon be started. We have a great potential within Aizawl City and many places to develop as well. At Phunchawng, the local community has purchased a plot of land at the cost of ₹19 lakh and without any financial support from outside. So, I would like to inform the concerned minister that it is a convenient place for setting up sports infrastructure.

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism, it is known to us all that no project could be expedited amidst Covid and let us hope this pandemic will soon go away. Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to inform the hon. concerned minister that we have vast hilly areas within my constituency for extension of tourism and I believe we can develop it accordingly. At the same time, I opine it is necessary for the government to equip Sairang with tourist lodge for it will soon become a railway station.

On Demand No. 48 – Information & Communication Technology, it is a fact that advanced countries are those who are more advance in technology. As such, it is much appreciated that 7 nos. computer sets are provided to High Schools within my constituency last year and we are expecting 7 sets for Tanhril this year. It is important that we develop IT Department for the benefit of upcoming youths.

On the demands of Home Deptt., I opine it is important to strengthen the department so as to maintain law & orders more efficiently. Relating to this, I am concern of non-mizos top-ranking officials in the Police Deptt. despite availability of our very own Mizo officers to occupy such posts. Our youths should take this as a challenge and prepare themselves to enter such post. We have about 3000 nos. vacant post under the Home Deptt. which may be filled step by step. I would also like to emphasize the need of equipping our jails so that the inmates develop their skills during their stay. Also, it is wise to transform our jails as a kind of recreation centre for the benefit of the inmates therein.

Last, on Demand No. 10 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, hill regions are in general prone to landslide or other natural calamity as so is our state. Also, in every monsoon season, we have people drown at Tlawng Lui and the people of Sairang are always the first responder. They need shelter under the pouring rain and I am happy to know that a Shelter House is set to be constructed at Sairang at the cost of 115 lakh; I want to voice out that matter today, thank you.

SPEAKER : In the beginning, there was no one to participate and we only manage to form a quorum, which is why I give him more time. Now, let us invite the hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to have the opportunity to discuss about the Demands of the two hon. Ministers, Pu Lalchamlia and Pu Robert Romawia Royte. I will start with Demand No. 22 – Sports & Youth Services.

There is much to be thankful for in this department. The minister contributes a great deal in I-League and in Aizawl Football Club. Recently, we have won WBC Title Fight. I am also thankful for announcing sport as ‘*Industry*’ and foundation stone were laid for some infrastructures.

We announced many developments achieved recently. I am thankful that Serhuan, Zotlang and Kulikawn Basketball Court are included in the plan. The Mizoram Tennis Association purchased a Complex at a very high cost at Nghaltan Zau. As we know, we need Sports Complex for hosting the National Games. I would like the Minister to develop this complex and give his interest in Lawn Tennis. At the State Games, we bring home the Best Athlete (Women) Award and I urge the hon. minister to help pave her way in the future. We also have ISL player from Zohnuai where there is no playground. I, again urge the hon. Minister to give important to this matter and note that we have a convenient land in Lunglei and the surrounding areas to be developed for Sports Complex.

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism, whenever I mention tourism, I feel the need of important promoting Local Tourism. Foreign tourist may not come in abundant in our conservative land. Therefore, we need to promote Local Tourism. Also, I would like the hon. Minister to take note of Pangzawl Tourist Lodge which was destroyed during the construction of NH-64.

On Demand No. 48 – Information & Communication Technology, huge project taken up by ICT is completed, as mentioned during *Question Hour*. However, what I give important to is bifurcating Mizoram e-Governance Society and ICT. Another thing that is important is mobile tower. There are many complaints regarding this as allegedly causes cancer through the radiation transmitted by the tower. It is wise that ICT discuss the matter with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

On Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, I am happy to learn that the hon. Minister has submitted a project for reinforcement of land struck by landslide at Zotlang. We are benefitting this department very much in my constituency as they provide us with rehabilitation when we lost 30 pigs. The department further concern with a relief work on landslide at Mualthuam North. At the same time, it is desirable that the department use the Disaster Mitigation Fund for reconstruction of damaged retaining wall and gabion wall.

I will go to Demand No. 8 – Taxation. The department is so useful that the government depend on it. Despite the latest GST rule for setting up check gate, Data Entry Point was set up at Vairengte for the benefit of the government and to checkup illegal trade of betel nut. Thus, we need to better equip this department.

There is one thing that I give important is Land Ceiling System. In order to safeguard our land holdings, we need to introduce land ceiling system with immediate effect. A simple solution to do so is collecting progressive tax which will incur multiple land holdings with more taxes which relatively will incur more problems.

Last, on Demand No. 16 - Home Department, performance of the department on the recent border clashes was indeed, a courageous act. Having a brave and obstinate leaders encourage our forces to act bravely in the process.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention about Fire Station at Lunglei Ramthar Veng. The station is set to be shifted under Saikuti Hall as it is no longer fit for the purpose. I urge this matter be resolved as soon as possible. It may as well be noted that one of the most important check points for drug trafficking is located at Tarpho and Khawhri, which is within Pu Thangte's constituency.

I support the demands of our Ministers to be passed by the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am happy to have the opportunity to discuss two Ministers' demand.

First on the Demand No. 8 – Taxation Department. I opine the department deserves to top the list for discussion for it concern with revenue earnings for the government. As highlighted in the Governor speech, the department earns ₹37,071.2 lakh till November during this financial year. It may not be regarded as a major department but their contribution is precious for the people as a whole. I thank the hon. Minister for a new building of District Taxation Office at Mamit.

At 'Zomuan Tlang' which is at the border of Tripura and Mizoram, we had a problem during Covid as it is only the road which separates us. The government has now

stationed a full-strength IR Battalion much for the comfort of our people. Recently, the Tripura Forest Deptt. plans set up a check gate at Khantlang, on the road approaching Mizoram. After much protest and step taken by the Home Deptt., it was abandoned. However, we need to place a Police Outpost here in order to prevent encroachment. Besides, it would be welcoming if we have DIG (Western Range) posted to cover the western area as we already have for Eastern, Southern and Northern Ranges. We currently have IR Commandant and SP at DF, yet, it is not enough as we occasionally face trouble being in the border of Tripura and Assam.

We are thankful for fulfilling our appeal for Police Station at Lengpui, but it remains without functioning. So, I urge the hon. Minister to consider the immediate functioning. It may as well be noted of the need to better equip Mamit District Jail.

On Sports, the budget size as we see, is smaller than the previous year. It would be appreciated if it is increased so that we may be able to continue with receiving football and volleyball for our respective constituency. However, we received huge amount of fund from the central thanks to the effort of the hon. Chief Minister and an able Minister concerned as Mamit also blessed with the project for construction of Multi-purpose Indoor Stadium at the cost of ₹12 crore. Likewise, the hon. Minister has given his approval for construction of indoor stadium for the Mizoram Volleyball Association.

While this is the case, there are several complaints regarding the deployment of MSSC. In this regard, it may be noted that MSSC is the agency specialized in sports infrastructure.

On Sports, construction of eco-tourism at Rawpuichhip through Swadesh Darshan Scheme is on halt and so is tourist lodge at Lengpui. So, I would like to know when the works will be resumed. Also, tourist lodge at Rajiv Nagar which was commissioned in the previous ministry has now been abandoned without caretaker and so may be attended. At the same time, I would like to request the hon. Minister to inform as to when construction of tourist lodge at Damparengpui will be started.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I support passing the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, the hon. Member is next.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.16, Home Department.

We are very fortunate that we have an efficient minister for Home Deptt. Pu Speaker, I, in a way feeling guilty for repeatedly mentioning the negative issue of Indo-Bangla border fencing. However, the problem we are facing is so intensive to ignore. The main objective of this project is construction of physical barrier of 336.60 kms long.

However, it is sad that many livelihoods were devastated in the process as there are villages which had been divided by the fencing as so are the families. Some villages are inside the boundary as some are fenced-off outside. So, I sincerely urge rehabilitating the victim villages with the families therein. Pu Speaker, the assigned work agency claims dumping ground as being set up in the process of work but is nowhere to be found. The truth is, they dispose the soils anywhere at their convenience which later causes major problem of floods, soil erosion and even destroy our communication. So, I would like to request the hon. Minister to arrange a meeting of both parties on the issue so as to resolve our problem immediately.

Lastly, on Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology Deptt., I am deeply thankful to the hon. Minister for providing us with computer sets for Tipunagar High School. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng is next.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you. I will focus mainly on Sports & Youth Services and Home Department.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No.16, I opine it is necessary to strengthen our police forces for more efficiency in their services. I applaud them for their courageous acts in saving Mizoram from external conflicts despite shortage of manpower and essential equipment.

There are more than 3000 nos. post vacancy under the Police Deptt. which may be filled as soon as possible. Till now, the DIG Southern Range Lunglei is functioning without appropriate office and staff quarters which may also be attended immediately.

With the increase of vehicle population in Lunglei, the problem of traffic jam is increasing. Thus, we need additional traffic branch with more staff in the operation. It may be noted that due to shortage of staff for the purpose, we used to acquire help from MRP, MRHG and 2nd Battalion. Also, I would like to request the hon. Minister to consider setting up Haulawng Police Outpost as the demand which has already been made.

Regarding Fire Department at Lunglei, let me inform the hon. Minister that the building has now becoming old and is in need of renovation. Besides, they need more drivers for more efficiency in the operation.

Moving on to Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Department, I appreciate the performance of the hon. Minister and for various projects which has been achieved through the guidance of the hon. Chief Minister.

It may as well be noted the need of artificial grass turf for Thuamluaia Mual, Lunglei strengthening SAI Centre the northern side of the complex which was collapsed in the

recent landslide. Accordingly, we are eagerly waiting for the inauguration of Lena Stadium which has already been completed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga, the hon. Member is next.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the hon. Ministers, Pu Lalchamliana and Pu Robert Romawia Royte for their performance in their respective departments.

The hon. Sports Minister has given his assurance on several sports project as we are eagerly waiting for achievement of such projects.

Regarding PMJVK, I think it is confusing to learn that District Council and Minority Affairs is functioning under the Sports Deptt. despite the Allocation of Business Rules placed it under the Home Deptt. Likewise, huge amount of funds under Social Welfare Deptt., UD&PA, Aizawl Smart City and SEDP were extracted and drawn for the benefit of Sports Deptt. I believe it is important to voice out this practice in the House.

Next is, Demand No. 43 - Tourism. As we have seen in the budget allocations, there is hardly anything to expect for the development of Tourism. Accordingly, only 4 lakh is allotted for infrastructure development under ICT despite the fact that we live in the age of electronic development.

On Demand No. 8, it is apparent that Taxation Department requires strengthening in every aspect so that they can generate more revenue for the government.

Under Demand No. 16 - Home Department, I would like to inform the hon. Minister that PS of Dungtlang and Farkawn need improvement. Also, it is learned that a new portal is being set up for improvement dealing of inner line system. So, I request the hon. minister to explain the system as to whether a new guideline for Inner-line system being implemented and the total nos. of ILP holder in Mizoram at present.

It is a reiterated issue that Aizawl City will be transformed into a city of *Traffic Jam-Free* and I wonder if it is possible. Pu Speaker, I applaud the performance of the Police forces in saving our land from external conflicts. I opine they truly deserved credits.

Pu Speaker, it is quite apparent that several issues we are facing today's is due to the fact that we are not self-sufficient. Thus, we need to put intensive effort to achieve self-sufficiency. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte, the hon. Member is next.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. We are fortunate that we have an effective Minister for Sports Department. In order to be a success in the field of sports, we

need to find the talented youths in various sports disciplines and develop them so that we invest their talents. (*Dy. Speaker's at the Chair.*)

Under Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt., we need raise awareness on how to operate and perform in times of disaster.

Moving to Demand No. 16, Home Department, I opine management of traffic is essential so as to resolve our traffic problems.

Lastly, Demand No. 16, Home Department, we are eagerly waiting for the establishment of 4th IR Battalion at Rengdil and I hope that this will be realized soon. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia and Dr. Vanlalhlana will follow.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services in which various achievements are made through the efforts of the hon. Minister concerned and of our Chief Minister such as introduction of Sports Policy, declaration of sports as '*industry*' and provision of cash incentives for high achieving sportspersons. Whereas fund allocation to Sports Department is ₹60,998.89 lakhs and I am certain that progress will be seen.

Under Tourism Department, plan for construction of ropeway between Durtlang and Aizawl is on halt due to several issues whereas some claims the fund provision as being released despite such issues. I am confused if it is a fact as the project remain not started or if the information is leaked.

Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology Deptt., some claims radiation transmitted by mobile tower to be of hazardous to health. So, i urge the hon. Minister to setup a research team to study the case.

Lastly, I thank the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department for their valuable services. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu KT Rokhaw may follow.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Home Department by pointing out the decrease of fund allocation under salary head which further reduces chance for filling up the vacant posts. Likewise, allocation of funds for Modernization of Police Force had also been reduced whereas no capital outlay is seen for Modernization of Mizoram Home Guard. Yet, fund allocation against Jail Manufacturers is somehow increases.

Pu Speaker, it is worth-mentioning that budget allocation to Home Department for implementing SEDP is not even 1% and nothing is seen for police housing. I regret maintenance of the police forces is not among the priority of this ministry.

Also, I would like the hon. Home Minister to react to that claim that some police personnel as being deployed 24/7 at bamboo nursery, Bairabi allegedly owned by the hon. Chief Minister; and, if it is done as per arrangement of the hon. Home Minister.

On the demands of Taxation Department, the rate of petrol and diesel are increasing claiming pandemic as the factor. In this connection, I believe there is more rational use of funds received from VAT.

On Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt., ₹47 crore is allocated for Disaster Relief Fund whereas allocation for Mitigation & Landslide Restoration Works decreased from ₹150 lakh to ₹50 lakh which may be reexamined.

Moving on to Sports & Youth Services, I applaud the hon. Minister for his ability to generate more revenues. During 2021-21, 63% of SEDP fund provisions went to the departments under the hon. Chief Minister and 8% to the departments under the Sports Minister. I regret that allocation of 70% of SEDP funds to the departments under the two leaders exceeds allocation to the rest whereas allocation of funds for the Police forces is barely 1% of SEDP. Yet, another unusual incident in the allocation of SEDP funds is – appeal made by the Education Deptt. against the allocation of ₹70,000 lakh of its fund to Sports Deptt.

I kindly request the hon. Minister to clarify the amount set aside for state matching share as there is no provision for the said under PMJVK. At the start of my tenure as an MLA, I approached the hon. Sports Minister for improving Ramhlun Sports Complex and I was told that it will be resolved soon. Yet, no action is seen till now. I believe it is more important to maintain our existing infrastructure than taking up some new projects.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I am thankful that we have an able minister of Tourism Deptt. who can obtain ₹200 crore from the 15th Finance Commission while the hon. Dy. Chief Minister fails to receive any from his proposal of ₹4,000 crore. I wish him the best for his future endeavors. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, Pu KT Rokhaw and Pu H. Biakzaua may follow.

PU KT. ROKHAW : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. To start with Demand No. 22, Sports Department, I would like to emphasize on sports infrastructure which were of the initiative of the previous Sports Minister Pu Zodintluanga Ralte and resumed by the present Sports Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte, who is equally strong and efficient.

Under this department, PMJVK Scheme was introduced for skill development and for upliftment of lower income families. However, I was astonished that Siaha District is not included under the scheme.

I would also like to request for the renovation and development of Tipa Indoor Stadium and for laying of artificial turf at Tipa playground. Also, field gallery and pavilion are needed for Siaha Vengpui and Zyhno playground.

Moving on to Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, I request the hon. Minister to inform the House of the progress development plan made in Palak Dil and Castle of Beino and if it include cottages, restaurant and lodges to accommodate the tourists.

District Jail, SP Office and staff quarters at Siaha are in need of renovation and I kindly request the hon. Minister of Home Department to consider this matter so that they are repaired immediately.

Chakhei village lies on the border of Mizoram and as such requires police outpost. Also, Phura police outpost is in need of strengthening considering its geographical location.

Regarding the demand of Taxation Department, VAT collected from petrol and diesel are increased due to the pandemic which causes much problems for the people. So, I urge the government to reduce the rates. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua, hon. Member is next.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I feel obligated to mention the support and assistance this ministry has given to refugees from Myanmar. We are fortunate that we have a responsible and quick-witted leader who is compassionate enough to realize the plight of the people of Mizoram.

Starting with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, we are fortunate that we have an effective and visionaries as Chief Minister and Sports Minister. The achievements made in the field of sports is tremendous such as the introduction of Sports Policy, declaration of sports as an industry and job reservation for high achieving sportspersons.

Under Demand No. 43 Tourism Department, it is imperative that we develop and strengthen this department as they can be a great source of revenue generator. I would like to request for the construction of tourist lodge at Thaltlang near Phawngpui and for the development and promotion of Castle of Beino as a tourist spot.

We have seen and experienced the importance of Information & Communication Technology Department (Demand No. 48) during the pandemic and it is essential that more efforts must be given to strengthen this department.

We have seen outstanding performance from the Home Department (Demand No. 16) even during the pandemic and during the border clash and I applaud our Police Force for their bravery and sacrifice as well as the hon. Chief Minister and Home Minister for their guidance.

Considering its importance, we have to strengthen this department as a whole and give priority to their needs. Sangau sits at the border of Mizoram with Myanmar and our police forces play an important role in keeping peace within the borders. And, in order to do that, they need a vehicle of good condition. I would also like to request for upgrading Bualpui Police Outpost to a police station.

Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department plays an important role in keeping the people safe and thus is important to provide their task forces with necessary equipment. I also request the department to provide NGOs and Village Councils near Tuipui with life-saving equipment such as life jackets to be used when needed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga, the hon. Minister is next.

DR. Z.R. THIAM SANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports Department. It is undeniable that Mizoram State Games has led us to awareness in Sports which further brings us Sports Policy and declaration of sports as an industry.

Under MNF ministry, Mizoram has entered a new era in sports and I am blessed to witness it. The Mizos has potential in the field of sports and we have to develop this potential to support our livelihoods.

Champhai used to be of one of the leading districts in the field of sports but unfortunately the use of drug among the youths pervades that status. Thus, I would like the hon. Minister to consider establishing SAI centre at Champhai Vengsang in order to revive sports in the district. Whereas football is the most popular game in Hnahlan as numbers of national level players are produced from this place. So, I would like to request for setting up mini sports complex at Hnahlan to promote sports.

Moving on to Tourism Deptt., Champhai District occupies an important place in Mizo history and as such, there is potential to develop eco-tourism.

We have seen the importance of ICT Department especially during the pandemic whereas internet speed in Champhai is far from satisfactory. So, I would like to request for the installation of optic fiber in my district as well.

The performance of Home Department during the pandemic is incomparable to others and its importance cannot be denied. However, I regret that we were unable to

provide the department with essential equipment for their operation. I urge the government to prioritize this department.

The performance of Mizoram traffic unit is laudable despite shortage of staff. In connection with their duty, I would like to propose *standing allowance* of their service. Hnahlan is located in the border between Mizoram and Myanmar and is a hotbed for drug trafficking and the need of police station thus is intensive. So, I urge allocating a police station here at Hnahlan. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, the hon. Member is next.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. At the outset, I applaud the hon. Chief Minister for his stance in providing accommodation to refugees from Myanmar.

Starting with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I am thankful to our hon. Minister for including my constituency among few areas in the implementation of PMJVK Scheme. My constituency is of minority area and so is my desire to include the entire constituency under the scheme.

Home Department play an important role for the safety of Mizoram and priority should therefore be given to them in all aspects. While this is the case, it is regretted budget allocation for salary is decreases and we barely have provision for maintenance of the department in this financial year. It is therefore apparent that allocation of budget is not of need-base.

I am thankful that ₹9 crore is allocated for mitigation under Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. In this relation, I would like to point out that some families in Lawngtlai are now in distress due to landslide in their locality. So, I request immediate attention of the government before it brings further damage. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Dr. F. Lalnunmawia and Group Leader, Pu Zodintluanga Ralte will follow.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services Deptt.

It is grateful that we have a Sports Minister who is invested in sports as much as possible. It is certain that funds for this department is accessible through different sources but not only from the state budget. First, let me remind the hon. Minister that we are eagerly waiting for the completion of mini-sport complex at Aibawk.

Regarding Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, my constituency is a hotspot for tourism as expectation is high for improvement of various spots we have so as to attract tourists.

We have experienced the importance of Information & Communication Technology during the pandemic and I would like to advocate for strengthening of this department.

It is a proud moment for us to have efficient Chief Minister and Home Minister who are with utmost concern for the safety of our State and I am thankful to them for giving priority to refugees from Myanmar.

Allocation of funds for Home Department is not satisfactory. However, we need to give priority to this department and strengthen our police forces to enable them to perform better. I would also like to request the same for Sialsuk and Kulikawn Police Station.

I give much credit to our police forces for their performance in keeping Mizoram safe especially during the pandemic and border dispute. They truly deserve recognition for their performances.

On Taxation Deptt., I opine we have to develop this department to realize its potential as a revenue generator department.

It is fortunate that there is provision for mitigation under Disaster Management & rehabilitation Department and I request the concerned authority to immediately disburse such fund where there is urgency. Also, I would like to request that priority be given to landslide affected areas of Thakthing and Ngaizel. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short break and continue with our discussion at 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon our opposition Group Leader Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. We are into the third day of discussion for demands and it seems only the salary of government employees will be passed.

There is hardly any provision for development in this budget and the only funds available are the disposal of our finance minister and his preferences will be taken into account as all departments are at his mercy. It is apprehensive that our system in a way, is of financial dictatorship. As I have mentioned before, our government has no vision at all and I am concerned as to how this ministry will run the government.

Under Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, we have seen several developments in the field of sports, mostly of the initiative many years ago. It is too early for this ministry to make such achievements within a short span of time.

PMJVK is of a central scheme to alleviate minority sector through education, health, social life, sports and skill developments. Despite the guidelines which concern minority areas, it is regretted that a huge crore will be spent for the construction of playground in the District Capital.

(Hon. Speaker's at the Chair).

Under Demand No.16, Home Department, it is appreciative that our government has provided a temporary settlement to refugees from Myanmar. Yet, instruction from the central is awaited as to how such refugees will be accommodated.

Assam Rifles have always been very aggressive under the MNF ministry and they often altercated the decision of our government which need to be stopped.

It is reiterated that the Govt. order of 1875 as being accepted as our basis on our border issue with Assam. However, we have not occupied the border areas which were included as per order of 1857. I opine our government has to stand its ground regarding this issue.

Demand No. 8 - We are all aware of the importance of Taxation Department in the administration of our State and priority thus should be given to enable the department to perform better.

The effects of the pandemic towards the administration and development of our State happened to be of a reiterated issue and it is true to some extents. The pandemic effects livelihoods of everyone especially lower income families. While this is the case, increase of petrol and diesel rate supplemented the problem. So, I urge the government to reconsider the case and regularize the rates as soon as possible.

Lastly, under the demand of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt., Kolasib District plays an important role in ferrying travelers who are stranded due to the pandemic. Yet, it is learned that their expenses had not been repaid by the department and I urge the government to look into this matter. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member is next.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the hon. Chief Minister for taking care of the refugees from Myanmar as Mizoram should be a safe haven for our fellow Mizos from other places.

Starting with Demand No.16, Home Department, Mizoram Home Guards has played an integral part in the safety of Mizoram despite their deployment as volunteers. They have not drawn formal salary except small remuneration. Despite the Supreme Court order to compensate for their services, it has not been followed by the Govt. of Mizoram. In response to a query made by the central on this issue, our government has stated that it will

be complied after financial clearance. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter as soon as possible.

As per the order of 2010, official memorandum for job reservation for home guards had been released, yet, it is not included in the RR of the concerned department. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter. Also, there are about 3500 nos. post vacancy under the Police Department which I opine is not appropriate considering insufficient of manpower in the department. So, I urge the government to fill up such vacant posts as much as possible.

We are now able to live peacefully thanks to the courageous efforts of our police forces but on the contrary, their accommodation is hardly satisfactory and thus needs immediate attention. I opine it is wise for the government to place IR Battalion at border areas.

On Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, its functions in generating the revenue for the government is notable and priority thus should be given to this department.

I would also like to take this time to thank Deptt. of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation for its performances on any disaster and the recent pandemic.

We are fortunate to have an effective and abled Minister for Sports Department as we have seen several changes in this department such as the introduction of sports policy, job reservation for high achieving sportspersons and declaration of sports as an *industry*. I kindly request our hon. Minister to explain what the so called '*industry*' entails and how we become the first in India to do so.

I support setting up of outdoor gym outside R. Dengthuama Indoor Stadium. But I have learned from a press release issued by I&PR that more than ₹60 lakh is spent for the construction and ₹56 lakh for purchase of the equipment on which I believe ₹20 lakh could cover the entire equipment. The supply agency of such materials is Arihan Company whereas there are companies in Delhi who could supply and install such materials for less than 10 lakhs. So, I request the hon. Minister to clarify the whole process.

I would also like to remind the hon. Minister of his assurance before the election to construct futsal ground at Durtlang North and the need to renovate Brigade field as well as other playgrounds within Durtlang.

On Demand No. 48, the benefit that the members received from ICT obviously differs from the side we are sitting as no school in my constituency had received computer sets as the members sitting on your right has proudly expresses their appreciations for receiving the same, Pu Speaker. So, let me inform the hon. Minister that we would soon be in his office to ask for the same provision.

Lastly, on Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, our government have tourist lodge and rest houses in different parts of Mizoram and I would like to advocate the idea of privatization of its maintenances for improvement of the establishments. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte to wind up the discussion of his demands and ask permission of the House to pass it.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank all the hon. members participated in the discussion of my demands. I am grateful for the constructive criticisms made by the members and I would like to assure them that we have recorded each and every point which may be reviewed with the concerned department heads and secretaries after this Session.

Regarding computer sets as mentioned by the hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana, it is of the ongoing plan of the department and will continue with doing the same to schools who have not yet received the materials. Pu Speaker, it is our objective to continue with any project started by the previous ministry if it is proved beneficial for our State. I am glad that we will be getting sanctions from PMJVK as this will help us in building better infrastructure for sports in various areas. In the New Education Policy, sport is considered very significant and we need to integrate sports with education in the best possible way. I am glad that there are some departments who contributes a great deal for the progress of sports. We also have identified many gap-filling projects as some are expected to provide 100% of its fund. Mizoram State Sports Council is accepted as a 'Sports project implementing department' by PMJVK. As mentioned by the hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana, Residential Schools will also be taken up by School Education. We have submitted DPR as per the rules and we will implement and maintain quality as required. I encourage all the concern MLA to give attention and monitor the progress made in the infrastructure.

Regarding the suggestion of Pu C. Ngunlianchunga for shifting of PMJVK projects at Lawngtlai to other places, I will inform it to the Ministry. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, what I meant is - there are other things that we need for Lawngtlai; so, such projects should have been directed to minority concentrated area of western Lawngtlai where the need is intensive.) We are all 'minority'. I have here, a definition of Minority Commission on '*minority*'. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Then, why not includes other districts like Champhai, Kolasib, Serchhip, Hnahthial, Khawzawl and Saitual?)

Minority as defined by Minority Commission comprises 6 communities namely – Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Zoroastrians, and Jains. They are notified as minority communities under section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, Christians are not minority in Mizoram, and for this reason, we declined to put forward the D.O. Letter regarding proposal of the hon. Chief Minister for the same.) Pu Speaker, there are numbers of parameter to define '*minority*'. **(Pu**

C. Ngunlianchunga: Pu Speaker, it seems we are just utilizing the project to suit ourselves.) I have examined the criteria, and we have submitted the projects accordingly.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, the Western Lawngtlai is of more backwards than Lawngtlai township and the people needs the aforesaid projects much more than that of the latter whereas the objective of this scheme is upliftment of backward community.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, all these are initiated after carefully studying the criteria and district headquarters may also be eligible if it includes minority in the area. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, I am just stating as the Western belt needs development more than we do.)

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, while drafting the plans and projects, we consulted the officials and concerned MLA Pu Biakzaua, the VCPs and others. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, I am also the concerned MLA of the area and I am not consulted. I believe it was only before MDC election that VCPs were consulted.)

Pu Speaker, we can continue to discuss with this matter later on. Anyway, if the people of Bungtlang South and Lawngtlai are listening to our discussion here, it may affect the upcoming election, 2023. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, we should stand our ground and face the consequences.) We should once again consult with each other as necessary for the people may not approve shifting of such projects.

Pu Speaker, regarding the boundary issue as pointed out by the hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama, his source of information is absolutely unreliable as I have never mentioned that the boundary dispute as being resolved. (**Pu C. Lalsawivunga:** Pu Speaker, we can clearly see his statement in social media.)

SPEAKER : We should know that the statements and reports we have to give in the House should be accurate and we should not rely on social media.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I still have the video record of my speech. If anyone want to prove the truth, he may. I have never mentioned the boundary issue as being resolved.

Regarding the project at Rajiv Nagar and Rawpuichhip, they were of the initiative of the previous ministry and there was no fund to continue with it. Regarding ropeway from Chaltlang Tourist Lodge to Durtlang, ₹1220 lakh had been released before the General election, 2018, however, the central has warned us to return the fund for not taking initiative regarding the project. The case has now been examined by the Legal Adviser for further action. The same goes for Sakawrhmutuai Tlang project.

Regarding 'Beino' mentioned by the concerned MLA Pu KT Rokhaw, necessary steps will be taken. As of exorbitant cost of outdoor gym installation as claimed by Pu

Vanlalhlana, it is true that the rate is expensive but we have to consider the maintenance and long-lasting materials for the purpose. And, since it is for the public, we need to install materials of high quality. Anyway, we will take note of his suggestion for the future.

Likewise, the suggestion of Dr. K. Pachhunga will also be noted; we have also submitted DPR for Vairengte Sport Training Centre and for Vangchhia but we have not received any sanction for the purpose. As of the point mentioned by Pu Zothantluanga, concerned MLA of West-III regarding tourist lodge and Phunchawng football field, we have noted down for further examination as so are the suggestions from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, may the hon. Minister mention the amount of the State matching share regarding this project?

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 90:10 matching share is scarcely available and is difficult to receive the sanction on regular basis. If the project is approved under the scheme of *Khelo India*, no matching share will be necessary. I hope we will not face any problems in the State matching share as sanction will be released for one at a time. We are planning to take initiative on tourist destination as stated by Pu KT Rokhaw as so for Palak Dil as mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, the hon. Minister. We have also noted down the points mentioned by Pu H. Biakzaua and Dr. Thiamsanga as we hope to receive the funds from externally aided projects.

Regarding the points mentioned by Professor Lalnunmawia, we have submitted the project to the central under viable ticket funding project, but principal approval has not been obtained as yet. (**Pu Zodintluanga Ralte:** Pu Speaker, if it is better to shift the gym at Hawla Indoor Stadium with more visitors and a convenience parking place?) Pu Speaker, we have tried our best to continue with the projects started by the former ministry if it will prove beneficial for our State.

Moving on to ICT, the department contributes a great deal despite low budget allocation as it even received number title in the previous ministry also. As of bifurcation of this department, we need to consider the matter carefully before taking initiative.

Under Tourism Department, we have 'Mizoram Responsible Tourism Policy' in order to preserve our ethnicity, religion and culture. Here also, we are expecting to receive funds from externally aided project and the screening committee has given it approval and recommended ₹1,250 crore for Sports Department.

To add a few points, this department may be small, it contributes a great deal on Finance Department. So, Pu Speaker, I appeal this august House to pass the following Demands –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services	25,61,31,000.00
43	Tourism	10,89,78,000.00
48	Information & Public Relations	4,59,27,000.00
TOTAL		41,10,36,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has made an appeal to the House to pass his Demands, such as –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services	25,61,31,000.00
43	Tourism	10,89,78,000.00
48	Information & Public Relations	4,59,27,000.00
TOTAL		41,10,36,000.00

Members in favour to pass the Demands may say, ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say, ‘nay’. (*The ‘ayes’ have it.*)

Now, the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte is unanimously passed by the House.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, I call the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamlia to wind up the discussion of the demand under his concerned departments; he may, then react to the points raised by the members if deems necessary.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Taxation Department.

As we are all aware, ‘One Nation, One Tax’ principle was implemented from the 1st July, 2017. Due to the pandemic, we were afraid that we will not be able to reach our financial target but fortunately, by the end of February, we achieved our target amounting to ₹600 crore. I hope we exceed our target by a margin ₹40-50 crore. We have submitted a proposal for setting up the Appellate Authority and for the office and building staff quarters in Mamit and Siaha which are now under construction whereas the same for Serchhip and Lawngtlai being submitted.

Regarding the professional tax as written in the Indian Constitution, it should not exceed ₹2500/-. The rate of Professional Tax to be paid by Govt. employees are fixed as follows: -

Sl/Nos.	Pay Drawn	Rate of Professional Tax (Per Annum)
1	₹5,000 and below	Exempted
2	₹5,000 - ₹9,000	₹900/-
3	₹8,000 - ₹10,000	₹1,440/-
4	₹10,000 - ₹12,000	₹1,800/-
5	₹12,000 - ₹15,000	₹2,160/-
6	₹15,000 - ₹20,000	₹2,340/-

As mentioned by Dr. K. Pachhunga, we need to erase the mentality of evading taxes as it is one of the main sources of income for the government. Regarding restructuring the Revenue Deptt., we have discussed the matter but we do not have a tribunal to deal with the case concerning our state. The Central Government suggested that we should first establish a Tribunal Bench here in Aizawl.

Regarding Cess on petrol and diesel oil, I was informed by the official that it is not convenient to do so under GST and we therefore need to examine the case first. As of the demand for reducing rate of petrol and diesel, there is no intention to do so. And, at the same time, it may be noted that we are among the lowest in the North Eastern region at the moment.

On Demand No. 30 - DM&R, we are not able to disburse the mitigation as of now unless we are instructed to do so by the Central government. We have contributed ₹3 core to Health Department as we were permitted to utilize about 35% of STRF at the cost of the pandemic. It may be noted by the people that the concerned DC or Addl. DC may be informed of any occurrence of natural disaster in a place since they are Chairman of District Disaster Management Authority and CEO respectively. We now have the National Centre for Seismology at Aizawl and Siaha established by the NSC, Indian Metrological Department Ministry of Arts & Science New Delhi. Plan has also been made to open more seismic stations through the initiative of the North East Institute of Science & Technology, Jorhat in collaboration with Pachhunga University College and DM&R Deptt., Mizoram.

Proposal for 14 nos. project of various parts in Mizoram amounting to ₹280 crore has already been submitted to the central ministry. We are now working on restoration of NH-54 and mitigation of land sinking area at Hunthar amounting to ₹2,086 lakh and ₹45,000 lakh whereas the project amounting to ₹1,483 lakh for rebuilding of totally washed away damage infrastructure by floods during 2017 through DoNER ministry. Also, ₹815 lakh is transferred to PWD for construction of roads and bridges, ₹333 lakh to Agriculture & Allied Sector and ₹335 lakhs to PWD for social infrastructure work at Tlabung and Sairang.

There is a plan for purchase of 3 nos. fire tender vehicle as approved by State Disaster Management and a Bolero Camper and equipment for YMA in their services that our society relies upon in all weathers.

Regarding the suggestion for construction of retaining wall and gabion wall at Zotlang, it is first necessary to prepare DPR and submit it to the District Disaster Management Authority. As suggested by Pu Lalrindika Ralte, it is very important to give awareness regarding earthquake and its prevention. So, we have translated the instructions in Mizo language and will soon be available for distribution to the public. Works on landslide at Hunthar is in progress. As of regarding Ramhlun Sports Complex, I suggest experts should be send to survey the condition of spring water near the complex. We also have sent official to inspect the landslide at Champhai mentioned by Dr. Thiamsanga. Regarding landslide near Lawngtlai Hospital, we will try to give priority as asked by the hon. Member. The department of DM&R has also been notified to provide aid to any disaster at the earliest.

Moving on to Home Department, there are six establishments under Home Department such as - Police, Fire & Emergency Service, Prisons, Forensic Science Laboratory, Mizoram Home Guard & Civil Defense, Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Board.

I, at the outset would like to convey my gratitude towards the LLTF, VLSF, Govt. servants and our forces for their valuable services in fighting against the pandemic and especially the people of Vairengte and Bairabi for taking part and volunteered themselves in the border dispute for the safety of our homeland. The incident took places mainly in border areas of Thinghlun, Zophai, Vairengte, Saihapui 'V' and Meidili. As per the Constitution of India, Article 3, border issue can only be settled by the Parliament of India. In 2018, Joint Action Committee on Inner line Forest Reserve had submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister of India urging 509 sq. miles of the inner line reserve forest succeeded by the Assam should now be given back to Mizoram and to set up the Boundary Commission to deal with the boundary issue. I also thank our Police forces for their courageous efforts on border dispute and also the pandemic. Amidst such a difficult situation, our government manage to establish the Special Investigation Wing and Cyber Crime Police Force during the last November whereas Cyber Forensic Lab-cum-Training Centre being set up through the project of Prevention Against Woman & Children. Digital Data Communication had also been established in 8 nos. district whereas traffic awareness campaign conducted occasionally. Also, Training Home is being setup at PHQ Complex whereas we are hoping to complete construction of 3rd IR Battalion Headquarter at Thingkah through the NLPCH project. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga: Pu Speaker, will black topping works of road encroaching private properties be completed for it remain undone?)** We will look into the matter.

Pu Speaker, it may as well be noted by the members of the Police Training School and Outdoor Firing Range at Thenzawl which had already been renovated, the Aquatic

training Centre and Digital Classroom being established, development of Multipurpose Hall and training of Barrack I & II as well as obstacle course which are also in progress. Also, enrollment for Students Police Cadet is now opened for High School students in which uniforms will also be provided. Each school will be given an amount of ₹50,000 for purchase of teaching aid and for outdoor activities.

We also have a plan to enhance the power of VDP (Village Defense Party) which was established in 1981 under Village Defence Organization Rules in order to assist our Police forces. Till now, VDP still exist in 341 villages of Mizoram and we are going to provide a sum of ₹1,69,000 /- per unit. Our target is for 200 nos. unit for which ₹33,87,000/- is allocated. We also have submitted the project to MHA for improvement of Fire Service; and, if it is approved, we will be able to develop most of our Fire Stations. Besides, DM&R Fire Service will be having three nos. fire tender. I express my gratitude towards the Mizoram Forensic Department for maintaining work efficiency. I would also like to point out that through Nirbhaya fund, FSL is renovated whereas fund for setting up of Cyber Forensic and DNA Division are made available.

As suggested by Pu Vanlalhlana, I assure that Home Guards will be prioritized as soon as our financial condition is improved. The Home Guards have earned a revenue of ₹18,35,735/- during this financial year. And, 135 nos. Home Guards and 1 staff had completed their training at CTI, Sesawng. Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Department has taken care of the welfare of the veterans; and, up to December, 2020, 408 nos. widows were provided with ₹8,28,000/- whereas their monthly honorarium being increased from ₹1200/- to ₹2400/- and their stipend from ₹1000/- to ₹2000/-. I express my heartiest gratitude towards Havildar Laltlanzova and Subedar K. Laldingliana for receiving *Sena Medal*, a bravery award. Regarding the vacant post under Police Department, there are 29.5 % of different ranks and initiative being taken to fill up 750 posts. But due to the pandemic, we are unable to proceed with it. Measure has also been taken for compassionate appointment as initiated by the previous ministry.

So, Pu Speaker, I appeal to this august House for passing of the following Demands under my concerned departments, such as -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
8	Taxation	22,82,87,000.00
16	Home	7,60,46,73,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	61,14,06,000.00
TOTAL		8,44,43,66,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands, such as –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
8	Taxation	22,82,87,000.00
16	Home	7,60,46,73,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	61,14,06,000.00
TOTAL		8,44,43,66,000.00

Those in favour may say, 'Aye' and those who don't, say 'No'. Since there is no objection, the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamliana is unanimously passed by the House. (Pu Lalchamliana, Minister: Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

SPEAKER : Our business for today is done. We will resume our session on the 12th March, 2012 (Friday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (8:05 PM)