

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 25th JUNE, 2019
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - i) **PU LALRINCHHANA**, Ex. Minister and former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
 - ii) **PU P.B. ROSANGA**, Ex. Minister and former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following :
 - i) The Government of Mizoram (Transaction of Business) 3rd Amendment Rules, 2019.
 - ii) The Government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2019.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *“Buy the truth and do not sell it, wisdom, instruction and insight al well”.*

Proverbs 23:23

Today, we will observe obituary in respect of two of our former Ministers, Pu Lalrinchhana and Pu PB Rosanga. Let us now call hon. House Leader, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Thank you. Today we are observing obituary on two of our former Members and hon. Ministers. I will make it short as most of us would like to speak about them as well.

Pu Lalrinchhana was died at NEIGRIHMS Hospital, Shillong on June 18th, 2019 at 6:15 PM. He was 85. He was the son of Pu Lalrawna and Pi Lalzikpuii. He had 5 brothers and 5 sisters. He was born in 1935 at N. Serzawl. Pu Lalrinchhana married Pi VL Lily Chamdeli and have four sons and a daughter.

Pu Lalrinchhana passed his matriculation from Govt. High School, Aizawl. He then studied Intermediate of Science from JD College, Jorhat. But due to the demised of his father, he quit his education in 1960. He works at Khawruhlian Middle School as Headmaster. He joined the underground army in October, 1966. (This must be a wrong record.) While serving in underground army, he served as the Commissioner, Dy. Commissioner, Defense Minister and Supply Minister. After Peace Accord, he was among the Council of Ministers. He was elected as MLA from Ratu Constituency in the first election after peace accord in 1987. He was a Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department. In 1989 and 1993, he was re-elected from Ratu Constituency. In 1988, he was elected from Aizawl West-II Constituency from MNF ticket. He was among the Cabinet Ministers and took the charge of Revenue Department, AH & Veterinary and R&R Department. Pu Lalrinchhana was elected as church elder in Tuikual Kohhran in January 25th, 1998. In 2005, he moved to Zarkawt and served as Sunday teacher till his demise.

Pu Lalrinchhana took treatment at TATA Hospital, Mumbai up to 2008 and at NEIGRIHMS Hospital, Shillong from 2009. In December 19th, 2018, he was taken to NEIGRIHMS, Shillong for urinary tract infection (UTI) but was brought back to Aizawl Civil Hospital due to severe UTI infection. In June 11th, 2019, he was operated at NEIGRIHMS for stomach cancer and later on 17th June 2019, he was re-operated and kept in ICU due to leakage from the operation. In June 18th, 2019, he succumbed to his illness. That is all I can speak about Pu Rinchhana.

Pu PB Rosanga died on the 19th June, 2019 at Aizawl Hospital due to cancer. He was 96. He was the son of Pu Chhumbura and Pi Chhingzau. He was born on 11th June, 1933 at Hnahlan. He has 7 brothers and four sisters. He married Pi Darrochhingi in 1965 and had 3 sons, 3 daughters and 20 grand-children. He got his degree from St. Edmund's College, Shillong. After graduation, he went underground and got arrested on the 4th March, 1967. He was in prison till 18th April, 1972. He was the first MNF leader to be convicted. While in prison, he was admitted to hospital for 3 years. In 1978, under UT, he was elected as MLA on People's Conference party from Ngopa Constituency. He was the Cabinet Minister and took portfolio of Health, Agriculture and Forest departments. In 1979, he was re-elected from the same constituency on the same party ticket.

Pu Rosanga was elected as church elder from Kanan Kohhran and was ordained in 1990. He continuously served as a Sunday School teacher for 47 years.

Pu Rosanga was taken to Max Hospital in 2017, he was diagnosed of liver cancer. On 13th May, he was admitted at Aizawl Hospital and on the 13th June, 2019, he was taken into ICU. On 19th June, 2019 he succumbed to his illness.

I regret to state that we have lost two prominent leaders. That is all I can say.

SPEAKER : Anyone else? Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I regret to state that we have lost two of our leaders. Pu Rinchhana was elected 4 times in this House. I do not know him on personal level but we have been together in the meetings on District Councils. I knew him as a man who shows dignity and respect the District.

If I am not mistaken, Mizoram house which is situated nearby TATA Hospital in Mumbai is instituted through his initiative. I pray that God be with his family.

Pu PB Rosanga, the year he graduated was nearly was nearly the year we were born. This prove what a leader he was. Pu PB Rosanga and his brother made history in Mizoram Politics by contesting against each other from two parties. Today, we have lost two prominent leaders in Pu PB Rosanga and Pu Lalrinchhana. I pray that God be with their family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, the two leaders, though we do not belong to the same age group, I had the privilege to be A member in the 4th Assembly along with Pu Rinchhana. Like hon. Chief Minister have mentioned, he was a minister who took care of his department efficiently. He was a humble and God-fearing person and there was so much to learn from his personality.

Pu Speaker, when I first entered politics, I used to follow Pu PB Rosanga and I have the privilege of being a sitting MLA with him in the 4th Assembly. We were PAC members together and went for study tour; staying in the same room for two weeks.

Pu PB Rosanga held the post of Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer of PC Party. He was elected Member of Assembly twice. Pu PB Rosanga was a minister in the ministry of Pu Thena and his brother Pu PB Nikhuma was minister in the ministry of Pu Chhunga which must be recorded in Mizoram political history. I pray that God be with his family. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Ruatkima, the hon. Minister.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, we are observing obituary of two of our former leaders, Pu Lalrinchhana and Pu PB Rosanga. I would like to say few words on Pu Lalrinchhana who was our MLA from Aizawl West-II.

Pu Lalrinchhana was a man who laid his life for the people and his state. He was elected 5 times in this august House. There was no break in his political career. He left behind several political achievements. He was a humble soul, thus was elected as church elder from one of the biggest congregations within Aizawl. Aizawl West-II dearly missed our leader.

Pu PB Rosanga is my father-in-law, I therefore felt the need to say few words being the son-in-law. It is unfortunate that we are observing obituary nearly at the same time for two brothers, Pu PB Rosanga and PB Nikhuma. It must be a record of Mizoram political history that the two brothers battling out for the same constituency. Pu PB Rosanga stood for MNF ticket from Aizawl East constituency. He was the MNF party's secretary before insurgency. He was the one who met the Assam Chief Minister and brought Pu Laldenga home from Silchar jail.

Pu Speaker, I pray that God be with the departed families of our two leaders. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluaga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, few words only. It is unfortunate that today we are observing obituary on two of our leaders. I would like to say few words since Pu Rinchhana is personally known to me.

As we have heard from members before me, Pu Rinchhana was elected five terms in this august House and was minister three times. I followed Pu Rinchhana for 44 years and there are so many things that we can learn from him. Pu Speaker, he was a man of God, who was humble and not corrupted. Even while being in underground army, his fear for God enabled him to bring out a smooth administration. He was God fearing person, this is testified by being elected as church elder after peace accord. Thus, Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that we have to observe obituary on a leader of God-fearing and humble. We should all learn from his character so as to pressure the sanctity of this august House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Like I said, we are pinching the time allocation for question hour, we will now call Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker; few words only. I do not know Pu Rinchhana on personal level but by observing him from distance, one can make out he is a man who did what he had to do with sincerity.

Pu PB Rosanga was our MLA, he is loved by the people of his constituency. On the day of his demised, I received a phone call from my constituency and I have even laid *Puan* on behalf of the people of my constituency. I pray that God be with the departed families. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Lastly, I call upon hon. Member, Pu ZR Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, just few words. Though I enter politics lately, I knew Pu Rinchhana long before. I met him for the first time after peace accord at Lungmual. Then, when he was a Minister, I saw him standing in a queue to obtain OPD card; i approached him and asked what he was doing and he told me that he was in the queue for OPD card. Pu Speaker, that was his character in spite of being minister.

Pu PB Rosanga was a God-fearing person. He was born in Hnahlan of my constituency. When I passed my matriculation, he came to my house and said, "I will

give you a job for your family is very poor” which indicates his concern for the underprivileged. I pray that God be with the departed families.

SPEAKER : Alright, our two leaders demised during this session and it is therefore decided that obituary should be observed during this on-going session in order to show our respect. Now, let us all rise up and observe one-minute silence as a mark of respect to our departed leaders.

Now, we will move on to Question Hours. Let us call hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask starred Question No. 156.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services be pleased to state:

- a) To whom or which authority the plan for utilization of Hawla Indoor Stadium-cum-Basketball Court is assigned to?
- b) When will it be completed?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte to give the answer.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Answer to hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana’s question is –

- a) There is no specific arrangement made for utilization of Hawla Indoor Stadium-cum-Basketball Court. Yet, arrangement is made for utilization of Indoor stadium, halls and playgrounds under the department.
- b) The arrangement will be reviewed in the first Mizoram State Sports Council General body meeting.

SPEAKER : Let us call Er. H. Lalzirliana to ask Supplementary question.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are: -

- a) Will it be possible to make use of Hawla Indoor Stadium for hosting of other disciplines of sport tournament in Mizoram?
- b) What is the present status of Mamit multi-purpose Indoor Stadium?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga to ask Supplementary Question.

PU ZODINTLUANAG RALTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. On 20th March of the previous session, the answer I received for unstarred Question in regard to

cancellation of work order was, “there is no cancellation of work order”. But I was informed through RTI that there are 10 Nos. work order issued to 10 Nos. party workers being cancelled. So, Pu Speaker, it is much desirable if wrong information is not given in the House.

Pu speaker, my question is – May the government stop the contractor who has already started the work of compound fencing of State Sports Academy at Zobawk for the said contractor is not the authorized contractor as per the work order? Pu Speaker, it is clear that the work orders in question have not been cancelled and is now executed by an unauthorized contractor.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are aware of the recently incident of the dispute between Mizoram Basketball Association and Mizoram Volleyball Association. If utilization of the said stadium is under process, who does it take so long to complete and when will it be completed? And if there is a proposal to entrust the said to Sport Council Association? Also, if there is any proposal to upgrade fund provision to the State level Sports association?

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Minister to answer whatever he can.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. To answer the question of Er. H. Lalzirliana, there is a proposal to examine the case so that it is maintained by means of appropriate asset management. As for Mamit Indoor Stadium, there is a proposal for the construction.

As for Zobawk, the work is allotted to B.M. Infrastructure and bill will be issued to the same. In regard to issue of 10 Nos. work orders, they are of a small work and are now completed.

As for Hawla Indoor Stadium, a meeting of Mizoram State Sports Council was held during the tenure of hon. Sport Minister, Pu Zodintluanga. As of drafting of assets management, the work is assigned to Pu John Tanpuia, Joint Director Sports Deptt. It takes times since it involved not just one asset and it take careful manipulation due to financial involvement.

Regarding the dispute mentioned by the hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana, it was discussed at my residence in the presence of all concerned members. The meeting

came to a conclusion that Hawla Indoor Stadium may be closed for the time being. Pu Speaker, despite of being closed, the hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana being a member of MBBA member call me up and requested if it may be used for a selection trial, and I agreed.

Pu Speaker, there are more points which may be elaborated. Anyway, that is all I can say. Thank you.

SPEAKER : To ask starred Question No. 157, let us call hon. Member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Deptt. be pleased to State-

- a) If Housing for All scheme covers Tlabung as well?
- b) If so, when will the project be implemented?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call hon. Chief Minister.

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

- a) DPR for Housing for All scheme has been approved for Tlabung and ₹ 309 lakhs is received as first installment.
- b) Work will be executed once we received sanction order from finance department.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu C. Ngunlianchunga for Supplementary Question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, my question is – When will the 2nd installment be issued to those who have received 1st installment in Lawngtlai District?

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact time since it needs to be processed. However, we will try to give as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister is only taking charge in the absence of its concerned Minister; he must have not been prepared himself to answer all the questions.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Minister concern is not present, but 1st installment was released in 2017 – 2018. Therefore if 2nd installment could be release as early as possible.

SPEAKER : No need to answer , the answer is already clear. Let us now call Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask starred question 158.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker , thank you. Will the hon. Health & Family Welfare Department Minister be pleased to state-

- a) What is the reason for not constructing cancer institute building?
- b) When was radiation machine purchased, what is the cost and the cost of transportation?
- c) If the government is aware that there is lack of nurse , IV grade and security in cancer hospital? What step have the government taken?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call hon. Health Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: The answer to hon. member Pu C. Lalsawivunga is as follow-

- a. Construction work for Mizoram State Cancer Institute Zemabawk is in process. Linear Accelerator (LINAC) machine house is in progress.
- b. For radiation Equipment- linear acceleration (LINAC), Model Variant true Beam, there is a purchase order made by the previous ministry on 16.8.2016. The cost is ₹14.42 crore. There is no transportation charge.
- b) c)It is ongoing process of the government to fill-up Nurse and IV grade post and to hire security.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question, Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask, if there is any proposal to speed up the construction work. If Grade – IV , Nurse and security post could be filled up

SPEAKER : Question hour is over, however should we allow him to give the answers.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are grateful that doctor post have been filled up in Serchhip Hospital. However, it has been 3 week since the order was issued, the doctor have not joined the post. We are eager to see the face of our new doctor. When will it be possible?

SPEAKER : To answer the question , let us call hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will take swift action for the doctor to join the post.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. Now we move on to laying of papers. Let us now call hon.e Chief Minister to lay “The Government of Mizoram (Transaction of Business) 3rd Amendment rules, 2019” and “The Government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2019” on the table of this house.

PU ZORAMTHANGA , CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and the house I lay “The Government of Mizoram (Transaction of business) 3rd Amendment rules, 2019” and “The government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2019” on the table of the house.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now we will move on to financial business. Today we will discuss hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu Lalruatkima’s demand. Let us call Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his demands – Demand No. 23- Art & Culture Department, Demand No. 27 – District Council & Minority Affairs Department, Demand No. 33 – Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Demand No. 39 – Power & Electricity Department.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the the following Demand-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount in ₹
23	Art & Culture	12,57,55,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,01,06,87,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	19,58,14,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	5,67,39,13,000.00
	TOTAL	10,00,61,69,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu Lalruatkima to submit his demand, Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement, Demand No. 26 information & Public Relations Department and Demand No. 38 Rural Development Department in the house.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sir on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the following Demand –

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount in ₹
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	40,84,50,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	15,26,37,000.00
38	Rural Development	3,97,62,99,000.00
	TOTAL	4,53,73,86,000.00

SPEAKER : Now that hon. Minister have submitted their demand, we will start discussion. Each Member will be given 10 minutes, do we all agree? Alright, who will start the discussion? Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with demand No. 39 Power & Electrical Department. I am grateful that there is raised in the budget. It is pleasing to note that, we have an able and active power Minister. I have followed him in surveying the ongoing project works.

It is unfortunate that we are unable to be self – sufficient in Power after 30 years. We have to take steps in maintenance and towards self – sufficiency. Pu Speaker, we need to have spare transformer.

There is lack of staff in Power Department, it would be advisable if steps could be taken towards lack of staff in the department. I would be very grateful if J.E. could be posted in Saiphai to look after new machine that have been installed.

Pu Speaker, Power Department have land site in Vairengte, but they are occupying private building for office. Thus, I would suggest that they utilize the site that they possess to build office and quarter.

Pu Speaker, we all know Serlui B Hydel Project. It is the brain child of hon. Chief Minister. But the project have been neglected for the past 10 years. If not maintain, the project will only become as a huge lake. There I would like to highlight that it needs immediate attention.

Pu Speaker, Soil Department which was once an active department, is now like a defunct department. Therefore this department needs to be revived, as it is going to take up important plantation under SEDP. My constituency is triple excellent in

rubber. I would like to highlight that Soil Department office and quarters need renovation in Vairengte.

It is unfortunate that in spite of having BDO office and staff quarters there is no provision for renovation of office and quarters outside BADP area. Therefore, budget allocation should be made for Housing for Project Staff. Also, I request hon. Finance Minister to take note that there is no fund allocation under Social Education for renovation of assets. Also, to include G.I Sheet for distribution in rural area. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Prof. F. Lalnunmawia hon. member.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, Thank you. I am grateful that, today I am able to participate in the discussion of two of our hon. Ministers.

First of all I would like to speak about Pu R. Lalzirliana's demand, Art & Culture. Under SEDP, it is highlighted that Art & Culture is given utmost priority. The fund allocation may not be up to expectation, however, I believe that Finance Minister will make Adjustment according to requirement.

Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity. I would like to thank you for the raise in budget allocation for Power & Electricity Department. As per flagship Programme by 2030, we are to be self sufficient in power. I expect steps will be taken towards solar energy and wind energy, I expect ZERA will be strengthened to its full potential.

I would like to request the hon. Minister to please take note that in Chamring and Sialsuk there are rotten and fallen lamp post which needs repair.

Demand No. 26 Information and Public Relation. I would like to thank for the budget allocation of journalist welfare fund. I expect it will be beneficial for the association.

Demand No. 38 Rural Development Department, one department where rural area depend on. However, I feel that under NREGS, there are terrace making , which the people show less interest but is required by the guideline. Therefore, if there could be a way to relax the guideline it would prove beneficial for the people.

I am grateful to the hon. Minister for entrusting SPMRM works to local V/C . I would further suggest that in future the people of the village should be given the maximum work.

Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement Department. I expect there will be land reform as highlighted in SEDP. I expect the hon. Minister will make significant changes. That is all I can say Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana hon. member.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker thank you. First of all I will speak about Pu Lalruatkima's demand.

Demand no. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement. While celebrating Chapchar Kut, the hon. Chief Minister Mentioned that A.R. Ground will belong to us by May, however this have not happened. Pu Speaker, what bothers me is, there seems to be 50 cases of encroachment. Why don't we identify these encroachments and sort out there problems before A.R.G round is vacated. Other states have faced the same problem.

I would like to thank for the Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme in my constituency. Pu Speaker, I would also like to thank for G.I Sheet to be distributed in all the members' constituencies. I would request if the provision could be increased. Pu Speaker, infrastructure under Social education should also be given special attention.

Demand No. 23 Art & Culture. Today it was declared that we dress as traditional as possible. It is also the desire of ZPM party that Mizo culture should be highlighted in schools and offices.

I would like to request that under Art & Culture, Music & Fine Arts should be up-lifted again, or else the next generation will lose touch of cultural music.

Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity. I request hon. Power Minister that Bukpui, North Chaltlang, Nisapui, Lungmuat, Serkhan, Sentlang , needs repair and maintenance work. I request Priority be given.

If the hon. Minister answer in his wind-up if there is any proposal to change electricity department into corporation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement. We need land record for the whole State. Steps should be taken in this regard, as this wil give security and increase in tax revenue.

Demand No. 38 Rural Development . Pu Speaker we have too less R.D Block. I would suggest that it is time to increase R.D Block.

Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity. I am grateful that my constituency will be able to contribute in power supply. Tuichang Mini Hydel Project 100KW, is ready for commission and levee Mini Hydel Project 4 mega watt is nearly completed. 90% physical work is completed. If steps could be taken to press NORTECH Company to install the machine.

There is ongoing project solar plan of 20 mega watt in Vankal. Then we have Tuirial Mega watt 60. Selui 12MW. I requested hon. Minister to visit these projects and he has accepted and would visit as soon as possible.

Another thing I would like to bring up is that Agreement No. 2 of the department and Vankal community made on October 15th last year which stated that priority will be given to local people on recruitment of staff for Vankal solar park. So, I urge the agreement is followed the agreement when sub-station is established. It will also be much appreciated if power line via Kawlkulh and control room are improved. If possible, extension may also be considered to supplement power supply to this town. Apart from this, it will be much appreciative if 11 kV power line for Pawlrang - Lamzawl of 3 kms is given as an alternative supply.

SPEAKER : Dr. B.D. Chakma

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, Demand No. 38 of Rural Development Department. I appreciate the work and achievement of the hon. Minister for RD. At the same time, I would like to point out that my constituency is of the largest which constitutes 83 villages. So, i request the hon. Chief Minister to allot more of Rural Housing Scheme for this area.

Pu Speaker, I cannot make assumption till today the procedure for selection of PMAY loan. It is supposed to be made by a committee with the concerned MLA as one of its members but is not followed in my constituency. Pu Speaker, in 2011, approached has been made to the central for direct allotment of BADP funds to each RD block. I believe the hon. Minister in charge will see to it as well. While this is the case, it is clear from several inquiries being taken that there are irregularities in the implementation of BADP for lack of manpower. As I have mentioned in the previous session as well, we are in need of more RD Blocks to move forward.

Pu Speaker, on behalf of all the members concern, i request that a weekly Bulletin from I&PR be provided to each member to help us in the preparation for Questions & Answers of the session.

On Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Demand No. 6, allegedly free land will be available out of the soon to be vacated Assam Rifles settlement which may also be allotted to privates. So, I suggest allotment of some portions to members from rural areas who haven't acquired land site within Aizawl as per the existing rate of the Govt.

Regarding P&E, within Thega area of my constituency which is located in the Indo-Bangladesh border, only four villages out of 25 were electrified. So, I request electrification of the remaining. It will also be appreciative if more transformer is installed at Chawngte 'C' to resolve load shedding problem.

On Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs Department, all the 44 departments have now enjoyed the 7th Pay except three Autonomous District Councils. I really hope the hon. Minister of DCA will look into this matter seriously. At the same time, there are several irregularities on CADDC as well that should be thoroughly checked.

On Art & Culture Department, one thing I would like to mention is regarding social festival. Other states receive funds from the central government for the celebration of their social festivals and so is wise for our government as well to approach the central for the same issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, Demand No. 23, Art & Culture.

As we move forward with advancement in technology, it seems that our culture prefers freedom more than anything else and in the process our doctrines that we used to uphold are diminishing. Therefore, we need to reinvent ourselves and teach the youngsters our traditional value, our natural habitats and our mother tongue. It should be our priority to preserve our tradition and culture. Several trails of our ancestors are found in the area of Lunglei North which may be preserved. At the same time, we need to give more attentions on preservation of our cultural heritage such as the headstone of Chawngbawla and earlier settlement of our Zosap missionaries etc.

Regarding Land & Revenue, one suggestion I would like to make is proper

land reform system. There are several lands without proper care. Well-to-do people owns excessive areas of land while the poor are left empty-handed widening our economical gap while the land itself suffers. I request the concerned Minister to keep this issue in mind.

As I have mentioned several times before, Pukpui, the earlier settlement of the brigade during 1986 remain without re-settlement being made till date. Since there are no proper records to be found, some wealthy people possessed LSC for some portions while the actual victims of insurgency remain with their lands unsettled. I urge the matter should be attended as soon as possible.

Next is, Demand No. 38, Rural Development. As we are all aware, we currently have 26 RD Blocks only while there are 74 in Nagaland, 76 in Meghalaya, 33 in Manipur 33 and 58 in Tripura. So, it is wise for the government to make an approach on having more RD Blocks and any development works are sanctioned in block-wise.

Lastly, on P&E, Demand No. 39, Serlui Hydel Project is an important project for the state as it generates 8 mega Watts on regular basis. I believe it will soon be commissioned and at the same time, I request strengthening the staffs and staff quarters therein.

Regarding Khawiva mini-Hydel Project of Lunglei District, it is of 4 megawatts but could not generate the expected amount allegedly due to excessive amount of silt deposit. So, i request the department to look in to the problem.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. Like Tripura and Assam. the soil of Mizoram is very suitable for rubber plantation. The fact that it is called the golden tree for the poor proves the actual value of rubber. The problem lies in the fact that we could not follow the ideal procedure of rubber plantation. Despite the suggestion of Rubber Board of India on sapling at 15 ft gaps, it could not be followed by many for it requires excessive labour. Apart from this, the concerned farmers face problem with the saplings they received under NLUP for it was distributed on wrong season. Besides, the saplings should at least be 3 ft tall for replanting.

Secondly, there is a good prospect on the production and marketing of areca nut as so the plant is adaptive to our soils. Thus, it is suggestive for the department to

make an approach in this regard and give awareness to the farmers as to how and when the plantation is maintained.

On Land Revenue & Settlement Department, as stated earlier, there are many problems with LSC due to conflict of periodic and VC pass etc. The government should identify any of such problems and issue a valid pass to give rise to taxable land for mutual benefit of the people and the government.

Lastly, Serlui Hydel Project, we are all aware of the importance and its maintenance thus should be prioritized. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu VL Zaithanzama is next.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, Thank you. Let me start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement. As stated earlier, the workload in the department is excessively high. In order to alleviate the problem and improve the quality of work at the same time, tax collection should be outsourced to NGOs the like YMA for mutual benefit of both parties.

Allegedly there is a plan to modify the recruitment rules of promotion which is proposed to be based on seniority. I am afraid this will entail incompetency among the staffs.

Pu Speaker, District Revenue Office at New Capital Complex which deals with land purchase application remain without chowkidar since the establishment and thus may be appointed one as soon as possible.

Regarding the AMC, I completely agree with Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and the areas need a thorough check from the concerned department.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, 132 kV line of Tuirial-Bawktlang sub-station is a single line and cannot withstand overload and thus needs strengthening to put into function smoothly. Apart from this, there are several problems due to unauthorised electric consumption and shortage of distribution box. So, it is high time that we look in to these matters.

I have learned from reliable source that Serlui 'B' alone produces 8 megawatts and so is imperative that we take utmost attention in the improvement. I am glad that the project for 12 megawatts is initiated under the guidance of hon. Minister Pu Lalzirliana and it will be much appreciated if the project is completed under any circumstances.

As of Bawktlang – Tuirial line, it is of Tuirial project in which I have not given much interest for our share is only 12%. But in the stead, I urge the hon. Minister to consider resumption of Serlui A & B project which had been initiated by Brig. T. Sailo. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will take a short break and we will continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

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

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, Demand No. 23, Art & Culture Department. I am delighted to see all the members dressed up in our traditional attires. And, before getting to the point, I request you to elaborate the traditional dresses you are wearing today which I have found unique and uncommon.

SPEAKER : Thank you. It is the attire previously owned by Sailo Chieftain, Pu Vuttaia. It is as old as 140 years.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I convey my gratitude for all the achievements made under this department and at the same time, it is important to specify which dresses are acceptable for Wednesday which is observed as a day to wear our traditional attires. Better yet is to have our own cultural study centre. There are several affiliated NGOs under Art & Culture such as Mizo Academy of Letters and Mizo Cultural Organization etc. and is wise for the government to make a separate funding to those affiliated in order to promote our culture.

Secondly, focusing on power supply to Champhai district, upgrading the existing power line of 132 kV is the immediate need to fully cover the entire town. With that, the volume of our production from Champhai area will undoubtedly be improved in the long run.

Next is regarding online bill payment system. It is much desirable for my district to make use of the online bill payment system. So, I am asking if there is anything that can be done to make it happen.

Thirdly, I am concern with the need of higher capacity streetlight in the area of AMC. So, I request the concerned department to make necessary adjustments so that the said is improved. Likewise, Kulikawn locality needs better power supply as the

area contains Police station as well as Fire station. At the same time, I appeal to the department and the public concern to be more careful with electric wiring of each building to avoid accidents. In this connection, I ask the hon. Minister the amount and what kind of compensation granted on electrical accident.

If I am not mistaken, we hardly produce 20 megawatts despite our minimum requirement is 120 megawatts and we acquire the rest from Manipur, Tripura and NEEPCO. Thus, it is imperative that we concentrate on Serlui hydel project in order to increase our production.

I am truly grateful to the RD Minister for all the works he had rendered and at the same time, I would like to ask the progress so far with funds for Rural Housing Scheme as we have already made selection for that. I support the idea of increase of number of RD Block to bring about equal benefit to all areas since any financial assistance of rural concern is distributed in block-wise. Considering numbers of RD block in the neighbouring states, I opine we truly deserve more for the area like Hnahlan of my constituency.

Lastly, regarding BADP, I ask if the fund provision could be made sooner. I also ask to provide a chowkidar at Champhai Revenue Office. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First on Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, I express my gratitude towards the results we have achieved out of the efforts made by the hon. Chief Minister and also for the suggestion made by hon. Dy. Chief Whip, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources & Soil & Water Conservation Department, it seems many of us underestimate the importance of this department as most of their works are overshadowed by other major departments. But it is clear that with proper management and a sufficient amount of budget fund, there are several areas which can be developed as a stepping stone towards the development of our state, e.g. Areca nut and rubber plantation etc.

On Demand No. 39, P&E, several years has passed since we achieve statehood but still, we cannot stand on our own and have to depend on others. Project such as Kaladan Hydel Project, if successful, is expected to produce more than 400 megawatts but it cannot be completed even after inspection of the Central Water Commission. Therefore, I am asking the existing status and the exact factor hindering the process.

Another issue is regarding transformer. There have been many reports on transformer malfunctioning particularly of rural areas. I think it is wise to place a substitute transformer in every district. At the same time, we have also been facing problem due to power line malfunctioning and shortage of staff which may be solved by recruitment of more MR workers. for various places. Besides, electric consumers in rural areas have often faced problem with inaccurate consumption bill. So, it is necessary for the department to be more careful in processing the bill.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, distribution of roofing materials should be continued as many are still living under thatched roofing.

Pu Speaker, the problem faced by the Govt servants posted in rural areas is lack of accommodation. Thus, it is important that we construct more staff quarters in various places.

As indicates by its name, Rural Development department concern with development of rural people under which BADP covers only the area of 1 km – 10 kms from the border. While this is the case, there are many people outside the coverage but needs the same assistance as of those in BADP coverage. May such people be given any kind of assistance to alleviate their economic conditions? At the same time, I think it is necessary for the government to put more efforts on social education in respect to those areas. Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me extra time.

SPEAKER : Hon. Pu Vanlalhlana is next.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, on Art & Culture Department. the department is greatly responsible on upholding and preserving our tradition and culture. Likewise, our museums and library alone prove its importance in preserving our culture. In this regard, I would like to suggest the department to make an approach on organising international Mizos convention so as to promote our culture and for the unification of the Mizos around the world.

Secondly, regarding Land & Water Conservation, it is the duty of the govt to determine wider aspects of the department in addition to coffee and rubber plantations as the name indicates.

Thirdly, on P&E Department, it is very disappointing that the govt seems to have no interest on the development of power and electricity. With the increase of its budget allocation by 34.87%, there are many steps to be taken but none is seen till date. So, I urge the allotted funds provision be used for generating more powers. As I

requested by a fellow member, I support the need to upgrade street lighting of AMC area for the convenience of the people.

On Rural Development, I convey my thanks to hon. Minister for letting the members to select 15 families of our respective constituency to receive roofing materials. Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement, I think it is necessary for the government to determine increase of our revenue by means of issuing LSC pass in rural areas as well. One of the main problems of this department is existence of multiple overlapping LSCs which need to be settled. Pu Speaker, I am glad that we have a strong Minister who is able to resolve such problems as necessary. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu C. Lalsawivunga is next.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. I think it is imperative to have a proper land record and in order to have it, it requires more surveyors. It is also important for us to have Surveyor Training Institute as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, it is important that the government sees the performance of any staff under DRDA and MNREGA is in order. And, proper recruitment and service rules should be made so that they can enjoys proper pay structure.

Regarding Information Department, I think it is important to equip the department with compatible materials of publication for it concern with publicizing important information relating to the government.

Going back on RD department, I would like to reiterate that the need of reconstruction and renovating staff quarter is intensive and so may be noted by the hon. Minister.

On Demand No 39, P&E, some transformers which are in used are so old that even the staff could not tell when they were purchased and it takes an arduous task to have them repaired in workshop. So, the need for a new transformer is intensive.

Well aware of the need for power supply in our state, the late leader, Brig. Thenphunga Sailo had even made all efforts to achieve Serlui-A and was done during his tenure. I think we should cooperate with the idea and give our utmost to achieve self-reliant with power supply. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity. As we have listened, there have been many initiatives being made for self-sufficiency in power supply in our state yet, our condition hardly improved. The main source we now depend on is Serlui-B hydel project which is of the previous MNF ministry but it hardly serves the requirement. All such fruitless initiatives indicate that self-sufficiency in power supply is not an easy thing to achieve. Likewise, it is difficult for concerned Minister as well to deal with all the cases successfully.

Though it has already been discussed during Question & Answers, I have the urge to reiterate regarding a substitute line to 132 kV in my constituency as it often caused blackout in the entire southern region. I would also like to emphasize the need to upgrade most of the materials use therein so as to avoid technical failure and accidents. At the same time, shortage of workers and staff quarters is another issue which hampers the progress of works.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, I agree with the idea of observing a day of office working days in a week as traditional attires day so as to promote our culture and tradition. Also, cultural festival may be organized occasionally.

Regarding Demand No. 33, it seems the need for roofing material is the same in rural and urban poor communities and government assistance thus should be considered to all the needy.

Lastly on Information & Public Relation, the role of media is crucial in relating the govt and its people thus should not be neglected. It may be noted that media can alter the opinion of the people and at the same time bring a good public relationship. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First, I suggest upgrading our office warning bell which is much too old fashioned for this advanced world; it might seem trivial but is the need of the hour. (*DEPUTY SPEAKER : It will be noted.*)

On Demand No. 33, coffee plantation of Hriphaw village which has been started a decade back and the main producer now face an issue relating to the existing variety i.e. arabica which is infected by some diseases. It is thus important to provide them with another variety called 'robusta'. Another issue is Coffee Board owing huge sum of money to our producers for purchase of coffee. I therefore urge the government to examine the case of such payments which affected the profit of our producers.

Regarding Art & Culture, there is an old but much valued dictionary called 'Dictionary of The Lushai Language' which we generally refer to as 'Dictionary of Pu Buanga'. It is a good material for learning Mizo language but the copy is hard to find nowadays. So, I suggest multiplying the copy so that it is available any time.

On Demand No. 39 Power & Electricity, I would like to raise immediate attention of the concerned department on the need to check electric pole in between Museum and Chief Minister's Bungalow that allegedly have several cracks.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, I would also like to raise attention of the concerned authority on the problem faced by rural people in managing their account through online payment mode. At the same time, I suggest the idea of having more RD Blocks for the convenience of the entire rural communities.

As stated, BADP covers 10 kms long from international border; is it possible to extend the covering area? On Demand No. 6, I opine we should deal with LSC pass as per the rules so that we increase our revenue collection. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No, 27, as per agreement of MNF and the Govt. of India, minorities will be not be denied their entitlement but many issues arise nowadays which is deeply regretted.

On Demand No. 39, several members alleged the Ministry as failing its responsibility in power generation. It may be noted that the project during the congress ministry generates only 1 mg. So, we better should stick to the importance and improvement and stop poking others.

Pu Dy. Speaker, 32 villages within my constituency do not receive power supply during rainy season. So, if a commission can be obtained from Marpara, it should be enough. Likewise, Zopui village remain without power supply; and even if it is impossible at the moment, we at least need solar light.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Conservation, though we seem to be quite familiar with the process of rubber plantation, to be a success is harder than it seems. It is believed that something can go wrong without proper guidance from experts.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we need more RD block in my constituency as there are nearly 50 villages under RD block of W. Phaileng which is found to be excessive.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement. As mention earlier by Pu Vanlalhlana, it is the department which is responsible for disputes of LSC pass. Being the department in charge, dealing of any files etc. should be clearly examined by the concerned officials.

Lastly, regarding Information & Public Relations, media plays a crucial role towards the integration of the country. If the public often hears impulsive comments on some incidents, our nation will be doomed. So, we should not publicize anything which is not reliable and inappropriate. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No. 38, RD Department, budget increase rate is only 9.98%. As per Village Profile Indicator of 2017-2018, 673 villages out of 725 are linked with motor road which is 92.83%; out of agriculture link road of 6115 kms, 3516 kms are linked; out of 725 villages, only 659 were electrified and 515 villages received water supply and 277 villages have dumping ground. This indicates there are so many things left to be done.

Next on, P&E department, there have been many projects yet to be done such as Tlawva, Kawlbem, Tuichang and Tuiriza which all are set to be completed by 2017. I hope the concerned Minister would prioritize completion of these projects on time.

Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, cases like overlapping LSC, slow processing of files and land revenue have been problems since a long time. I urge the concerned Minister to look into these issues.

Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, with the prospect of broom and rubber plantations, we are able to alleviate the economic condition of the underprivileged and more efforts thus should be given. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Power & Electricity, there are several ongoing projects such as construction of Mamit tank of 33 KV, New Sub Station of Zawlnuam and 132 KV single circuit line etc. The question is how long the process will take and when it will be completed.

In a State like Tamil Nadu, water & electricity supply are the legal rights as the Madras High Court has decided that failing to do is treated as violation of Human Rights. Likewise, the Govt. of Himachal High Court also regarded the same as the Right to Live following Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The amount of power consumption needed for Mizoram is about 100 mega watt and considering our consumption from the power grid and the amount of our power generation, it is important that we have a good power grid, our powerlines also needs to be replaced and if we can hoard the supplies, we will be able to run an industry on a larger and better scale.

Under Land Revenue & Settlement, the area of Mizoram as per the official record is 21,000 sq kms approximately but the existing LSCs coverage exceeds the area in the official records. So, it is important to look into this matter. Revenue office at Mamit are in need of renovation and I request our hon. Minister give attention in this regard. I also request RD Block be established at the District capital Mamit. The Central Govt. took initiatives on Global Land Information System (GLIS) for mapping of our land area and I suggest each department as well as private land owners to clearly specify their respective land in order to avoid double/duplicate LSCs. At the same time, Pu Speaker, BADP covers an area of 0-10 kms from the border and I suggest we should utilize the funds only for the purpose of development of border areas. If possible, Pu Speaker, opportunity may be made for us to highlight our cultural heritage. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member from West Tuipui, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you Pu Speaker. I will start with Art & Culture Department.

In the previous Ministry, *Karnaphuli Festival* was organized in my constituency for the purpose of National integration; I hope the same is again organize in places like Silsuri, Tlabung and Chawngte.

Under Demand No. 30, I request the concerned Minister to give us special attention since we are residing near the river and prone area of soil erosion. On Demand No. 30, we never have sufficient supply of power as our transformer needs repairing most of the time. So, I request our hon. Minister to construct hydel project at Balisora since the area is quite compatible for hydel project.

On Demand No. 38, I express my gratitude for providing Rural housing materials and GCI sheets and for proposal for setting up RD Block at Tlabung. Under Land Revenue & Settlement, we need a surveyor at Tlabung and I request hon. Minister to post one in my constituency. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Pachhunga, hon. Member from Lunglei South constituency.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I thank the concerned Minister of RD Department for placing Khawmawi village under Lunglei RD Block and I am glad that rural housing scheme will be given to the people irrespective of their party's background. Under School Education, the budget may not be sufficient since there are many schools in rural areas which needs renovation and repairing. I think it will be wise to make amendments in the NREGS Rules according to the Mizo society since many rely on their livelihood in this scheme.

Under Soil & Water Conservation Department, I request the hon. Minister for filling of many vacant posts in the department; and, I suggest giving importance to soil testing in order to have a good harvest. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to note the need to repair Soil Office building at Thaizawl.

On Art & Culture Department, I suggest that we should take more steps to promote our cultural heritage by making a documentary film of our culture and showcase it worldwide. I & PR, as known to us all is an important source of information relating to the administration and schemes which may be implemented by the State Govt.

Under Power & Electricity Department, it is important that we give awareness to the public for meaningful consumption of power supply and, at the same time, I thank the department for their valuable service and hard work. I request that more importance should be given regarding the service of MR and contact basis employees. For widening of NH of Zemabawk-Tuipang, it is learned that ₹7,000 crore has already been sanctioned. Since this road encompasses the north and south of Mizoram, it is important for the concerned authority to expedite compensation case which presently delay the process of work.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I suggest implementing land ceiling so that the less privileged also have land of their own. Thank you.

(Pu Ramthanmawia, Chairman's at the Chair.)

CHAIRMAN : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. Under Demand No.23, Art & Culture Department, the budget had increased and it is important that initiatives are taken to improve our archives since it is our main source of information for scholars in our history and culture. During the year 2017 – 2018 an amount of ₹15 lakhs was allocated and last year an amount of ₹28.86 lakhs was allocated and this year only an amount of ₹10 lakhs was allocated for this purpose and I believe it will be wise to increase this and we have to give importance to publication of books and to promote different streams of arts like drama, dance art, fine arts etc.

Under Demand No. 27, the budget increased by 9.74 % and I think it will be wise to consider the utilization of these funds and to give more attention in developing the minority and district council areas. On Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, the budget increased by 19.21 % but if we give more attention for the utilization, only 1 % remains after cutting the salaries and miscellaneous purpose. So, it will be wise to give more attention in regarding the different allocation of funds.

On Demand No.39, Power & Electricity, the allocation of funds has been increased but the supply from hydel project is still quite small. Power supply in the North East is progressing at a fast pace which is very gratifying and I hope power plant established at Tlungvel may be utilized very soon. At the same time, it will be wise to utilize solar energy in order to economize our power bill and I have even heard that the amount of power we bought sometimes exceeds our requirement. so, I request our hon. Minister to take note of this so we may be able to economize our power usage.

On Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, the budget is increased by 30.25%. And, as mentioned earlier by the hon. Member on compensation relating to Tuikual Hydel Project, if anyone interested, I have here the answer of NEEPCO on question through RTI. On Environment and Forest Department, land has been given to NIT at Lengpui which incidentally falls under the Tlawng riverine reserve forest. Thus, it is necessary to obtain clearance first. This issue further indicates the importance of Land Ceiling Act and I thus propose immediate establishment of Mizoram State Revenue Tribunal as notice has already been obtained.

Under I & PR Department, the budget increased by 9.60%. I opine more importance should be given to journalism. And, regarding press study tour which has been organized occasionally, I suggest tour report which may be submitted to the department and be accessible in the official website. Regarding the budget allocation, provision under the *Salary Head* increases where as *Other Charges* has decreased and I think development may be stranded in many areas.

On Rural Development, the budget allocation increased by 9.98%. We have high expectation in the department as it concerns rural development. Pu Dy. Speaker, I would also like to request the concerned authority to examine the minimizing workload of the State Level Monitoring Cell & Internal Audit Cell allegedly due to transfer of larger portion of work to the Secretariat. Likewise, more attentions may be given to Research & Training, PMAY Gramin and HFA. Priority may also be given to PMKSY which is a watershed component for improvement of farm activity and protection of soil erosion especially in rural areas.

Regarding employees under DRDA, there are some who had been regularized at the same grade during 2004-2009. Allegedly there is a proposal of demoting such employees to a lower rank as per PSU. Pu Dy. Speaker, I think this contradict High Court ruling dated November, 2017 for regularization of any employee within 3 months period. Thus, I urge the hon. Minister to reexamine the case. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Hon. Member, Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I will start with Rural Development.

There are many backward people in border areas who have been lagged behind in development. Thus, I urge the authority to give prior information to concerned MLAs, V/C and NGOs of any proposal which may be made for a particular area so that plan is made as per the demand of the area. It may as well be suggestive allotment of any contract work under BADP to applicant from the concerned area if any for the best outcome.

Pu Deputy Speaker, MGNREGA funds are usually in the hands of the Project Director and I believe it is wise the concerned MLAs are consulted regarding the utilization of such funds in their respective constituency.

IWMP is a project to alleviate underprivileged and I believe it is best the concerned MLAs are informed of the sanction and work progress etc. It is also

advisable that NGO is appointed as the monitoring agent. I also urge allotment of vehicle to the District Officer of Information Department to improve their work efficiency.

On Power & Electricity Department, I request the hon. Minister to expedite the work of Tuipang Lui Small Hydel Project and to inform the proposed capacity of this project. Also, it may be noted that we can't wait for completion of the 33mW substation project. There are 25 MR employees under Lawngtlai division and some have been working for 28 years. So, I urge regularization of such employees.

Pu Speaker, Tuirual Hydel Project was initiated under the previous Congress ministry and I have high expectation on the project as the very same Minister at that time is our Power Minister today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, of Aizawl North-III constituency.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity.

Staffs of the department work very hard despite lack of enough manpower, poor equipment and the need to repair transformers on regular basis. I hope we could expedite the process of self-sufficiency in power supply. We should also determine power generation by means of natural gas. We are looking forward for the time we achieve underground channeling of our electric wiring system.

Under Art & Culture Department, I express my gratitude towards the tremendous efforts made on preserving our traditional and cultural heritage.

On Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, I believe we have a potential for plantations of rubber, betel nut, coffee etc. Like the Central, I believe we could maintain a development boards for different plantations in our state.

Under Demand No. 38, Rural Development, the budget is increased by 9.98% and I think it is very important that we give priority to the development of rural areas. We should also give more attentions to the implementation of NREGS in various places since proper work duration is not maintained in many areas. In order to achieve success in whatever we do, it is crucial that we persistently maintain the work. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ngunlianchunga, hon. Member from Lawngtlai West constituency.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Frst on Demand No. 27 District Council & Minority Affairs. Allegedly an inquiry commission involves in the affair of Mara Autonomous District Council. In this regard, I must say that the we often have a problem of external intervention every time MNF party is ruling the state government. So, in order to prevent further intervention, the ruling Congress party joined BJP to secure the council. In this connection, I would like emphasize the need of the state government to put its confidence on whichever party is ruling the District Council so as to maintain peace. Besides, it is for the best for the District Council that their funds and administration are fully placed in their hands.

On the Demand of Soil Department, I urge renovation of its office building in Lawngtlai and so in other places.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, I think it is necessary to revamp the machineries and equipment we have. On Revenue Department insufficiency of staff is intensive and so is difficult to maintain progress; and at the same time, the department can hardly fulfill its duty as required by the public. In regard to the existence of double LSC also, I must say it is mainly due to insufficiency of staff.

I express my gratitude to concerned Minister of RD Department for provision of roofing materials which should be continued in the long run. I also thank the hon. Education Minister for providing the schools with green board and water filters etc.

Regarding the selection of PMAY, I request our hon. Minister to give prior notification so that the beneficiaries are selected as per the guidelines. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short recess and resume our session at 5:30 PM

5:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue with our discussion and I now call upon Pu Ramthanmawia, hon. Member from East Tuipui.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, to start off with the Demands Art & Culture Department, we have numbers of heritage sites in the eastern side yet, no accommodation for travelers. Besides, it is wise for the department to

construct a view tower at some places. We also need improvement of power supply and back topping of the roads approaching such heritage sites.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, more efforts may be made under this ministry for self-sufficiency in power supply. Tlawva Hydel project of my constituency which has been started since 2012 is expected for completion by the month of September; I believe the main reason for the stagnation is due transfer of work to a private company. So, I request the hon. Minister not to hand over the civil engineering works of Kiva Small Hydel Project to a private company.

Under Rural Development, many developments are seen under BADP such as construction of community halls and fields etc. I hope the budget allocation is increased so to achieve more progresses in the development of rural areas. I am happy that this government is going to utilize BADP funds for best to develop rural areas.

Under the Demand of Art & Culture Department, is there a way, Pu Dy. Speaker to upgrade the District Library at Champhai, Aizawl and Kolasib to a full-fledged library? I hope this department could be more progressive in preserving and promoting our traditional and cultural heritage. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Art & Culture Department.

I opine the most important way of showcasing our culture is our dresses. So, I suggest we promote our traditional dresses and our local made furniture in order to promote our culture and traditions; I also suggest enhancing our cultural dances with more steps to make it livelier.

Moving on to RD Department, in the selection of model village, I suggest allocating the funds to concerned village councils so that it is utilized for the best or worth-remembering for the village concern. Likewise, maintenance of village hut should be entrusted to the one who is able to take proper care.

RD is a department which concern with management of rural areas development funds and the State Level Monitoring Cell (SLMC) examine utilization of such fund which may be submitted to the government. So, it will prevent corruption if the findings of SLMC are taken into account.

Rural electrification has not been implemented till date despite MoU being signed. I have been to different parts of Mizoram inspecting the implementation of RGGVY and I have found none which has been completed ideally but involvement of corruption in the process of work. We have fund sanction for 8 hydel projects but none is completed otherwise we would have received 2411 mW from these projects. I therefore urge cancellation of these MoU's and that we may start from the beginning. This kind of malpractice would not have happened if power generation is prioritized in the former Ministries.

As per the survey of the National Institute of Solar Energy, our state has a potential to generate 9.09 gigha Watts. We can have a sufficient power supply if we make initiative in this regard. In this connection, I urge the hon. Minister to resume 10 mW solar power project at Thenzawl which remain uncompleted.

Pu Speaker, I have not received any response to my question relating to the areas of rubber plantation. So, I urge the concerned to be more sincere in their work for there are many approach roads which needs to be constructed.

At the same time, Pu Speaker, I opine the implementation of the 6th Schedule District Council in Mizoram and its consequences should be reviewed more carefully. Likewise, it is crucial for the government to take prompt action regarding illegal villages within the Autonomous District Council areas. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Minister to wind up his Demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I thank the Almighty God and the people for giving me the opportunity to seat in this august House for three consecutive terms. Pu Speaker, i should have joined the nationalist party earlier.

It is heartening to see my fellow members wearing our traditional attire as we discuss the Demands of Art & Culture Department. It indicates our deep connection to our root; and, i thank all the members for their participation and thought-provoking ideas and speech.

SPEAKER : You said that we should have joined the nationalist party earlier, is it not? If so, you may take your time to reflect on the points raised by the members reaction to your demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will try to react on each of the points mentioned by my hon. members.

Most of the members have pointed regarding staff quarters which need repairing or reconstruction. As of Serlui 'B', we are now working on it. Regarding shortage of power supply, I have written a DO Letter to the hon. House Leader emphasizing our need for a substitute transformer and was approved. Old transformers will be replaced after new transformers are procured. Plans have also been made to renovate sub-station of Khawzawl and Kawlkuh and concept paper has already been submitted. If approved, we will be able to extend power station in 4/5 areas. Tuichang Micro Hydel Project is estimated to be able to generate 100 kW and machines had also been placed in the area, civil construction had also been completed at Kawlbem and electronic mechanical works will be taken up by MS Mortex. There is a proposal for conversion of the electric department to corporation and the case will be examined by the Administrative Search College of India, Hyderabad. We hope to receive the reports soon and notification will be published later.

Questions was raised as to why Serlui 'B' is not commissioned and I want to point out that we are now utilizing this project without commissioning necessarily and the issue of compensatory afforestation the main reason for the delay.

As to the question raised earlier, power produced by our State is 40.80 million units out of which 662.76 million units is purchased for our State. The amount of funds utilized for power generation is ₹387.33 crores.

The department is taking initiatives to facilitate the whole state of Mizoram to pay bills online and we hope to complete the process within 2019.

In order to provide a more regular power supply to Saitual and Champhai, steps are taken to acquire 132 kV from Bukpui sub-station. As to the bereaved family of employee who had lost their lives while on duty, the issues had been discussed and settled with the family members and we are deeply regretted for the loss of the precious staffs.

Regarding changing of electric line, we are very much eager to take steps in this regard if sanctions is available. As of electric post at Zarkawt, necessary step will be taken.

As to the point mentioned by Pu Lalchhuanthanga, UD & PA is the concerned department and it will then be informed to electric department; only after that, step will be taken for connection in rural areas under the charge of LAD.

On the issue raised by a fellow member from the western belt, North Eastern Region System Power Improvement Project (NERPSIP) are taking initiative in the areas like West Phaileng, Marpara, Lungsen, Changte and S. Bungtlang.

Fund allocation to P&E Deptt. this year i.e. ₹56,739.13 lakh indicates priority of this ministry to power supply as it is increased by ₹14,670 lakhs comparing to last year.

Under OE, ₹80 lakhs is allocated; yet, considering the significance of the department, I believe it should be increased.

Under grant-in-aid, ₹324 lakh is allocated and with need to strengthen ZEDA, we are also taking steps in publicity in various parts of our State.

We only pay for the connection fee and not for the actual power supply.

It would be more practical if the Members are provided with more funds for payment of electric bill so that it is paid as soon as such fund is received so as to evade charge on late payment and get 2% rebate. We have various ongoing projects such as construction of solar park, Vankal of 20 megawatts, 2 megawatts of Tlungvel, extension of Zuangtui 132 kV sub-station, improvement of 132 kV line of Bukpui – Khawzawl, 5 megawatts hydel project of Khawiva, 4 megawatts of Kawlbem and 24 megawatts hydel project of Tuirial.

The amount spent for purchasing of power supply during 2018-2019 is ₹288.18 crores. It is then purchased by other states after peak hours and the amount generated from this is ₹266.02 crores.

Under Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, fund allocation under Grant-in-Aid for the 3 District Councils is ₹4,01,06,87,000 which is ₹3,623 less than last year. However, this is due to the fact that RE has not yet been processed which further affects the total amount allotted to Grant-in-Aid. LADC was allotted ₹14,971.31 for Grant-in-Aid and ₹1,012.34 for non-salary where 93.08% will be used for salary with only 6.92% remaining for development. Likewise, MADC was allotted ₹13,571.92 for Grant-in-Aid and ₹996.63 for non-salary where 93.16% will go to salary and only 6.84% remains for development. CADC received the same of ₹8815.6 and ₹639.05 for non-salary where 93.24% will be used for salary. The sum remains for development works is only 6.76%. It may as well be noted that more fund allocations will be required by the three Autonomous District Councils since the 7th pay will also be implemented.

Moving on to Art & Culture Department (Demand No. 23), although the budget increased compared to last year, there are several wings under this department which are financed by Art & Culture department. The MNF movement is a significant event in the history of Mizoram and as such places where these movements took place such as Tuirial Jail, Tualbung etc. should be preserved, developed and converted to tourist spots.

Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department (Demand No. 33) is responsible for the conservation of land and soil erosion and play an important role. Plantation of betel nut tree and rubber tree is an effective approach to conservation of land resources and soil erosion while generating revenue for the people.

Currently there are 1558 and 1200 registered families under NLUP and NABARD respectively who have taken up rubber plantation as a livelihood. Also, roads leading to rubber plantation will be developed and converted to an all weather road.

Lastly Pu Speaker, i would like to beg this House to consider and pass my demands which are:

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
23	Art & Culture	12,57,55,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,01,06,87,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	19,58,14,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	5,67,39,13,000.00
	TOTAL	10,00,61,69,000.00

Thank you.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, i would like to clarify that out of the funds given through Grant-in-Aid, the amount set aside for development work is low from the onset. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana had begged the House to pass his Demand Nos. 23, 27, 33 and 39 amounting to ₹10,00,61,69,000.00. All the members in favor may say, 'Yes' and those members not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, R. Lalzirliana.

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

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Minister, Pu

Lalruatkima to windup and beg the House to pass his demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Land Revenue & Settlement which is one of the oldest departments. I am grateful that our budget has increased significantly. Our major issue is shortage of staff as we require more manpower to perform effectively. There are 146 vacant posts with 51 of surveyors.

Our target for this financial year is 1,000 lakhs and we hope to achieve it if we can utilize E-Rom software system. Our target from Stamp and Registration fees is 500 lakhs and we hope to achieve that by means of National Generic Document Registration System.

Regarding the encroachment of the Assam Rifles land, it was decided by the Council of Ministers to cancel the 56 Nos. LSC's within the premise. I regret to state that the request made by our respected Members, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana and Pu BD Chakma cannot be realized.

Plan for construction of Survey and Training Institute building at Hualngohmun is in progress. As of land reform amendment, it will be laid in the House in the coming days.

Previously Non-Judicial Stamp paper is made available from stamp vendors, however under the Registration Act, it will now be issued only through licensed holders.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that we are currently revising land records using Electronic Total Station (ETS), Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geographic Information System (GIS).

Moving on to Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relations Department, the department is a spokesperson for the government and serve as a link between the government and the public. There is shortage of staff in the department with 85 vacant posts and so is remarkable that effective works can be done with such a low number of staffs.

The department also concern with distribution of any advertisement which may be submitted by various departments. It supports and work with journalists and had even established Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society. Apart from this, the department concern for promotion of our film industry and occasionally provided training and workshops. It may as well be noted that 'Lianchhiari Run' will soon be inaugurated.

Pu Speaker, I sincerely apologize for misplacing the picture of respected Member, Pu K.T. Rokhaw with another picture and i admit it is my fault and take the blame as the Minister of I&PR.

CSS being the lifeline of Rural Development Department, we are planning to establish more RD blocks to cater to those in need. However, most of the staff quarters are in poor condition and should be renovated first.

As mentioned by a fellow member, i request the hon. Finance Minister to put more funds on Rural Housing Scheme.

Construction of roads for all villages, management of solid waste and toilets for every household under the MNREGA Scheme are in progress. However, construction of houses under PMAY scheme has been suspended due to technical issues called AWAAZ Soft with 2,233 houses completed and 168 houses remaining. The projects are of 2016-2017 financial year, we have not received any sanction for 2017-2018 where allocation for houses stands at 1794. There was no target allocation for 2018-2019 whereas 2019-2020 is 1500 houses.

The estimate of 30 crore rupees for BADP has been submitted and we are planning to submit demand for additional allocation as well.

As mentioned by our fellow member from Palak Constituency, all MLA's are members at the district level selection committee. (*Pu LALDUHOMA: Can the meeting be called as per availability of the concerned MLA's?*)

District Monitoring and Vigilance Committee is beyond our jurisdiction. However, we will do our best to instruct our officers so that district level committee can be called in line with the availability of the MLA's.

There are several projects and schemes under Rural Development Department such as SPRM, MZSRLM, NRLM, startup village entrepreneurship programme, Ajivika Gramin Express Yajona, SIRD and Panchayati Raj to name a few. These schemes are introduced and implemented to develop rural areas. Currently there are 26 blocks and 8 project director offices under Rural Development Department.

Lastly Pu Speaker, i beg this House to consider and pass my demands such as:

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	40,84,50,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	15,26,37,000.00
38	Rural Development Department	3,97,62,99,000.00
	TOTAL	4,53,73,86,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima had begged the House to pass his Demand Nos. 6, 26, 38 amounting to ₹4,53,73,86,000.00. All the members in favor may say, 'Yes' and those members not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : We have completed our business for today and will continue with our session tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (8:20 PM)