

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 17th 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 TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

4. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-22) Bill, 2021.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration AND
to move that the Bill be passed.***

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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

SPEAKER : “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men”

- Romans 12:17

We will start with the *Question Hour* and I call upon hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask *Starred Question No. 225*.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to state –

- a) The estimated time for completion of Haulawng - Hnahthial via Phaileng South constructed by Sath Guru Pvt. Ltd;
- b) Is construction of Mat Bridge included in the estimate?
- c) If not, how and when this bridge will this be constructed?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

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

- a) The estimated time for completion is 5.4.2021.
- b) Construction of Mat bridge is not included in the estimate.
- c) Investigation and preliminary report have been submitted as DPR is expected soon.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

The construction of Haulawng - Pukpui chainage 126-155 which was constructed during the financial year 2020-2021 does not last long. On inquiring the case, I was informed that it is neither the fault of the assigned contractors nor the department. If so, what is the reason, and if it is possible to make a new chainage regarding ATL Road?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of PWD be pleased to state –

- i) When will construction of Reiek Bridge connecting Aizawl - Reiek via Tlawng be started?
- ii) What is the estimated time for completion?
- iii) Who is the contractor?
- iv) If the government satisfy with the ongoing speed of the work?

SPEAKER : I believe it is included in Starred Questions and we have to skip it as the answer is given already. Anyway, the concerned minister may answer the previous questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Haulawng - Pukpui road, like us without technical knowledge, it seems the foundation is not strong enough as we always have a problem during the rainy season. We will try to find better ways to work on this particular road.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask *Starred Question No. 226.*

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned minister for Rural Development be pleased to state –

- a) If BADP fund for the year 2020-2021 already been received? If so, how much?
- b) How many of BADP projects within Champhai and Serchhip district being implemented during 2019-2020? The name of such projects and their locations?
- c) Who takes care of the material component under MGNREGS? What percentage is allotted to this project?
- d) If there is any K-deposit of BADP funds during 2019-2020 and, how much?
- e) Names of the schemes under BADP during 2020-2021? If funds allocated from the central were received in full? If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister may answer the question.

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

- a) BADP funds for the year 2020-2021 had not been received.
- b) Projects amounting to not less than ₹50 lakh are as follows:
 - Champhai District:** Construction of Truck Road from Ngur to Zilhriphai - ₹ 50.00 lakhs.
 - Serchhip District:** Vertical extension of Community Hall at Sailulak - ₹ 50.00 lakhs.
- c) Material component under MGNREGS is under the administration of Rural Department and Village Employment Council. As per the State Employment Guarantee Council Meeting, dated 27th June, 2017 and 14th February, 2019, the following are the percentage for material components –
 - 1) District Employment Council – 40%,
 - 2) Block Employment Council – 30%;
 - 3) Village Employment Council – 30%
- d) According to MGNREGS Operational Guidelines 2013, para 12.1.1, Wage and Material Component is 60:40, 40% to be distributed between the Central and State government by 75:25. For sometimes, the Central Govt. could not be released this 75% in full.
- e) Projects under BADP Annual Action Plan, 2020-2021 are as follows -
 1. Infrastructure I & II;
 2. Health;
 3. Agriculture & Allied Sector;
 4. Social Sector;
 5. Education;

6. Sports Activities;
7. Special/specification area scheme;
8. Maintenance of assets;
9. Schemes suggest by BSF;
10. Work/Scheme taken up under reserve fund.

The Annual Action Plan 2020-2021 is submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India and we are at the moment waiting for the release of funds.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is the hon. Minister aware of the detail of material component of *100-Days Employment* programme of Champhai since there is a pervading rumour that all the works are done by the party workers. If that is true, may the project be stopped since it will benefit party workers only. When will SEDP funds under k-deposit be released?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister may answer the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, these projects are of DEC, BEC and VEC and some arrangements might have been there as the party workers are in-charge of the projects. And, we will try our best to deal with the problem.

BADP funds under K-Deposit amounting to ₹800. We have discussed the matter with Finance Deptt. and we hope to receive it very soon.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask *Starred Question No. 227*.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned minister of PWD be pleased to state –

If the work has been started for Phase-II of parking-cum-basketball court at Dawrpui, Aizawl? Who is the contractor?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Construction of parking-cum-basketball court at Dawrpui has been started. The contractor is T. Thanzauva of Electric Veng, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions is –

Where is the multi-level parking-cum-basketball court located and, if it is of *open tender* or *restricted*? If it is *restricted tender*, what is the reason and how much is the estimate?

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

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions for the concerned minister of PWD are as follows: -

May water pumping machine at Champhai Vengsang be placed under PWD road statistics? May the road connecting Neihdawn, Ngaizawl and Tualpui be constructed?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, my question is –

May the foundation of bridge on Tlawng River of Airport Road be re-constructed?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, starting with the question of Pu Lalchhuanthanga, the work which was cancelled due to the defective foundation has now been renewed. So, we hope to start the work very soon. Regarding the road connecting Neihdawn, Ngaizawl and Tualpui, I understand the situation and measure will be taken as necessary.

When construction of Neihdawn road is completed, it will connect Tuipui and then Khankawn for the public convenient. Besides, I believe this will make the process of water pump easier.

Multi-level parking-cum-basketball court is located near Civil Hospital. The work is of restricted tender and the work could not be expedited as desired due to the pandemic.

SPEAKER : Hon. member C. Ngunlianchung is supposed to ask *Starred Question No. 228* and he authorized Pu Zodintluanga who also is absent. So, we will move on to *Starred Question No. 229* and I call upon the hon. member Dr. Pachhunga to ask the question.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned minister of PWD be pleased to state –

Is the government aware of the pipelines of 9 villages such as: Hrangchalkawn, Thaizawl, Bualte, Thualthu, Tawipui N-1, Tawipui N-II, Tawipui ‘S’, Mualcheng ‘S’ and Thingfal which have been destroyed in the widening of NH-54? If so, what measure is taken?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the government is aware of the pipelines which have been destroyed and measure is being taken for the repair.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana, followed by Pu BD Chakma.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Will the concerned Minister of PWD be pleased to state – Step taken on the vacated GAD staff quarters which is no longer safe for living?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu BD Chakma is next.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary Question* concern with construction of Chawngte - Lawngpuighat PMGSY road the materials as I believe are not of good quality –

i) Which material as of quarry chips or blue chips is utilized as tender material for construction of PWD roads?

ii) Is a surprise inspection being conducted in the construction?

iii) If the assigned contractors were secretly informed by PWD of the plan for a surprise inspection? If not, how could the assigned contractors coincidentally placed cubic stones on the spot just before the inspection?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, starting with the questions of Pu BD Chakma, we will inform them that only a quality material should be used and that the materials should be checked before it is used.

Regarding the dilapidated staff quarters, there is a plan to divide the construction into 2 phases, both covering construction of 9 units each. The first phase which covers the vacated buildings will be taken up first so that the existing occupants of quarters in the second phase are moving in as soon as they are completed. The second phase will then be taken up after such buildings are vacated.

SPEAKER : *Starred Question No. 230* is of Pu Nihar but he is absent for today without authorizing any member. So, we will move on to the next question. Pu H. Biakzaua to ask *Starred Question No. 231*.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned minister of PWD be pleased to State –

May the office building of Sangau Civil Sub-division be constructed?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, fund for construction of Sangau Civil Sub-Division office building is not allocated as of now. Yet, it may be considered in the next financial year.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Starred Question No. 232*.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, will the concerned minister of PWD be pleased to state –

If there is a proposal for construction of Aibawk - Darlung road? If so, when will this be started?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Construction of Aibawk - Darlung road is in progress as resurfacing of 14 - 18 kms and 29 - 30 kms are completed and 5 kms within 0 - 10 kms is under process. The rest will be taken up after receiving the sanction.

SPEAKER : Another *Supplementary Question* from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. When will the construction of Durtlang - Shihphir road and Sihphir - Nausel road be started? May black-topping of Zuangtui Road connecting Gospel Centenary Road of Durtlang be taken up?

SPEAKER : Another *Supplementary Question* to be asked by Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May widening of Tuithiang - Bethlehem Road be taken up? Who is in-charge of maintenance of Dungthlang - Thekte Road via Samthang and Vaphai - Farkawn Road? These roads have not been maintained for a long time and thus may be renovated.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Sihphir - Durtlang Ramthar Road as asked by Pu Hlana, we will look into the matter for initiative by the next financial year. RCC work of Sihphir - Nausel Road is done and crush barrier will soon be made. Widening of Tuithiang - Bethlehem Road as asked by Pu Sawivunga is the ongoing project.

As of Dungtlang – Thekte Road, if the concerned MLA visited the site recently? (**PU RAMTHANMAWIA:** Pu Speaker, it is of BRO road and will be completed within this year.) I am glad for that, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask *Starred Question No.233.*

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned minister of PWD be pleased to state –

Construction of Leite - Mualthuam South of PMGSY Road which has been started 10 years ago remain uncompleted till today. Since this road is the lifeline for the people of Mualthuam and beyond, may black-topping of this road be taken up immediately?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is a proposal for black-topping of Leite - Mualthuam South of PMGSY (PWD) road as the detailed project has also been submitted.

SPEAKER : Another *Supplementary Question* from Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the road of Puilo - Tuichang of 6 kms which was named after the former Minister Pu Aichhinga be taken up? I also request that Chiahpui - Daido Road be attended. Also, may widening and blacktopping of Mimbung - Tuivai Road be taken up?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga for *Supplementary Question.*

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Pu Speaker, is the government aware of the existence of sub-contractors in the process of construction of PMGSY roads? If so, is there any intention to stop such practices? Do the government have any intention to stop sub-contract system under PMGSY or PWD road construction?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask another *Supplementary Question.*

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is - May black-topping of Zuangtui - Leitan Ramthar Veng Road be done in the next financial year?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Starting with Pu L. Thangmawia's Question regarding Puilo - Tuichang RD road, Chiahpui - Daido Road and Mimbung - Tuivai Raod, we will look into the matter and necessary step will be taken as per our financial condition.

Regarding the question of Pu Sawivunga, sub-contract is given to registered contractors only and we do not encourage the system of sub-contracts. So, we give notice regarding this issue and measure will be taken to stop the system.

Moving on to Leitan Ramthar Veng Road, necessary step will be taken as per our financial condition.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask *Starred Question No. 235.*

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister be pleased to state –

If solar water pump projects under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2021-2011 be completed within the stipulated time? If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, water pump projects under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is estimated for completion within 2021 – 2022.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question.*

DR. VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister be pleased to state –

May blacktopping of the approach road of graveyard shared by Zuangtui, Laipuitlang and Ramhlun South and also the approach road of the Solid Waste Centre be taken up?

SPEAKER : Before closing of the *Question Hour*, I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, priority will be given to the roads mentioned by Dr. Vanlalhlana but I cannot assure him that it will be done within this financial year. Likewise, necessary step will be taken regarding the road approaching Solid Waste Centre.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to *Financial Business*. Today, we will take up the Demands of the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga and the hon. Chief

Minister Pu Zoramthanga. First, I call upon the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to submit his Demands on the table of the House.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I lay the following Demands on the table of the House: -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
4	Law & Judicial	26,73,09,000
12	Parliamentary Affairs	89,80,000
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	2,17,97,59,000
42	Transport	59,62,49,000
	TOTAL	3,05,22,97,000

Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, me and my party members decided not to present in the discussion of the hon. minister who had shown us disrespect towards our fellow members. So, we have to leave the House during the discussion.

(Congress party's legislative members have left the House.)

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to submit his Demands such as –

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
1	Legislative Assembly	30,91,82,000
2	Governor	30,60,000
3	Council of Ministers	6,77,19,000
5	Vigilance	7,90,65,000
9	Finance	21,24,63,16,000
11	Secretariat Administration	1,25,74,00,000
14	Planning & Programme Implementation	95,58,35,000
15	General Administration	90,95,62,000
32	Horticulture	89,78,49,000
45	Public Works	5,60,21,20,000
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SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga and the hon. Chief Minister have submitted their respective Demands for discussion. As usual, each member will have 10 minutes. I will now call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 32 Horticulture Department.

Amidst the pandemic, it is remarkable that the department carry out *vegetable supply chain* much to the benefit of the people specially for those living in the containment zone. I appreciate establishment of DHO office within my constituency, potential area for agriculture, horticulture and fisheries. I am glad that the nurturing of bamboo seeds is placed as a pilot project and I hope this could be implemented at a larger scale.

Under the Demand No. 45, PWD, it is worth-mentioning that the hon. Chief Minister continues taking measure on roads in various parts of our state as so for Serlui and Bairaibi Bridge of my constituency. For the first time under SEDP, construction of Buarchep Road is carried out connecting our borderline with Assam. It is a wise move that the project is funded from MLA fund in protecting our border. Likewise, Phainuam - Saihapui-V road covering 1 km and internal road of Phainuam covering 500 kms had also been initiated. PWD rest house of Bilkhawthlir and National Highway-306. Also, road connecting Phainuam and Saiphai has also been approved and we are now waiting for financial sanction. I also request that Saipum-Saiphai road and 2-lane road of Bilkhawthlir be constructed for the upcoming YMA General Conference.

Moving on to Forest Department, step has been taken for renovation of 8 nos. sanctuaries, national parks and tiger reserve forest and IB in my constituency is renovated. I express my gratitude to the hon. Minister for that. In January 22, 2021, forest staff and police department of Vairengte seized some imported animals and birds on which their

efficiency is much appreciated. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister for renovation of Pualreng wildlife sanctuary.

Pu Speaker, the service of MST staffs in taking home the detained passengers during the pandemic is worth-mentioning since it is truly of a courageous act. Regarding my constituency, I am glad for declaration of 15 nos. villages for Auto-rickshaw service and for truck terminals established at Vairengte, Serchhip and Lawngtlai to alleviate traffic jam. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Prof. Lalnunmawia is next.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Starting with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly, I express my gratitude to the service rendered by the Assembly staffs.

Under Demand No.5, Vigilance Deptt., I request that Lok Ayukta and ACB be more equipped to improve work efficiency.

On Finance Department, it is known that enough fund provision could not be made due to the pandemic. I appreciate the effort of the hon. Chief Minister in bringing us to the new year without much hardship as we now have ₹930 crore being allocated under BE for distribution to various departments as per requirement. I hope the concerned departments such as SAD, GAD and Planning Department would continue with their performances in the coming future as well.

Horticulture Department is restructured with DHO office located in the three newly districts. Horticulture Deptt. has achieved so much progress in cultivating tomatoes, cabbage and others as concentration is given on high producing crops. I do hope this could be practiced at a larger scale. It is important that we give more emphasis on the post-harvest management in order to be self-sufficient in fruits and vegetables productions.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention that Chinese experts participating in the International Bamboo Seminar, 2000 had displayed their finished bamboo products of high durability like wooden and since such products are of eco-friendly, it is important that we also promote the use of bamboos.

Moving on to PWD, I am glad that the estimate for pavement of Samlukhai - Lungsei Road is completed and I request at the same time that the hon. Chief Minister to visit stone quarry on Hlimen - Samtlang - Lungleng Road which needs widening.

Under Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, I hope the department could give more efforts in preserving our animals and forests and also on afforestation and de-forestation. Also, I request that more efforts be given regarding pollution control. I am

also glad that permits for two-wheelers are given since it provides sustainable income for many and for plan which has been made for setting up the Automated Vehicle Inspection & Certification Centre within my constituency.

With that, I will conclude by stating my support in passing the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia is next.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start-off with Demand No. 42. Transport Department.

I am glad to mention that MST service plying to my constituency has proved to be of much useful for the people in remote areas.

Under the demand of PWD, I express my gratitude to the hon. Chief Minister for giving attention to Dungtlang - Thekte via Farkawn Road which had not been maintained for the past 17 years. This road will be renovated by BRO through central fund whereas Champhai – Arkhawchhak, Tuipui Road has also been constructed by SLT company for completion within this year. At the same time, I request for construction of Dungtlang - Farkawn via Lamsial Road of PMSGY-II be pursued and that Bungzung - Zawngtetui Road be included under PMGSY-III. I am glad that construction of Melbuk - Hruaikawn Road, Khuangthung - Thekpui Road are almost completed and I further request for pavement of this road. Also, I suggest construction of roads such as Sesih-Tiau, Vaphai-Saikhumphai or Farkawn-Tiau so that it is benefitted by the surrounding areas for transportation of essential commodities.

Pu Speaker, Horticulture Department had achieved immense progress especially in the area such as - Samthang, Farkawn and the nearby villages.

Under Demand No. 15, the service of helicopter has proved to be very useful specially for the people of my constituency as we can save many lives through the service. In the meantime, I suggest construction of helipad at Bungzung considering convenience for the people.

With that, I will conclude by stating my support in passing the Demands of the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am glad that we will be discussing the demands of our hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga.

Starting with Demand No. 45, it is gratifying to learn that amidst the pandemic, the government is able to maintain resurfacing of 82 nos. roads funded by Central Govt., World Bank, Asian Development Bank, NABARD. At the same time, I am glad that roads within my constituency too are included.

Thanks to the supply chain organized by Horticulture Department, we are able to receive regular supply of vegetable even amidst the pandemic. Also, I am grateful to learn from the Governor speech of the progress made by the department for self-sufficiency in the supply of tomatoes and cabbages. Apart from that, locally produced dragon fruits are sold in huge quantity whereas 53,984 metric tons oranges are produced from Hnahthial and about 500 tons of local capsicum also is expected. In support of the farmers, pipes had also been distributed to numbers of beneficiary. At the same time, may I request the hon. Minister in advance, for more equipment by the new financial year.

Moving to Finance Department, it is a blessing that we have almost overcome the dreadful pandemic and financial problem through the leadership of our hon. Chief Minister which further indicates the efficiency of the hon. Chief minister in the administration of our state. I convey my gratitude towards the staff of Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat for their dedication and sincerity in their work.

On Demand No. 42 Transport Department, it is notable that the courageous service rendered by our drivers help thousands of stranded passengers due to covid by bringing them home safely to our state. It may as well be noted that the department further generate a revenue of ₹1,642 lakh. It is great to learn that issue of two-wheelers permit is providing sustainable income for many. At the same time, I express my gratitude to the government for achieving multi-level parking & multipurpose hall near Govt. Mizo High School of my constituency.

Lastly, I express my support for passing of the Demands of the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and TJ Lalnuntluanga, the hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, the hon. Member Pu BD Chakma to be followed by Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 42, Transport Department.

I thank the concerned minister for giving 5 nos. of two-wheeler taxi permit to my constituency and at the same time, may I request the same for auto-rickshaws as we are also in need of the maxi-cab service and MST. Also, I request MST bus service plying to Chawngte - Lunglei road.

Under Demand No. 9, Finance Department, I will concentrate only on the three ADCs in which 93% of their budget funds are utilized for staff salary and only 7% remains

for non-salary and office administration. So, I request our hon. Chief Minister to give more attentions to the administrative and financial control of such districts.

On Demand No. 45, it may be noted that Chawngte - Chhotapansuri Road is the lifeline for the people in Theka and Tuihchawng. So, I earnestly request that this road be improved by black-topping and that quality monitoring be conducted on PMGSY road.

During 2019-2020, my district council CEM and the official of CADC met with the hon. Chief Minister and it was highlighted in the newspaper that ₹10 crore as being allotted for black-topping of Chawngte town area's road but the funds had not been received. So, I request the hon. Minister to clarify the situation? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Member Pu L. Thangmawia and will be followed by Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I will start with the Demand of Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, Transport Department.

It is appreciative that he took effective steps for the development of Inland Waterways connecting inter-state. Under PWD, I express my gratitude to the hon. Chief Minister for construction of Champhai Road NH-6 funded by NHIDCL.

Moving on to GAD, we have SRDC area in my constituency. It was once known as 'Sialkal Tlangdung Development Board' which was later changed to 'Sialkal Range Development Council' in 2013. In the beginning of this ministry, I met with the hon. Minister to discuss about the future of this council if it should be terminated or be taken up as usual since it is the initiative of the previous ministry. The reaction of the hon. Chief Minister on my question which really touches me is that 'whatever is the initiative of the previous ministry having a good purpose should be resumed'. To proof his statement, the budget in respect of SRDC is increased out of turn. While this the case, the desire of the major people in this area is that their budget is discuss in the Assembly House as of other district councils.

Pu. Dy. Speaker, I am happy to learn that the department, for improvement health and education is planning to purchase X-ray machine for Mimbung PHC. In this regard, I suggest establishing a Development Committee in each district under the chairmanship of each District DC and, such committee be put to function and take measures as necessary for the development of their respective areas.

Under the Demand No. 21 - Horticulture Department, I am happy to state that 26 nos. family of Ngopa, Lamzawl and Pawlrang are engaged on cultivating water melon. Also, oil processing machine will soon be installed at Ngopa and I am happy for that. But Pu Dy. Speaker, I suggest we should consult some technical experts in the process so that it become effectively functional.

I express my gratitude to the staffs of Legislative Assembly for their dedication, efficiency and hard work. It is appreciative that following the practice in the Parliament, paperless method by means of tablet is introduced for transaction of business in the House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad for being able to participate in the discussion of the demands of the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga. I will start with Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial Department.

I would like to mention that construction of two staff quarters is now in progress at Lawngtlai. At the same time, I request the hon. CM and the concerned minister to take note of a convenient place available for setting up court building. If we have District and Session court in Lawngtlai, the problem of maintenance of court cases and relatively conveyance for the accuses and witnesses will be resolved.

On Demand No. 36, I am proud for having Phawngpui national park and Ngengpui wildlife sanctuary within my constituency as they are of the bests we have so far in our state. As desired by the people of my constituency, I suggest these two parks should be placed under the maintenance of our Autonomous District Council.

Moving to Transport Department, I would like to urge the immediate functioning of Transport DTO office of Lawngtlai. At the same time, I am happy to learn that the hon. Minister has a plan to issue two-wheeler permit in every district.

Under Demand No. 15 - GAD, I believe we need restructuring with the establishment of new districts.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Your time is over. Shall we let him finished his speech? (*The House agrees*). You may proceed.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I request Civil Sub-division be established at Sangau as it is closed to Myanmar border. Also, we also have important matters which should be delt with the Civil SDO and so is much necessary. I am glad that Lungtian - Rawlbuk road is retendered and work is now in progress. At the same time, I request the hon. Chief Minster to consider the proposal of Lungtian - Tuipui road. Also, we occasionally are facing a problem regarding maintenance of marboat service since PWD and Transport Department are unsure if it is of their responsibility. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a short recess. We will resume our meeting at 2:00 PM.

(*Recess*)

(2:00 PM)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Coming up is, the hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I will start with GAD.

It is gratifying that our airport is upgraded so that it is benefitted for all levels of our society through the implementation of healthcare scheme and for import of emergency needs for covid-care.

Under Law & Judicial Department, it is appreciating to know ₹15 lakh being allocated for the under-privileged for hiring lawyers free of charge.

On Transport Deptt., I thank initiative of the hon. Minister for making our rivers navigable through centrally funded project and for setting up maxi-cab stand through SEDP at Serchip, Tlabung, Vairengte. I am also happy for setting up International Bus Station at Chaltlang. Also, it is fortunate that permit of two-wheelers and auto-rickshaws plying to the outskirts of Aizawl is issued so that it provides sustainable income for many.

Under the Demand No. 36 - Forest & Climate Change Deptt., I suggest our farmers are using free/virgin lands for their cultivation in the stead of fertile lands on the river banks. Last year during the pandemic, Horticulture Deptt. introduced *vegetable-chain programme* through which seeds had also been sold out free of cost. This will no doubt have a positive impact in our harvest as cultivation of dragon fruits also is escalating.

Since the beginning of this ministry, the hon. Chief Minister concentrates on road communication and in the process that blacktopping of Seling - Champhai road is included and construction of double lane road of Seling - Dulte has been tendered as sanctioned already been made. the work is now in progress for Dulte - Champhai as double lane road of Aizawl - Tuipang and Lunglei - Tlabung has also been tendered. Apart from that, blacktopping work is completed for Buichali - Khamrang road and Khamrang – Selesih road is planned for RCC. I am grateful to see the co-ordination of the Central YMA and the Govt. of Mizoram in monitoring the construction and improvement of road in various places.

With that, I give my support in passing the Demands of the hon. Chief Minister and our hon. Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Starting with Transport Department, it is gratifying to know steps taken by the hon. Minister for development of Inland Water Transport. At the same time, a appreciate the plan to establish a truck terminal at Champhai, inter-state transport and the same connecting

Myanmar. I believe the department will be more resourceful if it is taken up under Co-operation. Pu Dy. Speaker, since Mamit district has no MST services, I request the hon. Minister to consider the case and we even have a convenient place available for bus station.

Under Environment, Forests & Climate Change Deptt., it may be noted that other states wisely use Forest Deptt. to deal with any kind of border issue. So, I suggest we should apply the same tactic on our border issues as well.

On Horticulture, I express my appreciation to the hon. Chief Minister for placing BHO at Mamit.

On PWD, it is appreciative that construction of NH-44A which had been left uncompleted has now getting through though it is not fully completed. So, I request the hon. Chief Minister to consider the revise estimate and more attentions may be given on work monitoring so that it is completed before monsoon. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Zaithanzama is next.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 9.

As we have seen, provision of ₹400 crore is placed under SEDP and I think it is wise to highlight the detail expenditure on SEDP funds with effect from two years back so that we may have opinion on the implementation of SEDP.

For the year 2020-2021, ₹513 crore is allocated for the implementation of SEDP in which PWD and Sports & Youth Deptt. did not make it to the top 5 list on revenue expenditure yet, Health Deptt. received ₹108.48 mainly due to Covid-19. Such were our expenditure on SEDP, Pu Dy. Speaker. This year, we again proposed ₹400 and so is important that we know the detail expenditure before it is passed. We should be speculative as to how ₹400 crore would be spent and how much of it is expected for development. We also have to consider as to why the amount booked under the capital head is shared for revenue expenditure. Also, I do not think it is the usual norm to allocate or passed the budget of the amount which is known insufficient for payment of salary, wages, pension and for supplementary demand on healthcare.

Pu Dy. Speaker, 25.31% of the total budget is allocated under economic sector and it is regretted that nothing is proposed on capital expenditure for the benefit of the farmers and laborers.

Moving to Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Deptt., it is learned that diversion of road is made for the benefit of Dampa Tiger Reserve Sanctuary. However, I am afraid we may lose our animals for they would be scared-off if their inhabitant is too close from the road.

Next is, Demand No. 42 - Transport Department. I support the suggestion of Er. H. Lalzirliana regarding taking up MST under corporation and, at the same time, I suggest we should put more efforts on smoke emission testing.

Moving to Demand No. 45, PWD, the monitoring report of CYMA on the progress of the existing works reveals that it is the norm with the contractors handing over the work which may be allotted to them on sub-contract. The main reason is - a) Excessive work order given to a particular contractor. b) The assigned contractor does not have enough money.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I believe the problem could be solved by depositing any bill to the account of the assigned contractor as any bank is willing to give him/her a loan for pursuing the work.

Moving to Demand No. 32 - Horticulture, I appreciate the performance of the department amidst the pandemic. However, I do not support the idea of cutting the bamboos to make bamboo forest. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga is next.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 1- Legislative Assembly.

I thank the officials for their hard work and for maintaining good conduct towards the members. It is worth-mentioning of a partial judgement of the hon. Speaker and the quality of our House Leader on maintaining the conduct of this august House. Also, the conduct of the hon. Ministers as well as the Members too are notable. However, it is sad to witness some members moving out from the House for a cause.

Moving to Demand No. 32 - Horticulture Department, the effort of the department amidst the pandemic is well-appreciated especially for a successful vegetable supply chain benefitting the people.

Most of the areas in Mizoram are of potential for horticulture like Serchhip is producing loads of tomatoes and cabbages. Also, Tuipui of Champhai District is producing huge number of tomatoes out of which more than ₹1 lakh is profited every year. Greenhouse has now become a common practice with our farmers and we should keep it mind that this can be a great source for our livelihood. It is also impressive that the SDHO in my constituency has also been promoted to DHO. Pu Dy. Speaker, water harvesting carried out by the department is quite effective and we should make extra effort to stock more for dry seasons.

Also, through grapes and wines produced in Hnahlan and Champhai area, we are able to earn a lot of revenues. It may be noted that grape wine is not regarded as liquor and

it is, in fact, fruit item which is an important source of livelihood. I believe that we would soon regulate rules regarding grape wine. Likewise, passion-fruit, bananas, potatoes and tomatoes will soon be cultivated in Ngur area of my constituency as initiative is taken for its link road. So, it would be appreciated if the work is expedited so that we could supply in the entire state.

Next is PWD. It is impressive that our House Leader takes extreme measures on roads and we are now able to reach Champhai within 7 hours. It is true that the CYMA inspected the roads as many works are not in good condition. However, I would like to mention that it was the ministry that selected contractors under PMGSY as many of the selected did not perform their works properly for the lowest bidder was selected. So, it is not appropriate to lay the blame on the government. Lastly, on road, I request the hon. Chief Minister to prioritize Pamchung - Rabung road.

Next is GAD. Concentration is given on the airport as we are now having regular flights. Helicopter service is quite important for remote places such as Siaha, Champhai and Lawngtlai etc. as it saves time and lives as well. However, the one in service is becoming old and measure may be taken for the replacement. The service for Champhai is once on Tuesday, twice on Thursday and thrice on Saturday which is not enough. I believe survey was taken for a helipad of Lunglei and Champhai for which expedite measure may be taken.

Next is Environment, & Forest Department. We need fresh air as sources of water is reducing. We need to preserve our forests by taking measure to evade wildfires and awareness should be given as much as possible. In the process, I opine we need more of wildlife guards and firemen. Regarding preservation of forest, we often observe *Green Mizoram Day* by planting trees but we neglect of their maintenance despite the efforts of NSS. So, we need to raise awareness on this issue. In this connection, *afforestation drive* is implemented on watershed of Champhai agriculture land through the project of Rehabilitation of Degraded Forest and NEC and this seems to be a success.

My constituency is in the eastern part embellished by beautiful orchids and rhododendrons. I opine we need to preserve such plants since they are of rare species. With the same view, proposal is made for setting up a botanical garden at Zotlang YMA Park, Champhai for which we will need more of wildlife guards.

On Transport, it is impressive that two-wheeler permit is issued for improvement of livelihood and measures being taken for inter-state bus service. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga is next.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department.

It seems that we are unable to setup a family court as of now due to financial issue. This is of much important in dealing with the case of married couples as we often are compelling to take the case to a civil court in which it takes a lot of time as in other cases. So, setting up a family court may be prioritized. In this connection, I would like to know if there is fund provision for legal aid and if we have any debt in this regard.

Next is, Demand No. 42, Transport Department. Inland Waterways is much important and we need to achieve this by all means. Thus, we need to make extra effort and allot more fund to that respect.

Moving to Demand No. 9 - Finance Department, Government expenditure is divided into 3 parts: General Service Sector, Social Service Sector and Economic Service Sector. Here, ₹45 crore is allocated for irrigation, ₹7.37 crore for power project, ₹20 crore for roads & bridges and ₹3.25 crore for Tourism. However, it is unfortunate that no capital expenditure is allocated for the benefit of laborers and farmers.

Next is Demand No. 32 - Horticulture. Pu Dy. Speaker, the farmers do not have fixed rates for supply of their productions and it seems that they have none to heed their grievances. There is no provision in our budget for buying and selling their productions and no capital expenditure is prepared for them. So, it is necessary for the government to make a provision in the budget for the benefit of our farmers.

Moving to Demand No. 45 - PWD, road is an important sign of the status of a state. Proposal is made so that it connects each and every corner of our state. Silchar road is the lifeline for our state as it is the only road through which we import our essential needs. Thus, it is frustrating when some incidents happen and we should have alternative roads by any means. While such is our condition, it is regretted that no provision is made in our budget to that respect. Another important thing to alleviate our problem on such incidents is developing our roads for the best convenient of our farmers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng is next.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

To start with Demand No. 1- Legislative Assembly, I thank the official of the Assembly for their preparation in helping the proceedings of our session without having any problem.

Moving to Demand No. 9 - Finance Department, it is impressive that the department is functioning without any difficulty despite Covid-19. I thank the service rendered by the Planning & Programme Implementation Deptt. through which we often met our need for maintenance of HPC Lunglei.

Next is Demand No. 45, PWD. It is the largest department which perform construction works. Under its maintenance, construction of double lane road of Lunglei - Tlabung is almost completed which is expected to play an important role for the achievement of Indo-Bangla Border Trade. Maintenance of Lunglei - Aizawl via Thenzawl which has been neglected for a decade has now been resumed since the MNF Ministry. Whereas Thenzawl - Lunglei road is often damages with changing of the seasons and thus is important for the department and concerned contractors to inspect the condition occasionally. Construction of intermediate lane of Haulawng is now in progress as it is proposed so to alleviate communication problem of Lunglei. However, the bidding is quite low and so is difficult to assure an ideal outcome. So, the department needs to supervise the work on regular basis.

Likewise, construction of Lunglei bypass road on western and eastern side are in progress and so is appreciative if it is fully accomplished. It would also be appreciated if more attention is given to multi-level car parking.

Moving to Demand No. 32, Horticulture, vegetable supply chain has also been carried out in Lunglei during the pandemic lockdown and the people receives sufficient supply of vegetables. At the same time, we need to give more attention to *Center of Excellence* of Horticulture Deptt. at Haulawng as the area has potential to supply the demand of vegetable seeds all over the southern parts.

Next is Demand No. 36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department. Measures taken on afforestation is hardly effective despite huge expense on purchase of thousands of plants every year. So, we need to come up with a better plan for maintenance of trees which had been planted. We should make competition as to whose planting become mature and safe. In this connection, I opine the department should also concern for the safety of our medicinal plants. Likewise, locally known medicinal herbs 'Anchiri' is now becoming scarce and we need to preserve it also. It may as well be important to take preventive measure on trees and bamboos glided off in every rainy season such as in the area of Tlabung.

Moving to Transport Department, MST bus is quite a useful conveyance in some areas. Likewise, it is impressive that two-wheeler taxi permit is proposed in various districts as it is expected to create source of income to many people. Also, initiative may be made for truck terminal at Lunglei which is the need of the hour for the concerned people.

Next is, Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial. It would be appreciated if the Court building of Lunglei is completed as early as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo is next.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly.

I appreciate the service rendered by the officials for smooth discussion of the Assembly. It may be of a petty matter but I request that our PSOs and drivers are provided with a place to stay with TV in it so that they are able know the time keeping of our session and the member of their charge.

Next is Demand No.42, Transport Department. It is impressive that the subject of inland waterways is brought up and it would be appreciated if it is achieved. Rural Bank in my constituency is located at Marpara as some often have a problem of conveyance to approach that bank. Thus, for the convenient of the people, it would be appreciated if auto-rickshaw pass is given for this area.

Next is Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs. It will be much appreciated if a new post of driver is created for it has been 2 decades since the last recruitment.

Moving to Demand No. 36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, I am quite concern about climate change. The previous ministry established sanctuary in the areas of Serhmun and Darngawn in which ₹10 lakhs each were compensated to every household. On other hand, I was thinking that we have excluded such families from the control of the authority as there some who insisted to fulfil their personal interest on this issue. Likewise, negotiation is going on a lot among the people of W. Phulpui knowing the issue in Serhmun and Darngawn. So, out of concern of the situation, I made a request not to proceed with their plan as of now.

Pu Dy. Speaker, many of our trees were felled nowadays my means of chainsaw for which I assume permission is issued. It is regretted that trees have been cut into pieces for processing charcoal and I am deeply concern for such act as we are beginning to destroy our very own valuable forests. Likewise, in my constituency and Champhai area as well, the same problem existed as large amount of charcoal is regularly coming in to Aizawl. I do not thing such supply is imported for industrial consumption or else but for Rangvamual area at the cost of our valuable forests. If we have to consider charcoal business, it is wise for the government to do so on permit system otherwise our environment will suffer immensely.

Next is Demand No. 15 - GAD. I opine we need to review maintenance of the Mizoram Houses and be improved as necessary. Also, DC Rest House at Marpara which was constructed in UT era has now becomes dilapidated. It is located in the international border and without proper bedrooms in it. So, it will be appreciated if the House Leader consider the repair or reconstruction.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there are 14 villages at the eastern part of my constituency and we need to improve the administration for better functioning. Also, we need Civil Sub-Division at Reiek which may be noted.

Moving to Demand No. 32 - Horticulture, it is impressive that excellent horticulture buildings are constructed at Phaileng and Reiek with horticulture officer to be posted soon.

Whereas there are many potential areas in my constituency with 5 rivers such as Tlawng, Tut, Mar, Terei and Khawthlang Tuipui flowing through. Thus, we need connectivity link road for plantation of potatoes and other vegetables. I am positive that our state could benefit so much from such areas if they are improved accordingly. Also, I appreciate the department for meeting our needs by supplying fresh vegetables during the national lockdown.

Next is, Demand No. 45. Our roads are now developing so much through the efforts of our Chief Minister as the people of my constituency are very pleased with it. Regarding Tlawng bridge, Letter of Acceptance was issued during the previous ministry to the contractor on 8.2.2017 with date of completion in February, 2019. However, I witnessed that construction of the abutment was started only in September last year. Since it was not strong enough, we consequently face problem due to strong forces of water. So, I opine the inspecting officials should prevail the survey on regular basis. Likewise, it is necessary to put more efforts on Pukzing - Silsuri road considering the importance of border trades. Also, more attentions may be given to Khawrihnim - Tlawng road for which surveying work being completed.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I appreciate that BRTF road of Dapchhuah - Rajiv Nagar being tendered for ₹160 lakhs as the work is now in progress with the help of our Chief Minister.

Certain members from the party who had never been in the ministry asked as to which party who care the most for the farmers and laborers. In reply, I would like to mention that concerned departments being set up for benefit of the farmers etc. are working continuously till today. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY| SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga is next and Pu Andrew H. Thangliana will follow.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly.

The officials are working hard in taking care of the business transactions, letters and even our family welfare as well and I appreciate them very much.

Moving to Demand No. 9 - Finance Department, as the world is facing financial crisis, our post devolution deficit grant too decreases by 47.64% in 2019-2020. While this is the case, the 15th Finance Commission did not approve of our proposal for special grant of ₹546 crore. However, we still manage to move forward without ill-feelings thanks to the effort of the hon. Finance Minister.

Moving to Demand No. 15, GAD, it is truly appreciated that extreme measure is taken on improvement of the Airport.

Under Demand No. 32 - Horticulture, this is of a useful department as the staffs are all dedicated to the farmers who are working hard for their livings. Extreme measure is taken on off-season plants like tomatoes, cabbages etc. which further reduces vegetable imports from Silchar. A lot of progress is achieved through this department indicating fund provisions made for the benefit of the farmers and laborers. Also, Anthuriums are produced in a large scale for export and plantation of bamboos are in progress in the areas of Hmunpui and Lengpui as SEDP pilot project.

Next is Demand No. 45, PWD. Much improvement is seen on roads all over the state. Considering the benefit of the farmers from PWD roads, I want to mention that the budget of PWD budget is of the farmers and laborers as well.

Next is Demand No. 36 - Environment & Forests. It is of an important department as it concerns global warming which is an alarming issue throughout the world. We should make use of forests wealth by planting more trees.

Moving to Transport Department, it is impressive that measure is taken on inter-state bus service and inland waterways etc. In short, this budget concerns development of our state and I support it wholeheartedly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, and then Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Law & Judiciary Deptt.

No improvement is seen in the budget, 2021-2022. Some has often claimed that this department used to have a sufficient budget before the implementation of *Separation of Judiciary*. However, due to the separation, recruitment of more officers and staffs is compelled, as of now we are having more than 40 nos. Judicial Officer. In the same manner, no difference is seen with the allocation under *Other Charges* since financial year, 2012-2013. As such is the trend, I opine it is important for the concerned minister to give more efforts on improvement of the budget of this department. Regarding entitlement of the Judicial Officers, it will be appreciated if the recommendation of *Shetty Commission* is executed.

Moving to Transport Department, I do not agree with the members who prefer corporation for Transport Services for we could destroy the livelihoods of owners of maxi-cab services and two-wheelers taxis. Many earns their livelihood through two-wheeler permit but there are some who benefitted from selling such permits. As such is the case, we need to be careful with issuing permission. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly.

I opine the location of this Assembly House in the heart of the city is not convenient considering its safety and for traffic management. So, it is wise if it is relocated in other convenient places. At the same time, I am proud to mention that *Reference Section* of the Assembly Library is introduced under my chairmanship of Library Committee.

Moving on to Demand No. 45, PWD, I urge to compensate all the land-holdings within the forest reserve area of Tuirini as there some who have not received the provision as yet. Also, in the process of drainage for Kanghmun 'S'- Ramlaitui, sanction has already been received for 100 - 110 kms as the work being completed but we could not receive the same for 110 - 126 kms till date. While that is the case, I am happy to learn that our humble plea is heeded as the company is resuming the work on credit as a result of the approach made by the hon. Chief Minister.

Post Devolution Revenue Deficit is of a popular issue nowadays. It is now decreasing and we need to put more efforts on austerity measures.

Next is Demand No. 14 - Planning & Program Implementation. I opine the department needs to carefully study all the proposals and give priority as per need base.

Moving to Demand No. 32 - Horticulture, there is a dam at the Horticulture Centre of Excellence and is not safe for children. So, I ask the hon. Minister to fence the dam. My constituency produces numbers of dragon fruit but they have no market-shed to sell it. So, I ask on their behalf to provide the shed.

Moving to Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial, may I ask the hon. Minister to resolve the case of Lunglei District & Session Judge Office.

I have much to say, but my time is limited. So, I support the demands which have been discussed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga is next.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, and I would like to start with Demand No. 36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department.

This department is dependent on its field staffs but they do not have enough field staffs as Range Officers are hardly recruited. So, it is important to consider the case.

Moving to Horticulture, Mizoram is a potential area for cultivation of any crops as we are beginning to produce a lot of dragon fruits. We have cold storage only at Sairang and if there is any in Aizawl? Mega Food Park is constructed at Khamrang through central

funding the cost of ₹79 crore and I was wondering how this will be utilized. Since we have no rules and regulation for selling grape wine and to do so is not safe as of now. So, the case needs to be resolved immediately.

Moving to Finance Department, SEDP is the flagship programme under which ₹750 crore was allotted in 2019, ₹513 crore in 2020 and ₹400 crore in 2021 indicating the amounts declining. So, we should assure as of the possibility of disbursing ₹3 lakh each to the beneficiaries.

Next is Demand No. 45, PWD. CYMA has inspected the ongoing works under PWD as some were found not to be satisfactory. It is unbecoming that our expenditure on roads is extremely high whereas their conditions are comparatively poor and are easily damaged. So, more attentions should be given in this regard. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana is next.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, Thank you. To start with Demand No. 32, Horticulture, it is impressive that the department is taking extreme measures despite the pandemic.

Moving to Bamboos, I have been browsing for 'Mizoram Venus Bamboo Product Pvt. Ltd' through the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs but could not find any by the name 'Mizoram'. So, it will be pleasing if anyone could help me find. We have a share of ₹160 crore in which ₹314 is paid-up share capital. Since we have withdrawn more than half of the total amount, we can presume it as a govt. company. If that is so, it should be taken up under CAG. We also have other issues of the same case and should be checked. I am concern with this matter for a very long time and I appreciate if the minister concerned clarify as for how long this process has been carried on and, if the Mizoram Venus Bamboo Product Pvt. Ltd remains private undertakings as the company is collapses. I believe the audited statement too has not been issued for a very long time.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the National Bamboo Mission issued the Guidelines for Accreditation of Bamboo Nurseries, Tissue Culture Laboratories & Certification of Quality planting Material, 2019 which may be implemented under the State Level Bamboo Nursery Accreditation Committee (SLBNAC), and under it, bamboo nursery should be maintained on appropriate registration. Whereas my question regarding Bamboo nursery at Bairabi in which 2 police personnel are deployed as guard, the concerned minister has stated that the said bamboo nursery is not a registered firm but of a private that the government has not knowledge about it. If it is a private and not of a registered firm as stated, the owner has no right to supply the material to the government. Likewise, it means that the supply which has already been made before also has violates the rules. I wonder if the ministry of violator is involved in such case.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is learned that Horticulture Deptt. will be receiving ₹330 crore from the 15th Finance Commission for state specific needs and the department too is expected to take extreme measures. In this connection, I have heard from the prevailing rumor that vast area of land near Hortoki as being cleared-off through the effort of the hon. Chief Minister. Since I have no proof, I do not understand if it is the department's undertaking. I therefore urge clarification as to which undertaking and what step has been taken so far in this regard. If it is of the department, I am willing to know the whole process. Likewise, there are bamboo plantations at Lengpui and Hmunpui and I would like to know if the department has verified such plantations. If not, we are willing to accompany the inspection team when there is a decision to do so.

As stated, Horticulture is of an important department since it concerns production of foods. Likewise, plantation of dragon fruits is very popular nowadays as we are beginning to produce the fruit in large quantity. As stated by other members as well, I suggest the government to consider value addition on such product and that extreme measure is taken to achieve it.

Moving to Demand No. 9, Finance Deptt., our GSDP is increased by 19.97% but it is wrong to imply as increase of our economy. In fact, if we truly concern for increase of our economy, the current price should be highlighted in the stead of constant price. Pu C. Lalsawivunga mentioned that our economy tends to decrease by 2.42% and I appreciate if the hon. CM explains the detail. The previous ministry of Congress had a debt of ₹596 crore during 3 years while the present ministry has ₹2,604.16 crore during the last 3 years and we need to make extreme effort on recovery.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Assam govt. has implemented *Suvidhas* cheme under which ₹50 lakh is deposited so that the students and sick patients receive up to ₹20,000/-through the proper application form. So, I suggest we also deposited ₹10 lakhs from our MLA funds so that we can help sick patients and the poor in our respective constituencies.

Lastly, I appreciate performance of the department amidst the pandemic. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana is next.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. This budget session covers 23 days provided with pleasant environment. The Assembly officials are truly hard-working and we are able to proceed with the session due to their efforts. Whereas the House Leader is quite patient and always have shown an admirable conduct. However, our seats are not comfortable and need to be checked. Also, 10-20 extra benches should be provided for our PSOs and drivers who are waiting outside for us throughout the session.

It is learned that date for by-election is fixed on 17th (Saturday) which means that Seventh Day members will not be able to turn up to cast the vote which is unfortunate. Counting of votes will be held on Sunday as well and we need to make changes here.

It is learned that *100-Days Employment* scheme implemented under DRDA at Serchhipis managed by MNF party. It violated the Model Code of Conduct and they should follow the rules.

Moving to Finance Department, the government has a debt of ₹158.70 crore as per the answer given. In this connection, I opine we need to have Finance Commission. The MNF party, before the general election made a committed to the people that ₹1500 crore will be allotted to SEDP but it has not been fulfilled till today. I think clarification should be made as most of the development projects depends on SEDP. It is regretted that there is no fund for the benefit of people as there is no certainty as to how ₹400 crore of SEDP fund provision will be spent. Meghalaya allotted a huge amount of fund to alleviate the economic condition of poor laborers and we can do the same. It is hard to believe that this ministry is not concerns the welfare of poor people and is very sad.

Next is PWD. It will be much appreciated if the concerned minister gives importance to improvement of Leitan-Muthi Road. Leitan and Suaka Veng of Dutlang are of new localities and we excavate the internal roads through my MLA Fund. Yet, these roads need metaling since they are prone to be damaged in rainy season. Also, repairing the approach road to Women Polytechnic may also be considered. As of the plan for fly-over over Bawngkawn area, I wonder as to when the work will be started. In that connection, I opine it is important to construct link roads surrounding Aizawl which may be considered as well.

Next is Rural Development. We currently have only 26 nos. RD Block and step should be taken for having more of it as necessary.

Moving to Forest Deptt., I applaud the concerned minister for admitting his fault regarding yesterday's incident. At the same time, I suggest beautification of Durtlang cliff by planting more trees and flowers to attract the passerby.

Moving to Horticulture, the department supplies Greenhouse to those who are engage in producing off-season fruits and vegetables which truly is appreciated as we need to emphasize more on it. Since our state is dependent on horticulture productions, the performance of the department especially during the pandemic is highly appreciative.

Next is Demand No. 42. The Minister issued to each MLA of 5 nos. two-wheeler taxi permit which truly is a wise move. Regarding proposal for improvement of our rivers for sailing, I wonder if this could be achieved. In that connection, it will be grateful if concerned minister tells us what step has been taken so far for the project of inland waterways. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break now and continue with our discussion at 5:15 PM.

5:15 PM

SPEAKER : Alright. May I now request Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, the hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and react to the points as necessary. Also, he may move the demands for passing by the House.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department.

6 members have participated in the discussion on the demands of this department. Pu Biakzaua has mentioned the need of court building in Lawngtlai on which necessary step is being taken. There is no District & Session Court in Lawngtlai and is now covered from Siaha. To have a separate one at Lawngtlai requires decision of the High Court as measure is so taken to this concern.

Pu C. Lalsawivunga suggested having Family Court. However, our population is not that large to have one and we still have only few cases on litigation and the Civil Court could manage to take up such cases. The government has approved setting up of this court in Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai and Kolasib but the state matching share of 50:50 is quite high for us to fulfil and could not be achieved as of now due to the limited finance. Regarding fund for legal aid, it is usually coming from National Legal Service Authority to those who could not afford a lawyer. However, the central government is facing financial issue due to the pandemic and we did not receive the fund during last year. So, provision is made from SEDP and we have no debts as of now.

Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng has mentioned purchasing of land for Lunglei Court building. In this regard, it may be noted that, a state or central fund could not be utilized for purchase of land. So, measure is being taken for the same through the help of the hon. Chief Minister.

Pu Andrew H. Thangliana has mentioned about fund allocation under the head of *other charges* on which it may be noted that many staffs were retired but no new recruitment could be made due to our financial problem.

11 members have participated in the discussion on the demands of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department. Pu LalrinsangaRalte asked for renovation of Pualreng sanctuary and it will be renovated as per CCS fund which may be received.

Pu H. Biakzaua suggested transferring the authority of maintenance of Phawngpui and Ngengpui Wildlife Sanctuary to LADC. In this connection, there are many objectives but since we have limited power, we need to wait for the decision of the State Board for Wildlife. If it is approved, we need to ask for approval of the central govt. Anyway, we will keep this in mind and give it importance.

Pu Er. Lalzirliana and Pu Lalchhuanthanga have both concern for shortage of field staffs and I am pleased with it. It may be noted that we have already made an approach to our leaders for recruitments. I

Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo and Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng have mentioned regarding wood cutting, and reacting to the point, we have Mizoram Chainsaw Control & Regulation Rules, 2018 and registration is done under this rule. Those having permission for a specific location may be arrested if they are crossing the line of permission. The DFO and RO appointed there have seized numbers of chainsaw for violating the rules. Despite shortage of staffs, extreme measure is taken on conserving our forests.

Pu Vanlalhlana has suggested beautification of Durtlang cliff and we give importance to it considering the habitat of Serows and other wild animals. The view also is an attraction and we will determine as to which way measure should be taken.

Coming now to Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, 15 members participated in the discussion. Pu BD Chakma has mentioned regarding some auto-rickshaws servicing in Chawngte without having permit and he asked if permit be issued to them. It is illegal to service without permits and they should submit their application to STA for permits and we will help them as per the case. He also asked for bus service plying to Lunglei - Chawngte and Chawngte - Lawngtlai. Since we now have limited buses, we can still help if there is anyone from the area who can afford a bus. They may apply for the permit and we will do our best to help them.

Pu H. Biakzaua asked for immediate functioning of DTO Office at Lawngtlai. Pu Speaker, we also wish to complete it as early as possible but we still need to take on electrification etc.

Er. Lalzirliana and Pu VL Zaithanzama have suggested taking up MST service as corporation and we need to think this a lot. Regarding MST service of Tuipuibari - Rajiv Nagar as asked by Er. Lalzirliana, inspection will be taken and necessary step will be taken if the road is befitted. As for Mamit, it is now a district headquarters and if there is anyone who can afford a bus, they may apply for a permit and we will help them. Regarding smoke emission as suggested by VL Zaithanzama, measure will be taken and more efforts will be given at our capacity.

Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo has asked for auto-rickshaw for Marpara, it is given and permit can now be applied. As of inter-state bus service, measure is taken for Aizawl-Churachandpur as reciprocal agreement had also been signed by both sides. The service will be started as soon as new buses arrived. Our main objective is strengthening the bonds between Zofas across the globe. As of Aizawl - Zampui, Tripura bus service, step could not be taken due to the pandemic and we will do our best to accomplish it. As of plying to Myanmar, we are now waiting for the approval of the Ministry of External Affairs,

Govt. of Myanmar and expedite measure could not be taken as of now due to political disturbance in Myanmar.

Coming now to Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial Department, the main purpose of the department can be classified into 3 categories-Bill, Ordinance and Rules & Regulations including recruitment rules. The majority of the Assembly staffs are also examined by the department as so are agreements and MoU for vetting. It also provides legal advice to all the departments and monitor any of the court cases of the government and vetted all the para-wise comments. The department further concern for preventing increase of govt. liabilities.

Pu Speaker, as per order of the Supreme Court, fast-track Special Court is located at 3 places such as - Aizawl, Lunglei and Champhai so that the process of cases under POSCO act may be speeded up. The retired Judicial Officers namely - Pu P. Singthanga, Pu T. Sangkunga and Pu R. Lalthazuala are appointed to deal with such cases. These new courts have been functioning normally since January, 2021 and 3 more Addl. Public Prosecutor-cum-Special Public Prosecutors are appointed as well. Establishment of District Court in each of the newly district is approved and measure will be taken as per the order No. A.12011/32/2016 LJE-98, Dated 21.10.2019 for the immediate functioning.

Pu Speaker, Mizoram State Legal Service Authority has so far, given out ₹254.90 lakh to the beneficiaries during 2019-2020 through Victim of Crime Compensation Scheme, 2011. 374 nos. case were cleared under Lok Adalat and the banks had also recovers ₹30,56,687.28 of loans through Lok Adalat.

Mizoram State Legal Service Authority usually received fund from the National Legal Service Authority but no fund is received during 2020-2021 due to the pandemic. So, it is impressive that it is issued through SEDP. The Residential Complex for judicial officer in Mamit District is completed at the cost of ₹465.13 lakh through CSS and was inaugurated on 11.8.2020. Likewise, the same kind of complex in Serchhip District is completed at the cost of ₹422.70 lakhs and was inaugurated on 25.9.2020.

Regarding Advocate General, a senior advocate Shri Dikanda Das, was appointed as Mizoram Govt. Advocate General on 10.2.2021 and Shri Sudito Bannerji as Govt. Advocate Guwahati High Court Principal Bench on 22.2.2021.

Moving to Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs, the department deals with family pension in respect of Ex-MDC and Ex-MRC and fund provision for maintenance of the Dy. Govt. Chief Whip. Under this department, there is a consultative committee in respect of the following departments -

1. Health & Family Welfare Department;
2. Higher & education Department;
3. Home Department;
4. DP&AR Department;

5. Taxation Department;
6. School Education Department;
7. Law & Judicial Department;
8. Parliamentary Affairs department;
9. Environment & Climate Change Department;
10. Transport Department;
11. Tourism Department.

Moving to Demand No. 36 - Environment & Climate Change Deptt., extreme measure is taken on conservation of forest and wildlife, plantation, forest expansion, air and water conservation, climate change etc. As a nodal department for climate change, the department prepares the State Action Plan on Climate Change, 2018-2023 in accordance with the central's National Action Plan on climate change. The State Action Plan on deforestation and forest declaration grade class have also been prepared and is now initiated at Mamit. The main objective is preserving and planting big trees and thus is important for us all to take the responsibility of maintenance of such planted trees. The department aim to distribute plants that will grow tall for which ₹65/- is provided for maintenance of each tree and ₹20/- for setting up a new nursery. A compensatory afforestation is deposited by the user agency which is deposited to the central and then again deposited to the state. Annual Action Plan is set as per the request for APO. APO has also been made for plantation 1303.78 hectare of land during 2021-2022 and ₹20.42 crore is proposed. We hope to receive the approval from State Camp soon.

Forest and environmental clearance are necessary for developmental works and the Forest department is always ready to help the concern people in every way before the stay order is issued. The Central Govt. established State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SHIAA) and State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) so that clearance can easily be issued. Experts within the state are appointed as its Chairman and Member Secretary and we hope that this will pave an easy way to issue clearance. Higher & Technical, PWD, PHE and Forests Departments together established a Coordination Committee so that any problem is solved smoothly.

The govt. is taking intensive measure on prevention of wildfire every year and it is difficult to do so effectively unless the people follow the government's orders. It is unfortunate that we lost 2 lives from wildfire. Measure has also been taken on 8 nos. wildlife sanctuaries, 2 national parks, 1 Tiger Reserve and the State Reserve Forest under the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat and Project Tiger. Prevention of forests fire has also been implemented through CSS and our state usually receives fund provision from Green India Mission, National Afforestation Program, Forest-fire Prevention and Management Scheme, Integrated Development and Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger and the national plant for Conservation of Aquatic eco-System. Proposal is made to NEC for implementation of afforestation in Champhai area which is called 'Rehabilitation of Forest and Water-shed of Champhai Agriculture Land, Mizoram'. We submitted ₹2.41 crore as the 1st installment being approved. The following proposals are submitted: -

1. *Nagarvan* project of ₹2 crore for conservation and repair of the existing forests within the municipal area. I thank Bethlehem and College Veng for their contributions.
2. School Nursery Project;
3. Bio-diversity Conservation & Forests Enrichment Project through Externally Aided Project of JAIC;
4. Promotion of Nature-based Tourism project under EAP.

Pu Speaker, we also take measure on wildlife management. ₹19,35,368 is given to compensate the victims of animal attack and victim families of crop-destroying wild animals. Aizawl Zoo and Nandankanan Zoo of Bhubaneswar, Orissa exchanges their animals under Zoo Exchange Programme in January under which we received the following birds and animals:

1. 1 pair of Peacocks plus, gifts of 3 Golden Pheasants and 3 Silver Pheasants.
2. 1 pair of Himalayan Black Bears,
3. 1 pair of Wild Dogs,
4. 3 pairs of Asian Brown Tortoises,
5. 1 pair of Assam Macaques and 3 pairs of Samtel Macaques.

Apart from that, measure has also been taken for having Bengal tigers at Aizawl Zoo as agreement signed by Guwahati Zoo and Aizawl Zoo for exchange of 1 pair of Bengal tiger with 1 pair of Gibbon. They took the Gibbons and we will have Bengal tigers as soon as enclosure is finished. In 22.1.2021, the police and Forest Department seized 41 nos. imported animals and birds which are now kept in Aizawl Zoo.

Regarding Mizoram Pollution Control Board, the water on our lakes and rivers has often been checked under Mizoram Forests Department and monitoring stations are established at 76 locations. Air pollution is monitored at 11 places and Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Station is also established at Sikulpuikawn. Air quality is displayed publicly since May, 2020. MPCB has Grade-C laboratory and it monitors several pollutions. Measure is also taken on National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories. As per the Central Vehicle Act, there are 3 nos. vehicle pollution machine in Aizawl and 1 in Lunglei. Transport department is looking after other districts as well.

Next is Demand No. 42, Transport Department. Mizoram State Transport bus is usually used as passengers transport within and outside Mizoram. During Covid, it was used for transporting medical duty. MST is quite useful during the pandemic and I appreciate the efforts of our drivers, conductors and operational teams as some of them were even tested positive for Covid-19 but they are now recovered. As of now, we are expecting 13 nos. new bus of MST. Despite the effect of Covid-19 on our daily lives, the department still earns revenue of ₹2,133.38 lakh till December, 2020. A scheme of renting a motor-cycle will soon be implemented, new specification for Ambulance and Morgue van is being prepared and 15 more villages have auto-rickshaw service permits. Two-wheeler

taxi service is also permitted in several district headquarters and such drivers who take excessive charge are penalized.

Several measures are taken on Inland-water Transport in our rivers such as - Western tuipui, Tuichawng Lui, Chhimtuipui Lui, Tlawnglui etc. However, the pandemic delayed the works as inspection could not be made last year. We often have problems with Sihar and we thus need alternative lifeline. The name 'DTO, Aizawl Urban' is changed to 'DTO Registering Authority' and 'DTO, Aizawl Rural' is changed to 'DTO Licensing Authority'. Thus, Aizawl District Registration code is now changed back to 'MZ-01'. And, since MZ-09 is no longer existed, the vehicle registration under it may be changed to MZ-01 by paying some fees. Double cap vehicles such as Scorpio, Mahindra Camper and Isuzu etc. may now be registered as *non-transport vehicle*. Measure is taken to execute pollution test and the pollution test centers of Aizawl and Lunglei are under the maintenance of the Mizoram Pollution Control Board. Pollution test is executed also in the districts such as Siaha, Champhai, Kolasib, Serchhip, Lawngtlai and Mamit on 21.12.2020. Measure is also taken on online payment of taxes and fees and the Central Govt. extends the validity of motor vehicle documents upto 31st March, 2021 due to the pandemic. Also, construction of terminal for commercial vehicle is in progress at Tlabung, Vairengte and Serchhip under ACDP. Measure has also been taken for multi-level car parking cum multipurpose hall at the previous site of Govt. Mizo H/S hall for which ₹500 lakh is allotted. It is planned to accomodate 42 nos. cars and 49 nos. two-wheelers.

Regarding the Motor Vehicle Amendment Act, 2019, the penalty as per the Central Act is quite high that most of the north-eastern states could not afford it. So, we are advised by the Law & Judicial Department not to adopt it. However, as the central comes to learn that some states are not adopting, we are ordered to follow the order with immediate effect. So, the Transport Department is taking measure for the same for cabinet approval.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass the following Demands -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
4	Law & Judicial	26,73,09,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	89,80,000.000.00
36	Environment, Forest & Climate Exchange	2,17,97,59,000.00
42	State Transport	59,62,49,000.00
	TOTAL	3,05,22,97,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concerned minister has begged the House to pass his Demands. Now, the Members in favor to pass may say, 'Aye' and those who don't may say, 'Nay'. (*The 'Ayes' have it*)

The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnunluanga.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, I request the hon. Chief Minister to wind up the discussion on demands under his concerned departments and beg leave of the House to pass it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

First, Pu Lalrinsanga has mentioned regarding Saipum-Saiphai Road and let me inform the House that we will do our best to accomplish it. Prof. Lanunmawia has mentioned regarding Lok Ayukta and with that, we will do our best to provide more staffs and funds. Pu Ramthanmawia has mentioned regarding Bungzung - Zawngtetui Road and we will do our best to register it under PMGSY. We also have plans to execute Saikhum road, Farkawn road, Sesih road etc. and for a helipad at Bungzung. Dr. BD Chakma requested immediate black-topping of Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road and we will try to expedite the work. At the same time, measure will be taken on the Rs. 10 crore which is claimed by the member as lost.

Regarding using tablet in the House as suggested by Pu L. Thangmawia, it is a good idea but is the decision of the Speaker. Regarding the building of Lawngtlai Court and District Court as mentioned by Pu Biakzaua, we will do our best to achieve this. As of dilapidated buildings of Sangau Civil SDO and staff quarters, it will be prioritized. Regarding marboat services, we will look for the funding source so that it is a success. It is true when Pu ZR Thaimsanga mentioned that we need new helicopter with regular service on which measure may be taken by the Aviation Deptt.

Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng has pointed out regarding Lunglei (eastern side) by-pass road, we will do our best for it. Likewise, fund provision for multi-level car parking of Lunglei has already been sanctioned under PAHOSS scheme. Regarding the suggestion of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia on the location of the Assembly House, I also have in mind to move it at the present location of the Assam Rifles' Range HQ of Khatla. As of Pangzawl - Mat Road, the department has fenced the dam.

Pu Lalchhuanthanga has mentioned the need of cold storage and I feel the same. Horticulture Department will determine to have it. As of Venus Bamboo Ltd. pointed out by Dr. Vanlalhlana, the supply of raw material supply has ended as so is Venus Bamboo. So, we will look into it as soon as the project resumed functioning. It is cultivated after the Mizoram State Level Committee study the case of *Latiflorus* and *Brandisii* and, supplier of the seeds is Growmore Biotech Company, Tamil Nadu with registration through the Deptt. of Biotechnology under the Company Act. It may be noted that it is not the department that performed the process of hardening but the private company.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, Growmore Biotech is a certified company but of tissue culture. The supply for our nurseries should be obtained from such company but only after obtaining approval the State Level Board. I believe the system fails to follow this procedure.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: That is right. As the supply is tendered and bided, purchased is made only from the agency which the department certified as reliable.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, under National Bamboo Mission, any of the certified supplier are eligible to supply. Since the said nurseries were not of certified, they should apply for certification if they should continue with the supply.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: That is true, it may be done as suggested as well. However, when the state level committee floats the tender, it was bided and there is a question if the selected nurseries are eligible for certification. We believe it is more secure to certify such nurseries only after the supply is certified to be safe.

Regarding bye-election for Serchhip constituency as mentioned by Pu Vanlalhlana, it is against the election code of conduct to issue work order after declaration of the election. However, any work order issued before such declaration may so be continued. As of the suggestion for more RD Blocks, it is of a demand which need to be pursued as soon as possible.

I appreciate the performance of staffs of the Legislative Assembly for smooth functioning of our session whereas arrangement has also been made for waiting room for drivers and PSOs as suggested by the members.

SAD is now functioning under GAD since it is problematic to put it as a separate department. Relating to Mizoram Houses, I was thinking of having a lodge for medical patient in Delhi but we could not proceed with the plan due to the pandemic. Regarding entitlement of Chief Minister, he is entitled with a separate Bangla as we also have one. Ther is a plan to relocate the CM Bangla next to Mizoram House so that other guests may stay there as per convenient. The ongoing construction of Mizoram House at Ballygunge, Kolkata is targeted for medical patients but we have problems to follow accordingly due to the pandemic. The building at Salt-lake is becoming old and we need to renovate and extend the building as soon as we have the fund for it. We also have a plan for medical patients as well. We bought a house in Guwahati for a patient lodge and construction of the 2nd and 3rd floors is almost completed. Likewise, we have a plan to set up patient lodge including the chowkidar's quarter at the site we have in Shillong.

Pu Speaker, ₹1000 lakh each is given to each DC of the 3 new districts for office maintenance and we plan to construct large buildings so as to accommodate all the staff who are posted therein. It may as well be noted that it is our concern of the need to have

appropriate resthouse at several major towns in Mizoram. In this regard, and I was thinking of having it with good staff-quarter next to such resthouses and that the concerned VCs and NGOs would inspect such guesthouses if they are maintained properly. In this connection, it may be noted Mizoram is the only state looking after the Airport whereas of other places, it is the perview of Airport Authority of India.

Bamboo cultivation is taken under the Horticulture Department with bamboo seeds supplied by Dr. Barti, Growmore Tech which are transported through. The seeds have a slim chance of survival for they are only of thumb-size. Some of its often died after shifting it to to a larger poly-pot for further processing. So, measure is taken for setting up the industry in Mizoram. I have already mentioned regarding our plan for setting up more of vegetable greenhouse for more productions. We also plan for construction of more link roads and measure is taken also for rain-water harvesting.

Moving to PWD, NHIDC is in full swing on constructing 4-lane road connecting the southern end. After completion, its maintenance will be placed in the hands of the department. We have a plan for Aizawl by-pass road in 2 places but we have not received the sanction as yet. Sanction provision for Selesih - Khamrang Road has been received and we have in mind to make the same plan for Hmuifang by-pass Road. As of fly-over bridge, we are not ready to start the project as yet. We have a plan for extension of Vaivakawn road before fly-over project is started. We also expected Lunglei (eastern side) by-pass road is completed smoothly.

Moving to Finance Department, we have made a change with our budget system, and being the finance minister, I have a plan to implement the budget in a profitable way. We are all aware of the problem in Myanmar and it is our duty to receive the refugees safely. However, the Govt. of India is careful in dealing with the case and so instructed Chief Secretaries of the north-eastern states to send back the refugees, but none seems follow considering our mutual relationship. The Govt. of India is not much concern of receiving the political refugees and I thus have in mind to approach the leaders for their understandings.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House for passing of the demands under my concerned departments, such as -

Demand No.	Department	Amount in (₹)
1	Legislative Assembly	30,91,82,000.00
2	Governor	30,60,000.00
3	Council of Ministers	6,77,19,000.00
5	Vigilance	7,90,65,000.00
9	Finance	21,24,63,16,000.00
11	Secretariat Administration	1,25,74,00,000.00
14	Planning & Program	95,58,35,000.00

	Implementation	
15	General Administration	90,95,62,000.00
32	Horticulture	89,78,49,000.00
45	Public Works	5,60,21,20,000.00
	TOTAL	31,32,81,08,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, members who are in favor to pass the demands of the hon. Chief Minister may say, 'Aye' and, those who don't may say, 'Nay'. (*The 'Ayes' have it.*)

Now, the House has unanimously passed the following Demands of the hon. Chief Minister: -

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11	Secretariat Administration	1,25,74,00,000.00
14	Planning & Program Implementation	95,58,35,000.00
15	General Administration	90,95,62,000.00
32	Horticulture	89,78,49,000.00
45	Public Works	5,60,21,20,000.00
	TOTAL	31,32,81,08,000.00

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to *Legislative Business*. I request the hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021"

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021"

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? (*Members: Agree*) Alright, you may proceed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021"

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request the hon. Chief Minister to move that the Bill is passed.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the total amount of “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021” including *Voted* and *Charged* is ₹11,33,088.78 lakh. However, this needs to be passed and I therefore beg the House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021”

SPEAKER : As we are aware, *Appropriation Bill* has never been discussed and we will take the votes. The members in favor to pass may say ‘*Aye*’ and those who don’t may say ‘*Nay*’. (*The ‘Ayes’ have it.*)

This House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2021-2022) Bill, 2021”

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I will read the *Summary of the Business* transacted during Seventh Session (w.e.f. 17.2.2020 - 4.3.2020). I would like to apologize for the sitting arrangement due to Covid-19 and some members are seated at the back on uncomfortable chairs. As per the request of NGOs to the Members for dressing up themselves in our traditional dress on every Wednesday, it is impressive that the members willingly follow the request and attended this session with various types of the mizo traditional attires.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING SEVENTH SESSION

(w.e.f. 17.2.2020-4.3.2020)

This session is the 7th Session of the Eighth Legislative Assembly and it is the Budget Session. The Business Advisory Committee on 8.2.2021 (Monday) decided that this session should take 23 days (15 sittings) and today is the last day of our session. The followings are the lists of business-

GOVERNOR’S ADDRESS

The hon. Governor addressed his Speech on 23.2.2021 and the *Motion of Thanks* presented by Pu C. Lalmuanpuia was supported by Pu L. Thangmawia which was discussed on 24.2.2021 and was unanimously passed.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5 Reports were presented.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

The following members were appointed as Panel of Chairmen:

1. Pu NiharKanti Chakma,
2. Pu LawmawmaTochhawng,

3. Pu H. Biakzaua,
4. Dr. Vanlalhlana.

OBITUARY

The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga made obituary references to Late Pu RD Sangkhuma and Er. K. Thangzuala and the following members follows -

1. Pu Vanlalhlana;
2. Pu Zodintluanga Ralte;

This was followed by a minute of silence.

QUESTIONS

Starred Questions:

1. No. of questions submitted : 387
2. No. of questions admitted : 387
3. No. of questions withdrawn: 1
4. No. of questions entered to List of Business:239
5. No. of questions answered : 60
6. No. of questions unanswered due to limited time:179
7. Starred Question Nos. 228, 230 and 233 were skipped since the members who asked the questions were absent.

Unstarred Questions:

1. No. of questions submitted : 193
2. No. of questions admitted : 172
3. No. of questions rejected : 21
4. No. of questions converted from Starred question : 133
5. Several questions were rejected for excessive length as per our Rules 46(3). So, the question should be brief.

LAYING OF PAPERS

19 nos. Papers were laid.

BILLS

5 nos. Government Bills were submitted and were all passed.

RESOLUTIONS

77 nos. Private Members' Resolutions being submitted were all admitted. The following 2 Resolutions were discussed and were adopted by the House: -

1. Pu Lawmawma Tohhawng - "Extreme measures taken by the government on Sports are well appreciated and should be continued with expedite measure."
2. Pu H. Biakzaua - "It is impressive that Mizoram tops India states in fighting Covid-19 due to the cooperation of the government, Churches, NGOs and the people; and, more efforts should be given towards fighting the pandemic."

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

The followings businesses are presented by the hon. Chief Minister:

1. Supplementary Demand for Grants for the Year, 2020-2021;
2. The Annual Budget for the Year, 2021-2022 with allied papers;
3. They were unanimously passed after discussions.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

3 Ministers made their Statements as follows -

1. Dr. R. Lalthangliana made a statement on 25.2.2021 on the demise of MBBS student at ZMC on 24.2.2021.
2. Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga made a statement on 26.2.2021 on the demise of Pu Zamawia of Kepran who had died in a stubble burning on 25.2.2021.
3. Pu Lalchamliana made a statement on 8.3.2021 regarding Myanmar refugees entering Mizoram.
4. Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga made a statement on 12.3.2021 on the demise of Pu Khupsiansang who had died from arson on 10.3.2021

CONCLUSION

We have now concluded our session. The performances of the hon. Members in the House so far, were good, despite few differences in our opinion. I thank all the department officials for their hard works and dedications. I wish you all the best.

The House is adjourned *Sine Die* (7:39 PM)