

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26th JUNE, 2019
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU 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 (No. 4) Bill, 2019."

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *“Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith”.*

Proverbs 15:16

I regret to inform this House that our hon. Deputy Chief Minister could not join us today due to illness.

We will start with Question & Answer session and invite Pu Ramthanmawia to ask Starred Question No.176.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state-

- a) Is there any plan to upgrade the PMGSY-I scheme at E. Tuipui?
- b) If so, which roads will be included under this scheme?

SPEAKER : Let us invite our hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as enquired by our respected member, my answer is -

- a) There are plans to upgrade the PMGSY-I scheme at E. Tuipui.
- b) It will include Dungtlang - Vaphai - Farkawn and Samthang - Farkawn via Lamsial.

SPEAKER : Dr ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Construction is going on under PMGSY scheme at Champhai N constituency covering Khawzawl - Tualpui, Tualcheng - Selam, Tualcheng - Lungphunlian. However, it takes quite a long time with little or no achievement and we have intimated the department regarding this as well. Is there any plan of action so we can see at least some progress?

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu C. Lalsawivunga to be followed by Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. When will construction of Champhai - Khawbung - Tuipuilui roads be completed and what is the current status as of now?

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: We have been having issues with the said road for quite some time and i would like to enquire as to when repairing of these roads will be started.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. In answer to Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga, we will enquire about this issue and do our utmost to solve this issue.

Dungtlang-Vaphai-Farkawn is included under PMSGY-I upgradation scheme with 3.75 metres width of blacktopping road. The estimate amount is ₹2,259 lakhs and DPR has been submitted to RD Ministry, government of India. The same has also been submitted for Samthang - Farkawn (via Lamsial) road but we need to wait for the next stage. The roads beyond Champhai are under BRTF and we are doing our best to solve this issue.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask starred Question No. 177.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Rural Development department be pleased to state-

- a) The amount received from BADP during 2018-2019?
- b) The amount issued under BADP for Khawbung RD Block?

SPEAKER : Let us invite our hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) The amount received under BADP during 2018-2019 is ₹3,220 lakhs from the central and ₹357.78 lakhs from state matching share.
- b) The amount received from the central for implementation of BADP during 2018-2019 is ₹272 lakhs and ₹24.50 lakhs from state matching share.

SPEAKER : Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : May Ambulance be purchased from BADP fund for the PHC's of border areas?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Financial support received from BADP is much valuable especially for border areas. My question is, whether the development projects and works are well-monitored and if the monitoring fund actually beneficial?

SPEAKER : Let us invite our hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, work under BADP is a joint proposal of concerned VC's, BDO, MLA and DC. As of purchase of ambulance from BADP fund, there is no issue in this regard.

Monitoring of BADP is performed by third party monitoring cell as per the guidelines and officials also performed the monitoring task as and when necessary.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No.178.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any new development project proposed for Dampa Constituency under PMGSY scheme?
- b) If so, in which places?

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Minister to answer the questions.

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

- a) Yes, there are several projects proposed under PMGSY scheme for Dampa Constituency.
- b) They are –
 - i) Aizawl - Reiek road.
 - ii) Rawpuichhip - S. Sabual road.
 - iii) W. Phaileng - Damparengpui (via Lenhmuikawn) road.
 - iv) W. Phaileng - Dapchhuah road.
 - v) W. Phaileng - Khawhnai road.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are: -

- i) When will the work tender for Bualpui 'V' - Lungmawi road under PMGSY be issued?
- ii) When will development of Hnahthial – Haulawng (via Phaileng South) road taken up by Sat Guru Company be completed?
- iii) May Chhiphir - Haulawng road be repaired during this year?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, i suggest cancelling work tender of Khawzawl - Tualpui road for nothing is done which is worth-mentioning.

Regarding blacktopping of Thenzawl - Chhipphir road, our hon Chief Minister has assured during the last session that blacktopping of 1 km of the approach road to Tualvungi Veng of Thenzawl will be executed. So, i would like to remind our hon. Chief Minister that i would be grateful if instruction is given to initiate the project.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, i thank this Ministry for development of roads under PMGSY scheme. Yet, i would like to make one request which is blacktopping of W. Phaileng - Marpara road. Previously, blacktopping of road covers to the extent of any mizos settlement. Likewise, extending up to Chakma settlement is a waste of fund and thus unnecessary.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question from Pu Laltanpuia, i regret to say that i have no definite date to give at the moment. However, we will do our best to resolve the issues. Work tender for Pangzawl - Mat road has been released yet, the DPR for Mat - Lungmawi is in process under RD Ministry.

We shall look into the matter and necessary actions will be taken. The said Thenzawl - Chhipphir road is not under PWD. However, we will also try to construct this road anyway.

Regarding Pu Lalrintluanga's question, what is typed as Damparengpui should be corrected as Dampui. We are aware of the importance of this road and will try our best to make fund available for this road construction.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask Starred Question No. 179.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 179. Will the hon. Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state:

- a) If there is any plan for MST bus service between Jampui and Churachandpur?
- b) If so, when it is expected?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may reply.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

- a) Yes, there is a plan to start MST bus service between Jampui and Churachandpur.
- b) The expected date is not yet confirmed.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, there are certain routes within our state where MST Bus Service is badly needed. Is it possible to start bus service in these routes also if we can start even in outside the state?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask his Supplementary Question.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu speaker. As per, STA Notification issued on 2.2.2017, vehicle which is older than 15 years is not allowed for commercial vehicle. Is this notification being implemented?

Secondly, we often see commercial vehicles with huge smoke emission. If such vehicles required smoke emission test and if there is any step taken by the government in this regard?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw may also ask his Supplementary Question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask if there is a plan to start MST Bus service from Aizawl to Siaha.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may now answer.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot give a specific answer to Pu C. Ngunlianchunga's question at the moment. However, we will look into the matter and pursue it as per availability of funds.

Regarding Dr. Vanlalhlana's Question, any vehicle required to undergo smoke emission test by the State Pollution Control Board and fitness certificate is also demanded by Transport Department. Regarding vehicle older than 15 years for commercial vehicle, commercial vehicles are eligible for replacement for one time which is expected to be done within the stipulated time. Thus, this notification is implemented.

Regarding Pu KT Rokhaw's question, we considered this route very important. However, due to financial limitations, I cannot provide the exact date at the moment but it will be pursued if there is fund available for the same.

SPEAKER : We shall move to Starred Question No. 180 to be asked by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 180, will the hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state:

Is there is a plan for construction of Daido-Vawngkawt road?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is, "Yes, it is planned to be constructed."

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalzirliana.

Er. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is as follows:-

- i) When will the work of Mamit - Phaizau PMGSY Road be completed?
- ii) Is there any plan for upgradation of Mamit - Bairabi PMGSY Road?
- iii) Is there any plan to acquire maintenance of Phaileng - Tuipuibari road under PWD from BRTF?

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

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Mara Autonomous District Council has prepared a concept paper named, 'Conception of Chakhei - Siasi Road, Siaha District, Mizoram' with estimated amount of ₹4911.31 lakhs. The Autonomous District Council used to receive the fund availed through their concept paper. However, why does PWD issue restricted tender for this work?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte may now ask his questions.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to ask if there is a plan for maintenance of NH 306-A, Phainuam – Saiphai road. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may now answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Regarding Pu Zira's question, date scheduled for completion is already issued but the work is not completed within the stipulated time and is expected by March next year. Besides, it is our will to maintain Mamit - Bairabi road as it is very important road. However, there is no prevailing plan at the moment. We will look into the matter and step will be taken as possible.

Regarding West Phaileng - Tuipuibari road, it is under BRO. Acquiring by state PWD is difficult as it takes a huge sum to do so. However, we are trying to maintain the road even if it is not acquired completely.

The said Chakhei - Siasi road is CRF funded. It is taken over by PWD and tender is reissued due to restriction from MORTH to allot such a huge project directly to Autonomous District Council.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma may now ask Starred Question No. 181.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 181, will the hon. Minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state:

- a) The amount of fund obtained through APEDA for Drug Testing Laboratory and when it is availed?
- b) What kind of equipment is purchased and what is the cost?
- c) If there is any which is left unspent? If so, how much and where the amount is kept?

- d) If there are any qualified personnel to operate the equipment?
 e) Is the Drug Testing Laboratory at Central Medical Store of Zemabawk functional? Which Department takes care of it?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister concerned Dr. R. Lalthangliana may answer.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I think the question is regarding Food Testing, not drug testing. My answer is:

- a) The total amount received through AMPEDA is ₹308 lakhs. However, 5% processing fee has been deducted and the actual amount deducted thus is ₹296.6 lakhs.
 b) The following are equipment which has been procured for food testing laboratory:

| Sl. No. | Description of Items | Qty. | Price (in ₹) |
|---------------------------|---|------|------------------|
| 1 | Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer | 1 | 14,89,000 |
| 2 | Spectrophotometer | 1 | 2,95,000 |
| 3 | Conductivity meter | 1 | 46,500 |
| 4 | Centrifuge | 1 | 32,500 |
| 5 | pH Meter | 1 | 32,000 |
| 6 | Soxhlet Extraction unit Heated Mantles | 1 | 32,500 |
| 7 | Kjedhal Distillation and Digestion Unit | 1 | 42,000 |
| 8 | Hot Air Oven | 1 | 34,400 |
| 9 | Biological Safety Cabinet | 1 | 1,18,000 |
| 10 | Binocular Microscope | 1 | 34,250 |
| 11 | Membrane Filtration Apparatus | 1 | 38,750 |
| 12 | Thin Layer Cryotomography Kit | 1 | 13,750 |
| 13 | Water Bath | 1 | 14,500 |
| 14 | Melting Point Apparatus | 1 | 15,500 |
| 15 | Refrigerator | 1 | 24,800 |
| 16 | Electronic Colony Counter | 1 | 12,500 |
| 17 | Muffle Furnace | 1 | 27,000 |
| 18 | Quartz Water Distillation | 1 | 59,400 |
| TOTAL | | | 23,62,350 |
| JEDIDIA ENTERPRISE | | | |
| Sl. No. | Description of Items | Qty. | Price (in ₹) |
| 1 | Polari meter | 1 | 64,488 |
| 2 | BOD Incubator | 1 | 85,488 |

| 3 | UV Cabinet with long and short range | 1 | 16,488 |
|----------------------|---|------|------------------|
| 4 | Deep Freezer | 1 | 35,488 |
| 5 | Micro Pipette | 1 | 5,200 |
| TOTAL | | | 1,89,152 |
| MN ENTERPRISE | | | |
| Sl. No. | Description of Items | Qty. | Price (in ₹) |
| 1 | High Performance Liquid Chromatograph | 1 | 59,85,000 |
| 2 | Acclaim OA, 3 um analytical (3.0 X 150 mm) | 1 | 1,56,000 |
| 3 | Acclaim Carbonate, Sum analytical | 1 | 27,300 |
| 4 | Acclaim Mix-Mode Wax 13um analytical (2.1 X 150 mm) | 1 | 1,56,000 |
| 5 | Acclaim 120, C 18, 3um analytical (2.1 X 150 mm) | 1 | 1,06,275 |
| 6 | Solvent and Sample Filtration Kit with Pump | 1 | 50,000 |
| TOTAL | | | 67,26,275 |

- c) ₹59,14,286 lakh is left unspent and is deposited at HDFC Bank, Dawrpui Branch, Aizawl.
- d) For the time being, two qualified persons are employed on temporary basis.
- e) The Food Testing laboratory is functional and is under the maintenance of Commerce & Industries Department and Health & Family Welfare Department (Food and Drug Wing).

SPEAKER : Question Hour is over but I will allow Pu Lalduhoma to take a short time.

PU LALDUHOMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The machines and equipments are originally planned to be installed at Zokhawsang but were shifted to Thenzawl where around 5-6 buildings are constructed. However, it is later shifted back to Zemabawk. The buildings constructed at Thawnzawl are now unattended and left unused. I suggest these buildings are used for other purposes. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now move to Financial Business. Let us call upon Pu Robert Romawia Royte, hon. Minister to submit his demands for discussion.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor and your kind permission, Sir, I hereby lay the following Demands under my portfolio for discussion in this august House:

| Demand No. | Department | Amount (in ₹) |
|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| 22 | Sports & Youth Services | 27,63,76,000 |
| 43 | Tourism | 9,78,21,000 |
| 48 | Information & Communication Technology | 7,90,71,000 |
| TOTAL | | 45,32,68,000 |

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call now upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister to submit his demands for discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor and your kind permission, Sir, I hereby submit the following Demands under my portfolio for discussion in this august House:

| Demand Nos. | Department | Amount (in ₹) |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Legislative Assembly | 28,08,80,000 |
| 2 | Governor | 30,60,000 |
| 3 | Council of Ministers | 5,31,94,000 |
| 5 | Vigilance | 8,58,10,000 |
| 9 | Finance | 27,45,13,99,000 |
| 11 | Secretariat Administration | 1,24,00,16,000 |
| 13 | Personnel & Administrative Reforms | 3,55,07,000 |
| 14 | Planning & Programme Implementation | 96,34,93,000 |
| 15 | General Administration | 1,03,38,92,000 |
| 25 | Public Health Engineering | 2,53,03,27,000 |
| 32 | Horticulture | 84,14,98,000 |
| 45 | Public Works | 5,97,49,83,000 |
| 46 | Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation | 3,76,84,00,000 |
| TOTAL | | 44,26,24,59,000 |

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we shall have discussion on the demands submitted. Each member will have 10 minutes. Let us start with Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, hon. Member.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. NITI AAYOG has released its ranking which is published today's Times of India. In that ranking, Mizoram is ranked as most healthy state among small states in India. I have to state this achievement is of the previous ministry.

Starting from Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly, I am really pleased with the performance of the officers and staff of this Secretariat. They work really hard during this session despite a prolonged session.

Pu Speaker, with several new hon. Ministers in this ministry, there are several changes made in policy matters also. I hope it may bring developments.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department, ₹50 crore is kept for construction of State Convention Centre, but this project is said to be terminated which is very unfortunate as it used to be of much important for the state. We have several public gatherings which require a large hall and auditorium. We need this for development especially among the youth in different spheres. I hope this project may be resumed as soon as possible.

Besides, ₹30 crore is allotted for reconstruction of State Guest House as per agreement made with YMA for a plot of land. This land is projected to solve parking problems for commercial vehicles within Aizawl. Apart from this, ₹5 crore is allotted for construction of Amphitheatre & Exhibition Hall. However, all these projects have been terminated. Thus, I beg that these projects should be reconsidered as they are of much important.

Regarding Demand No. 25, Public Health Engineering Department, water supply project has been initiated to feed the villages surrounding Tawi Tlang and a separate project for the villages surrounding our medical college. I would like to ask the hon. Minister concerned about the present status of these projects.

Demand No. 45, PWD and to answer Dr. K. Pachhunga's question, black topping work asked by Dr. Pachhunga covers to 225 kms of road and resurfacing work is said to be covered 403 kms. At the same time, pot hole and path repairing work also is said to be done covering 522 kms. In view of the aforementioned length of roads, it seems there is some misinformation since the maximum length of our state is only 500-1000 kms.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 46, Urban Development Department, I would also like to know the present status of Setlak Lui project which is undertaken by SIPMIU.

Regarding the Demand Nos. 22, 43 and 48 of the demand of hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte, budget allocation to these departments are very little despite their concern for development of these three departments for development of youth. Considering the members' concern, the budget allocation to these three departments comparatively less. I consider very unfortunate that only this much is allotted. I hope more is given at least in the revise estimate. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu speaker. I will start from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services. This department is very important with multiple activities. I thank the hon. Minister and the department officials for their achievements in different disciplines. I think that there are some fields which also need improvements relating to youth services. There are many youths who remain unemployed and it is much desirable that the government provides employ at least on voluntary or temporary basis. In this way, we can make use of our human resources much better.

Regarding finance Department, banks become more and more important nowadays as most of the financial assistances through government schemes are done through banking transaction. Therefore, people living in the remote areas also need bank. Therefore, I would like to stress the need of more banks in rural areas.

Moving to Demand No. 45, PWD, I thank the hon. Chief Minister for his efforts for better roads in our state especially in my constituency. Saitual - Saichal road which has been left unattended for a long period has now been maintained.

Regarding General Administration, the need of strengthening the Civil Sub-Division is intensive as its importance is deteriorating. I opine it can play an important role by enhancing with more powers. Generally, problems arise in the implementation of some new districts in which there is confusion as to which district a village or a department should be included. Thus, such kind of problems need to be resolved before implementing any of a new district.

On Demand No. 25, PHE, I thank the Department and the hon. Minister concerned for the achievement especially in my constituency such as Hliappui, Mimbung and several ongoing projects. At the same time, I request the department concern to consider water problem of Kawlkulh and Ngopa through greater water supply project.

Lastly, regarding Planning & Programme Implementation Department, I think it will be more effective to divide some schemes through NGOs so that they are benefitted equally. I also urge the need of granting of more funds for research purposes.

SPEAKER : Next, let us call upon Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, regarding Demand No. 9, Finance Department. The change which need to be made first in opinion, is system of files movement. Slow movement of files leads to slow disbursement of funds which often hinders development work. Besides, there are a number of departments investing in private banks. I would like to request such departments to make use of public banks for smooth transaction with the public.

Regarding Demand No. 46, UD & PA, there are numbers of poor in urban areas also and major problem faced by them is high cost of house rent. Thus, it is much desirable that house rent is regulated by the government.

On Demand No. 45, PWD, we are paying a close watch on the progress of works within my constituency like five bridges which have now been under construction. I request the concerned authority to give more attentions so that such projects are completed within the stipulated time.

Regarding Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, it is learned that this department is the nodal department of bamboo cultivation. Though I am not much interested in bamboo cultivation, the success of China in this field is reiterated but the question is, if we would achieve the same. It is also stated that the project has already been started by the department but it does not specify how the entire population would involve in it, how long it will take for the harvest, what products are expected from bamboo and the prospect of its marketing. Thus, i opine this initiative takes a careful consideration.

Pu Speaker, Regarding Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, our state is, as a whole, of sports enthusiast state. At the same time, I think we should differentiate in which sport discipline that we may achieve more successes. I kindly request the hon. Minister to consider this while making projects and allotment of funds. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding the demands of hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte, the budget allocation in three of his departments are decreased by 24.63% which i found very unfortunate. Regarding Tourism Department, it is unfortunate that schemes of the ongoing projects were terminated. So, it is much desirable if the government takes alternative measure to continue with such projects which are expected for our assets for development.

Regarding Sport Department, budget allocation to this department also is decreased despite its importance for development of the youth. I hope allocation of more funds in the revise estimate is considered.

Regarding Legislative Assembly, I am very pleased with the service rendered by this secretariat and the officials who are all very efficient and sincere in their work. I also thank the hon. Speaker to for his leadership and efforts in this regard.

At the same time, I am happy with increase of our MLA fund at ₹150 lakh, though we have not yet received the amount till today. As stated, huge portion of our MLA fund were spent on construction of roads within our respective constituency and we are waiting for the next sanction fund for another proposed roads in line. Pu Speaker, we will be overwhelmed if any of such works are taken up by government.

Last, but not least, I request the hon. Chief Minister to clarify the government's stance regarding construction of dams for power plants. Does this government interest in its construction? At the same time, it may as well be clarified the actual point where our boundary with Assam lies. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte may now take his time.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 45, PWD. Firstly, I would like to thank the hon. Chief Minister who is also PWD Minister for the achievement of the department in my constituency. Besides, it is appreciative that this department creates huge assets for our state. In the meantime, I hope the vacant posts in this department may be filled as soon as possible as for the department concerns with dealing of the basic necessities of the public.

(Dy. Speaker's in the chair.)

Besides, I opine it is necessary to provide the field workers like SDO and EE with vehicles regardless of entitlement. Their work compels to keep one or else they have to hire private vehicle which hinders the progress of work. In addition, Pu Dy. Speaker, the road through Kolasib District is an important gateway and the lifeline of

Mizoram in certain ways. Therefore, I beg the hon. Chief Minister to continue with maintenance of this road.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department, there are several achievements made in the department. I am thankful that ₹15 lakh is allotted for solid waste management plan at Vairengte. Apart from this, proposal has been submitted to the hon. Chief Minister for development project amounting to ₹40 lakhs; I hope it will become a success.

On Demand No. 22, Sports Department, the budget allocation to this department as stated earlier has decreased. I hope it will be revised as the department concern the welfare of youth. Vairengte, considering its climatic condition is found to be suitable for sports training centre. I beg the hon. Minister to consider establishment of Sport Training Centre at Vairengte.

Lastly, regarding Demand No. 43, despite the need to develop the Tourism Department, the budget allocation is decreased. It is important to develop Serlui Hydel Project for tourist attraction as there is a huge prospect. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu KT Rokhaw, hon. MLA from Palak Constituency.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from PWD, road pavement work of 45 kms of Niawhtlang – Chakhang road is taken up under PMGSY and is estimated for completion by July, 2009. However, the work remains uncompleted even after 12 years. I implore the hon. Chief Minister to take necessary measure so that it is completed.

Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, PWD building at Siaha is very old and dilapidated and I request it is reconstructed with RCC. Moreover, there are number of posts in PWD which has not been filled particularly within my constituency. I beg the hon. Chief Minister to take necessary measure for filling of such posts.

Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding restricted tender for Chakhei - Siasi road, it may be taken for granted if it is done as per the law that the state acquires the work. However, I urge the hon. Chief Minister to select contractor from MADC area as the work is given through concept paper submitted by the Council.

Regarding PHE, the pipeline of Siaha Water Supply Scheme which was commissioned in 2017 is damaged in the process of road construction. I request

immediate attention of the government as this creates a huge problem for the people. Likewise, I request immediate attention of the government to concept paper of water supply to Tipa-L, Saikao and Laki village, reconstruction of Siaha PHE office building and EE quarters and installation of better equipment for Tuipang Greater Water Supply Scheme for it concern the immediate needs of the people.

Regarding Education Department, I would like to know what step has been taken so far by the government for the welfare of SSA teachers. The hon. House Leader assured during the election campaigns that they will be employed on permanent basis on seniority basis. What is the present status?

Regarding UD & PA, we are very anxious for having a playground equipped with artificial turf at Siaha as in other places. However, the work seems very slow and so may be expedited.

It is unfortunate that the budget allocation for Sports & Youth Services has decreased drastically. Thus, it is questionable if this ministry really cares for the welfare of our youth.

While this is the case, budget allocation to Tourism Department also has decreased immensely. I would like to know if there is any proposal to continue with privatization of tourist lodge as some which have been privatized are functioning below standard. So, I suggest taking back such establishments so that they are regularly maintained by the department once again. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Member, Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUAGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, on Demand No. 45, PWD, most of the local contractors are taking up the work tender at a very low rate in compare to those from outside. Besides, those from outside were generally favored in the previous ministry despite the quality and work performances which were comparatively lower than that of the local contractors and the work estimate being revised frequently.

However, under this newly formed Ministry, such practices are changing gradually as the bad roads are now improving. The contractors are also become more cautious under this ministry headed by an able Chief Minister. His effort in this regard thus is quite notable.

Regarding Demand No. 25, PHE, many works have also been undertaken within my constituency as well like construction of larger water supply tank for Rangvamaul and Phunchawng. While this is the case, we are facing shortage of water supply in Sairang from time to time due to flood. I implore the hon. Minister to take note of this matter.

Pu Dy. Speaker, as mentioned by Pu Rinsanga, generally our players abruptly experienced a hot climate when they participated outside Mizoram which often reduces their physical fitness. So, in order to be able to adapt with any climatic condition, MFA is preparing a football ground in a hot place of Sairang Dintar and it would be impressive if training centers of other sports disciplines are also established here. It is also close to Aizawl and can be easily reached. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is not easy to discuss 16 departments in 10 minutes though we fixed our time. We will take a break and then continue our discussions at 2:00 pm.

2:00 PM.

SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to make a clarification before we start the discussion. During Question Hours, Pu Lalduhoma stated that 26 illegal villages in our state as concentrated within Autonomous District Councils. I think this is wrong information as number of villages with the Autonomous District Councils is not specified but of 4 villages in Aizawl District, 17 villages in Lunglei District, 3 villages in Champhai District and 2 villages in Mamit District totaling 26 villages.

Pu Speaker, starting with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, it is an important department as sports is a great source for generating income. It is necessary for the Govt. to figure out which disciplines are best for our youths to lead them in the right path. We need to provide necessary halls and fields for our talented players who are from various parts of Mizoram.

Moving to Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, we need to put more efforts on maintenance of our Tourist Lodges as they are generally in poor conditions and we also need to take extra measures on tourism attractions. In this connection, tourist Lodge at Lungtian is no longer in function and so would be appreciated if our Minister explained the reason.

Next is Demand No. 9. Pu Speaker, I find it necessary for the government to establish bank as much as possible. Lungtian in my constituency produces a lot of fruits and vegetables and there are many Govt. employees. However, there is no bank to safe their income and so would be appreciated if at least Rural Bank is available here.

Next is Demand No. 15, GAD. I think it is important for the public to have a high-ranking official such as DCs and SPs etc. who are fluent in Mizo language as some officers could hardly communicate with the poor who need the help most. Besides, they do not have true affection to our society that the Mizo officers have. Another problem that we face in Lawngtlai District is major departments such as PHE, PWD, Supply Deptt. and P&E are supervised from other districts though it has been 20 years since we became a separate autonomous district. So, it would be appreciated if the hon. Chief Minister considered rearranging the system.

Next is, Demand No. 25, PHE. I would like to thank the hon. CM for water supply to Pangkhua during dry season and it would be appreciated if water source and reservoir are also provided. 7 villages have now shared water source of Sangau and it almost dries up during dry season. So, Tuipui is not far and the nearby areas will have sufficient supply of water if water pumping is installed. Pu Speaker, Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme which was projected as rural but executed as urban; the pipe is 40 LPCD which needs to be augmented by 70 LPCD since it is now less insufficient. I believe Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme can be upgraded through SEDP to higher capacity so that ₹30-40 lakhs worth energy can be saved. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to take note of damage pipelines and reservoirs within my constituency and action is taken as requirement.

Likewise, I request the concerned Minister to include Lawngtlai - Tuipui ferry road and Rawlbuk - Lungtian road in the work proposal and also to give attention to Lungtian - Mamte road under PMGSY. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, budget allocation to Demand No. 43, Tourism Department is ₹9,78,21,000/-. Considering the prospect of tourism and the department as a revenue earning source, I find the budget decreased by a margin of ₹24.12 lakhs is unlikely and thus should be reviewed. In the same manner, the budget of Sports & Youth Services Department decreased by ₹33.97 lakh compared to 2018-2019. So, more provisions may be made at least through SEDP.

Next is Demand No.14, Planning & Programme Implementation Department. SEDP the flagship programme of this ministry is project base. So, will this department be included as one of the nodal departments of the flagship programme?

Moving to GAD, we have Mizoram Houses across India but the accommodation is always full. So, it is wise for the government to determine their extensions so that they serve the purpose for anyone travelling outside.

Next is Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation. We need more of internal roads and the department needs to take measures on rigid pavement. Under this department, construction of a multi car parking lot through SEDP is on halt at College Veng and many works remain for its completion. It is much desirable if it is completed by means of fund provision of PAHOSS.

Moving to PWD, the budget for this department has decreased by ₹18.14 lakhs despite the need for excellent communications such as waterways, railways, airways and roadways for our development. So, it would be appreciated if PWD budget is increased. Mizoram roads are in bad condition and efforts need to be given to have better roads. Road excavation and building bridges are PWD's responsibility and this department also has Vision 2030 agenda under which there are a lot of undergoing projects and it is necessary to take extreme measures to accomplish this Vision.

Pu Speaker, it would also be appreciated if the hon. CM takes measures on extending Aizawl bypass roads through Bethlehem Vengthlang, Bawngkawn - ITI Mualpui main road and Tuithiang-Bethlehem Sihlui. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with the demands of hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte under which only ₹45 crore is allocated. Even so, I would like to request the hon. Minister to accommodate the project for construction of playground at Lengpui where a convenient space is available.

Moving to GAD, I would like to mention that Lengpui serves a great purpose for all levels, from laborers to VIPs and foreigners and placing a civil SDO is thus important for security reason.

Speaking of the prospect of tourism in Mizoram, there are numbers of tourists visiting the famous Tripura's Maharaja Bir Bikram every year. Thus, it is important to

set up tourist circuit house at various spots within my constituency so that we may attract the travelers to our state with Dampa Sanctuary which covers a large area for tourist attraction.

Moving to Information & Communication Technology Deptt., I think it is important for the department to verify some websites which are unsafe for the youths and take necessary step. We should also make use of video conferencing to save the time and money and it is also a kind of development in technology.

Next is PWD. We are quite excited about our NH 44A which is carried out by GAYATRI company. It is impressive that 75-80% of the work is now completed.

PHE is an important department but scarcity of water supply happens everywhere. It would be appreciated if more efforts are given to resolve the problem.

Next is Solid & Liquid Waste Management. The development of a country is now measured by the system of waste management. So, it should be given importance in every district.

Moving to Finance Department, I opine our purchase/procurement manual needs revision and our vendor lists should also be updated. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

(Dy. Speaker's in the Chair.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is reported that 68 out of 83 villages in my constituency as already being electrified, but this is wrong information. So, I request the field officials to be more careful with the report.

Moving to PWD, the budget is quite low compared to last year and I hope that there will be an additional fund. Construction of Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road was taken up under NABARD back in 2000, yet, there is no mentioning about black topping of this road till today. So, Pu Speaker, when will this work be done? Likewise, formation cutting of Kamalanagar - Lawngpuighat road of PMGSY has been taken for a very long time and we do not have any information regarding Ajasora - Chawngte road as well. So, may this road be included in the proposal? Besides, we have a problem with Chhotapansuri - Ugudasuri road of Thegga and supply of electricity which may also be included in the proposal. Apart from this, how about our application for inclusion of Ugudasuri - Kukurduleya 'S' road under PMGSY?

Next is PHE. Parva-III is Bru area and Damdep-II is Mizo area and they do not have water connection till today. It would be appreciated if solar pumping system is installed here or water tanky is provided from Rainwater Harvest Scheme. Besides, tube well may be provided to resolve scarcity of water supply to Lawngpuighat.

Moving to Sports Deptt., with your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker, I just want to deliver this speech in English so that we may be able to convey this issue up to the central ministry; if we discuss in Mizo, the central Sport Minister will not understand. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to continue my speech in English.

So, with your permission, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I am very much fortunate and thankful to our Hon. Chief Minister for choosing the best and the fittest person, Mr. R3, the abbreviated form of 'Robert Romawia Royte'. It is a beautiful name and I am very much thankful to our Chief Minister for choosing him as a Sport Minister. He is energetic, he is experienced, he is enthusiastic and moreover, economically viable and very much capable.

So, I am very much happy that he is also a very visionary leader as he wants to bring the Sport Department to the highest peak of development. Not only in the National level, even in the International level, he is having vision to bring all-round development in Mizoram. Till today, what I see is that all the sports infrastructures are always concentrated to Aizawl and the surrounding areas only. So, if we want to harvest all our sport personalities, I think it will be better to spread the sport infrastructures to each and every corner, especially our CADC area and the western belt of Mizoram. In case of sport infrastructure, we are very much lagging behind with our sisters of the Autonomous District Councils in the state, Pu Dy. Speaker. There is not a single national level sports stadium or playground in the LADC, MADC and CADC.

So, I request our beloved R3, the hon. Minister to look into this matter as even our Central Minister in charge Sports, Mr. Kiren Rijiju also is a very good person and easy to meet him, and very easy to express our opinion and grievances to him as he is from our North-East as well. Mr. Kiren Rijijuji, I think he is a body-building person; he is physically very fit, everyday he used to take exercise also. I think it will be very much helpful for our Sports Minister to harvest all the possible funds for development of Mizoram state's infrastructure and sports also. So, with these few words, I just want to express my heartiest opinion and my willingness to help the Sports Minister, and if I am of any help, I am always ready to help for the development of sports in Mizoram. With these words, let me conclude my speech here. Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker, Sir.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is impressive that today we all are clad with our traditional dresses as requested by LAD. Some members asked if there are any schools punishing the students for speaking in Mizo; I would like to inform such schools to stop such actions once and for all. And, I request the hon. Education Minister to look into this matter as well. Next is, hon. Member, Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It is appreciating that our CM informed us of our progress under PMGSY in East Tuipui constituency. We still have several roads that need repairing where as Lianpui - Vangchhia road, Sesih - Bulfekzawl road, Bungzung - Tuipui road and Bungzung - Tuipui road (via Zawngtetui) also need upgrading. It would also be much appreciated if Zawlsei - Khuangthing road is repaired before YMA Conference of Champhai District Sub-Headquarters.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine PWD needs to be equipped with sufficient manpower in order to have good roads. There are 750 vacant posts out of which 32 are SDO posts, 123 JE and 63 SA whereas 23 Nos. Sub-Division are functioning with a single JE/SDO which means 1 JE supervise 3 to 4 projects. So, there is no way of improving the supervision and quality control and filling up the vacant posts thus is the intensive need. Apart from this problem, we have some SDOs and EEs without vehicle for inspection. It would be appreciated if our House Leader noted our demands since we have SEDP's bamboo link road which will soon be executed.

Moving to Demand No. 25, PHE, we have shortage of water in 19 villages of my constituency out of which estimate is submitted for 10 villages and 9 villages remaining. I request the officials to pursue the is matter.

Next is Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. Samthang of my constituency is pursuing cabbage plantation for off-season and I hope we can change with other plants as well if this is a success. There are a lot of potential areas for our farmers and we need a cold storage for storing our productions.

Next is Demand No. 43, Tourism Department. Tuipui has one of the best tourist attractions yet, it needs renovation to have more attraction so that we can have better income source. Thus, construction of guesthouses at Khuangleng and Vaphai should be expedited.

There are several agriculture related projects being proposed within my constituency and it is appreciating that PHE pays attention to our needs. I would also like to thank our PWD Minister, officials and staffs for their excellent contributions. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 15, GAD.

I would like to point out the need to improve administration in our Mizoram Houses and to renovate Silchar Mizoram House.

Regarding Aviation, Air fare for Aizawl - Kolkata is approximately ₹18,000 while Kolkata - Silchar is ₹4,000 - ₹8,000 only and so is necessary for concerned authority to examine the difference. It is also necessary to improve Airport terminal building which is now becoming old and congested with the growing population. Pu Dy. Speaker, my constituency also need a separate civil administration like Civil sub-Division for the area covered by Reiek Block is too wide to maintain efficiently. I think we are eligible to have one based on our population.

Next is Demand No. 9, Finance Department. Out of various banks within Mizoram, I opine we need to invest more on Mizoram Rural Bank. This bank works efficiently and gives out ₹444.05 crore of loans during 2018-2019. It is a joint ventured bank of 3 sponsorships such as the Govt. of India, State Bank of India and Govt. of Mizoram in which the Govt. of Mizoram has a share of 15%.

MRB makes its contribution towards Corporate Social Responsibility by purchasing morgue van and ambulance for some hospitals; it has 85 branches with each branch supporting 4 students of poor background. Thus, we need to make more use of it.

Next is Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services. I think we need to provide equal treatment to all kinds of sport discipline we have in Mizoram. We also need to choose the right discipline based on our physical. In order to promote sports to higher degree, I opine the person in charge should not be a govt. servant as enough time could not be spared for sports or else his official works will suffer.

Next is Demand No. 43, Tourism Department. This department was once on the verge of collapsing due to the policy of privatization in which tender was released but none applied. So, we need to build up this department with various potential areas the like in Mamit district; we need to improve Dampa sanctuary to incur more revenues for the government.

Regarding PHE Department, I request the concerned Minister to take note of our needs of water storage barrel to alleviate scarcity of water supply in my constituency.

Next is Demand No.32- Horticulture Department. There are around 40 villages within West Phaileng Civil Sub-division and Horticulture department has not yet taken measures. We have a location for Sub-Divisional Horticulture Officer and it would be appreciated if our CM makes appointment.

Pu Rindika does not believe that Bamboo could be a success but I want him to believe it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand 15, General Administration Department. Tlabung Civil Sub Division is one of the oldest in Mizoram. However, it has been neglected for a long time. Besides, permanent SDO office is very necessary. I implore the Hon. Minister to pursue this matter.

On Demand No. 45, PWD, there are several ongoing road construction works under PMGSY within my constituency. However, the progress is very slow. Besides, bridges are needed to be constructed in various places. I hope this may be given importance as the viability of the roads depends on it.

Regarding PHE Department, water supply in my constituency are generally done by gravitational flow. However, we are now facing problem of water shortage as the rivers used to dry up. I hope that the department may find another way to provide us another means suffice our need of water.

Regarding Demand No. 46 - UD & PA, Tlabung Community Hall is under construction under this department. An additional fund of ₹50 lakhs is badly needed for its completion. I implore the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps so that this amount may be released soon.

Regarding Demand No. 43 - Tourism Department, a good tourist lodge was constructed at Tlabung. However, it could not be maintained properly due to shortage of staff. I hope more staff may be posted so that it may be attended properly.

Regarding Finance Department, there is a proposal for establishment of Sub-Treasury at Tlabung since the previous Ministry. However, this does not materialized yet. I beg the Hon. Chief Minister to pursue this matter also. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 45 – PWD, this department is one of the oldest departments in Mizoram. They are the department which provides us many assets and infrastructures and thus, is really the backbone of the state. Especially during a very short period of time under this newly formed ministry, their achievement and works done are immense. I hope the best for them and may they achieve more and more success in the future also.

Moving to Demand No. 25 – PHE Department, this department is also a very important one as they are dealing with the basic need of the people. I think their importance is more in urban areas. Besides, it seems they are going to play more roles in villages also due to increase in population as well as deteriorating natural water sources. At Lunglei also, some equipments of water supply need to be replaced. I implore this department to attend this problem as soon as possible.

Regarding Finance Department, we have seen immense improvement in this department. Meanwhile what I want to mention is the need of faster file movement. I hope the Hon. Chief Minister may find a better way in this regard also.

Regarding Demand No. 32 - Horticulture Department, this department, along with Agriculture Department, is very important for self sufficiency of our state. I visited Lungsen village recently. I saw a new turmeric grinding machine there. It lies unused. I suggest that the department may pay attention to this area as it has huge potential for production.

Regarding Demand No. 22 – Sports Department, it is a fact that this is an important department for shaping the future of our youth. There is a sport Training Facility at Lunglei Electric Veng. There is a huge landslide near the building which needs immediate attention. I implore the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps in this regard. The construction work of State Sports Academy is ongoing at Zobawk. However, it could not be completed even after ten years. I beg the Hon. Minister to take note of this issue also.

Regarding Demand No. 43 – Tourism Department, this is a department in which we need immense improvement. In this connection, we have many potential areas in our constituency. I suggest that these tourist attractions may be developed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Zaithanzama from Aizawl West III Constituency.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start from an important demand of Sports & Youth Services Department – Demand No. 22. This is a department which is very important not only for sport but also from social life perspective also. It is good to hear that steps are taken to have proper sport policy in the near future. In this connection, I think it is necessary to include quota for sportsperson in recruitment of new government jobs.

I am very glad that ₹150 lakh has been availed for organization of State Games at District Level and State Level. Besides, ₹100 lakh is also included in the Budget Estimate for incentive cash award. These are also worth mentioning.

Regarding Demand No. 45 – PWD, I found very unfortunate that the budget for this department falls by 18.14 %. Besides, I consider the proposal for Aizawl Bypass road from Sihmui to Darnghaki Thih Kawn via Dihmunzawl very important. This may solve the problem of traffic jam at Aizawl City to a great extent.

Regarding Demand No. 25 - PHE Department, their budget is increased by 29.69% which means we can expect more activity and achievement in this department. What I would like to mention is the problem caused by water supply pipes in public places. I think this may be solved by making arrangement so that one pipe may be used for several number of water connection. I suggest that this may be considered in the future.

On Demand No. 43 – Tourism Department, it is my opinion that attraction tourist from our neighboring state is necessary is more important than foreign tourists. Besides, I think there are many change needed in our society also to be successful in tourism industry also.

Regarding Demand No. 46 - UD & PA Department, there is a BPUP Building at Lawipu within my constituency. This building houses more than 400 families at the moment. However, due to use of explosives in the nearby stone quarry, the building cracks at some places. I beg the Hon. Minister to enquire this matter as it may lead to more serious problem.

Lastly to end my speech, regarding Demand No. 9, Finance Department, I would also like to express my concern about slow movement. I hope this could be solved to shorten the route of file movement between the officials. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Lalmuanpuia from Aizawl North III Constituency.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand no.22- Sports & Youth Services Department. It is appreciating that we have a powerful and experienced Minister and the Sports Council still receives promotion fund from several Associations. We need more fund so as to enter Olympic Games and win medals.

Next is Demand no.46- UD&PA. This department is an important department and it is impressive that our Hon' CM is taking extreme measures to reduce overcrowding. However, AMC needs to be empowered and well-equipped and they are in need of a Mayor, Dy. Mayor, Councilor and Executive Councilor

Moving to PHE Department, SIPMIU is running on 2 Phases where Phase-I is pumping of 10 MLD and Phase-II is pumping 24 MLD. The current work by SIPMIU is 37 MLD but this project is discontinued. So, the Govt. needs to take expedite measures because we will soon face water shortage. Our pipes are becoming old and need to be examined as well.

Next is Legislative Assembly. I would like to thank the staffs for their hard works and dedications. Thank you.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I want to start with Demand No.43- Tourism Department. We need to change our tourism policy because tourists are more attracted to new experiences and explorations rather than a luxurious experience.

Next is Demand No.14. The budget for this department has decreased by 18.3%. Sustainable Development Goals introduced by UNO is quite popular with 17 goals and 69 targets and this is also under Planning & Programme Implementation Department. High Level Committee is also established where the Chief Secretary is the Chairman and it would be appreciated if our Minister can tell us the works to be carried out by the Committee.

Moving to Demand no.15- GAD, the budget for this department has decreased by Rs. 103 lakhs that is 20.58% and it would be appreciated if our leaders review this.

PHE is an important department and it is impressive that the budget increases by 29.69%. The water we received in Aizawl is pumped from Tlawng River and the Govt. is also spending a lot of money. The fountains in my constituency need renovations and I would like to request our Minister to keep this in mind.

The budget for Sports decreased a lot and the department needs extra budget since Mizoram Youth Services is now under the Sports Department. (*Dy. SPEAKER: Our time is almost over and we will end the discussion at 5:00 pm*)

Next is PWD. The budget for this department decreases by 18%. 8 roads intersect at Sikulpuikawn, Mission Veng that leads to heavy traffics and the Pollution Control Board also declares this area as the most air polluted area. So, it would be appreciated if the Minister takes measures by building a flyover. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu ZR. Thiamsanga.

PU ZR. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Legislative Assembly. It is impressive that this session is held under a peaceful environment and the staffs are also quite efficient, capable and updated. Our Council Of Ministers are also mature in every respect even though some of them are first timers. The Secretariats have good administrations and the staffs are also quite welcoming.

Finance is an important department and I would like to request the hon. Minister to pursue our requests about creating and filling of posts.

Next is PWD. This department takes extreme measures and it is impressive that we can now reach Champhai within 6 hours. Our roads are in bad conditions and it is appreciating that works are carried out despite having heavy rainfall. It would be appreciated if the PMGSY road at Champhai is inspected and it is impressive that 3 roads will be upgraded to PMGSY.

PHE department is making a proposal on Solar Pumping System at Hnahlan and the works at Tualcheng is almost complete. Ngur is selected as a Model village but it faces extreme water scarcity. However, waters can be pumped from the source by gravity and I would like to request the Minister to accomplish the work during this year.

Regarding UD&PA, Aizawl city should be given annual maintenance to attract Tourists. If our drainage system is kept under AMC, there could be better maintenance.

Pu Chairman, Champhai District is potential area in Horticulture. Plantation of grape was neglected for the past 10 years, but now we are grateful that the government is taking steps. As Hnahlan and Champhai is potential area, it would be grateful if Division office is placed at Champhai.

Pu Chairman, it is worth mentioning that within a short span of time, there have been development in sports. I would like to thank for improvement of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium lighting system and ₹ 200 Lakhs allotted for Institute of Hotel management at Bung Bangla.

In Champhai, there are natural pine trees and flowering trees like Chhawkhlel and Nauban which could serve as tourists' attraction if properly maintained. Apart from this, we have Rih Dil, the largest lake in Mizoram near Champhai. Thus, it could be improved as a centre of tourism if there is a tourist home in Champhai. Thank you, Pu chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Next is, hon Member, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Chairman, thank you. Let me start with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services and Demand No. 43 Tourism.

In the field of Hockey, Mizoram has now been placed in a world map with the achievement of Miss Lalremsiami who had been awarded 'the rising player of the year' last year. Pu Chairman, we have hockey academy at Kawnpui with field equipped with astro-turf, but there is no spectator gallery which may be noted by the hon. Minister.

In tourism, I would like to highlight that a place named 'Kutbul Kai' has Christian historical significance and thus should be maintained specially and be observed as pilgrimage centre as well as tourist destination.

Pu Chairman, in Kawnpui, we have a Tourist lodge which is left incomplete and the project being abandoned after several lakhs was invested. If complete, I expect the lodge to be the source of revenue for government.

In Demand No. 45 and No. 46, UD&PA, I suggest pre-fabricated steel alleviated structure for two-wheelers' route since this type of vehicle happened to be the biggest traffic jam contribution. It would be appreciative if the government could give a thought.

In PWD, I urge the government for immediate repair of Khamrang road which happened to be the lifeline for the people in the South. And, coming to GAD, I recently visited Salt Lake Mizoram House and witnesses the progress of the renovation. I even had a chat with the Engineer and he informed me that high rise building of 10/11 storeys will not be allowed in Salt Lake area by the next 10/15 years. Thus, if 10/15 crore is invested now for renovation, the building will last for the next 20/30 years. Therefore, I feel that the government should review the matter.

Pu Speaker, under UD&PA, the previous ministry made master plan for Kawnpui and I request the hon. Minister to prioritize to this project. Pu Chairman, Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia of Lunglei North Constituency.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Chairman, Thank you.

Demand No. 22 Sport& Youth Services. I am grateful that we have an able Sports Minister. The people also vested high expectation from our Sports Minister. What I would like to highlight is, we need a sport directorate which can cover even the remotest rural areas in search of talented persons. And since it is human resources development department, we should take steps towards making it self-sufficiency in livelihood.

Demand No. 48, ICT, artificial intelligence is the fastest growing industry. Therefore, in order to catch up with the flow, we need a high-speed internet to match the consumer. To do away with files system we have to develop e-governance. I tis appreciative that the government have equipped ICT department to speed up its development. Pu Speaker, the government should also ensure if mobile towers which are install in residential are safe for people.

On Tourism Demand, the prospect of tourism in our state is excellent and the department could turn into a revenue earning department. But the social equilibrium has to be changed to enable the people of our state travelling to various tourist places; in the process, the government should arrange conveyance and transportation. Pu Speaker, privatization and outsource should be introduced to make our tourist spots attractive. There is huge room for development in Tourism and I believe, under the able Minister, it will be developed to its full potential.

On Demand of Horticulture department, Demand No. 32, there is no need to make any suggestion on bamboo project since hon. Chief Minister is well-equipped with such knowledge. What I would like to suggest is special attention should be given on bee-keeping as it can be developed for self-sufficiency. Likewise, Pu Speaker, turmeric should also be given priority apart from ginger.

Demand No. 25 PHE, I would like to highlight few of our needs in Lunglei North. It is unfortunate that Chhiphir area does not have water connection till date despite celebrating its 200 years centenary. I request the hon. Minister to prioritize this problem.

One last point in GAD, Pu Dy. Speaker. I request the hon. Minister to please review flight and helicopter service schedule within the State. Helicopter in service is of Pawan Hans, a very old helicopter which have even caused the lives of several political leaders. We, therefore need a reliable one for our safety. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga, hon. Member from Lunglei 'S' constituency.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I am grateful that we are able to produce athletes at the national and international level. On behalf of my constituency, I convey my thanks to the players and sport association through this august House.

As the hon. Member before me has spoken of Zobawk, I am grateful that the project accommodating 100 persons is completed with the effort of hon. Sport Minister. At the same time, i request the hon. Minister to give proper maintenance to Szaikawn Hall which had been constructed in the previous ministry but left unattended. If possible, maintenance staff may be attached to prevent the building from damages.

As for the budget in allocation in sports, let us not worry as hon. Finance Minister and our able Sport Minister will come up with whatever is required. I am grateful for the steps taken by the government on Tourism. We should promote Eco-Tourism and Home Stay. I wish it will also reach my constituency, Sairek which is 6 kms from Lunglei; I am sure our youths would love the place for recreation.

Many things to be mentioned regarding PWD. At present, I must say "Man of the Match' award would go to PWD. It is surprising that we have seen so much of development within 4/5 months of this term. With the effort of our hon. Chief Minister, I am grateful that we are to break the record through PWD.

I would like to thank for Luangmual-Vaisam road of 27 kms and Mautlang of PMGSY road. PMGSY road of Thingfal-Mamte road of 95 kms taken up during the previous ministry is left uncompleted despite payment of Rs.600 lakhs to the concerned contractor. Now, 80% of the road is damaged. I request the hon. Minister to look into the case so that the said road is completed.

On UD&PA, I would like to thank for the performance of UD&PA in my constituency. However, there is still huge task ahead since it has been neglected for the past 10 years.

On PHE department, there are 36 villages in my constituency out of which problem of water is intensive in Lungrang, Thingfal and Tawipui 'S'. I request the concerned authority to take note of our problem for we had been neglected over the past 10 years. At the same time, I convey my appreciation to PHE Department of Lunglei District for their performance and the service they rendered to the people.

Last, but not least, I suggest repairing the main pipeline which are all rusted and if all tankies could be cleaned in cooperation with our YMA and VCs to minimize the cost. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 5:00 pm. We shall have a break for half an hour and we will resume at 5:30 pm.

5 :30 P.M.

SPEAKER : Alright who is next? Hon. Member, Prof. F. Lalnunmawia.

Prof. F. LALNUMAWIA: Pu Speaker, Thank you. Today we are discussing the Demands of the hon. Chief Minister and hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia. I will start with Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly.

Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly. Like hon. Members before me have spoken, I would like to thank you, Pu Speaker and your staff for taking care of MLAs well-beings efficiently. Whatever document which may be required are furnished promptly and I believe e-governance is utilized effectively. I hope e-governance will promote efficiency of the department in the coming years as well.

On Demand No. 11 of SAD, No. 13 of DP&AR and No. 15 of GAD, I first of all would like to stress the need for improvement of files system which generally is

taking too long in the process; we often face problem such as lapse of fund on financial ending. I opine we need efficient delivery system. Thus, I suggest a new system which will be effective. On DP&AR, I support the decision on combined civil service Exam and if it is possible to operate at close interval instead of holding exam every year.

Pu Speaker, regarding Planning & Programme Implementation, Science & technology is much important and more of scientific innovations and skills thus may be highlighted. I opine enough important has not been given to this department and I thus suggest prioritizing it so that it is use to its full potential.

Regarding Demand No. 45, PWD and No. 46, UD&PA, I will not say much of PWD. In the previous ministry, the people were not satisfied with the department. But now, under the wings of hon. Chief Minister, it is the department which fulfill the hope of the people.

Under UD&PA, we are expecting development specially in Aizawl city with the project of fly-over and PAHOSS. I also expect special development scheme for under the privileged.

Coming to my constituency, I request the hon. Minister to not neglect my constituency such as Hlimes, Saikhamakawn and Melthum in dealing with development project such as internal steps etc. for they are not included under BDO.

Coming now to Demand No. 32, Horticulture, Pu Speaker, we are now going to take developmental projects under the wings of hon. Chief Minister not only in harvesting, but also in processing food and post-harvest management.

Pu Speaker, hon. House leader has mentioned about bamboo and I would like to add from my experience that it is possible to grow a large variety bamboo in our state if a good seed is available.

Demand No. 22 Sports & Youth Services. I am grateful that we have Minister who himself is interested in Sports. I believe within short period of time we are going to have at least 6 new stadiums. I would like to thank for his initiatives. At the same time, I opine Sports Association and youth Adventure Clubs need up-gradation. I would also like to suggest opening a Sport Office in all the districts. Pu Speaker, fund provision may also be made for MLAs to acquire Sports goods for distribution in our constituency respectively.

Demand No. 43. Tourism. Tourism does not mean making luxury room in a particular building. Pu Speaker, tourist centre should showcase the traditional and culture of Mizos. I am grateful that we have a Minister who is able to bring such kind of development. I support the demands of hon. Chief Minister and hon. Sport Minister. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department. The hon. Minister is a notable man who helps us won FCI league.

Pu Speaker, Sports & Youth services concerns NCC, NSS, Scouts & Guides and Adventure Club which cover 36,000 members approximately. It is unfortunate that the budget allocation had gone down by 33.97%.

Pu Speaker, in my constituency, we have one of the biggest Sport Complex establishments in our state. It would be appreciative if volley ball court is renovated and lights is installed at the basketball court.

I would like to thank for Sports Policy, Pu Speaker. Though there is no written document, the previous government specifically arranged a particular sports complex for a particular sports discipline; it is advisable if the same is followed to prevent any disputes.

Demand No. 43, Tourism. Budget allocation for this department has gone down by 24.12 % but there is good news for the employees since salary has gone up by 37.86%. Pu Speaker, we have often heard of foreigners mentioning we have potential tourist attraction. Thus, in order to attract more foreigners, better connectivity should be provided and the same is also required by domestic tourists as well. It is pleasing to note that rural home stay has been introduced. I would like to suggest adding the map and location of any photo in the website. Also, I express my thank for eco-adventure circuit.

Demand No. 48. Information, Communication & Technology (ITC), the budget allocation is increased by 46.51% as the department has taken various steps for development. The purpose of this department is to alleviate the process of dealing of the business. This department concern for updating website of all departments. Sports and ITC have now becoming revenue earning departments and should be attended efficiently.

On Demand No. 9, co-terminus and contract base employees should be given the privilege of EPF, as per government rules.

Pu Speaker, there are decrements in various projects and major works with 13,018 lakhs compared to 15,000 lakh last year, State Priority Programme with 15,000 lakh last year and 9,971 lakh this year. We have seen decrement in NABARD as well but increment is seen in NEDP.

On Demand No. 14, Planning & Programme Implementation, budget decrement is 118.30%. Sustainable development is a popular topic but performance is not seen. Thus, we need to focus on sustainable development and Entrepreneurship Development Scheme in order to reach a new chapter.

I opine we should make more investments on schemes and programmes like Mizoram Skill Development Programme, Scientific Research & Technology Innovation and on Economics & Statistics Department so as to move forward to development.

Moving on to PWD, there is decrement with 18.14%, I opine compensatory allowance and MTP should be handed over to KMMTTP. While this is the case, I urge the hon. Minister in charge to observe the condition of Ramhlun Vengthar-Ramhlun Sports Complex road for immediate repair.

On demand No. 46, UD&PA, we have seen an increment of 1.94%. Under the department, we have PAHOSS which really is applaudable. Hopefully our traffic problem will more or less be solved when the programme is fully implemented.

Lastly, Horticulture has an increment of 1,611%. With several grants-in-aid and major works under the department, I hope local farmers and cultivators will make a profit in the long run. Thank you.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I would like to point out regarding District Council Budget.

We are all aware of how meagre is the fund provision to the Autonomous District councils and is thoroughly spent for development of the people. The hon. Sports Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte is doing a tremendous job as we have witnessed several changes as well. I therefore request on his behalf to increase the budget of his concerned departments.

Regarding Tourism Department, tourist lodges which were constructed at Bungtlang South and Kawlchaw West during the previous ministry are left unfinished. At the same time, I would also like to inform the hon. Minister that we need a larger

Rest house and BDO quarters at Bungtlang South. It will be much appreciated if the said are pursued.

Secondly, as previously mentioned, it learned from the media of a proposal for construction of 6 Nos. stadiums. Pu Speaker, may the house be formed as for which places such stadiums are proposed and who is the funding source?

Regarding Demand No. 9, I urge the hon. Chief Minister for placement of a separate Bank at Vaseikai for the convenience of the people in this area.

On Demand No. 15, regarding GAD, I inform the hon. Minister that extension of Mumbai Mizoram House is intensive as the existing size could no longer accommodate all the demands. Whereas Airline fare is another issue we are currently facing due to it exorbitant rates; Flight ticket for Aizawl-Kolkata approximately cost ₹15,000-18,000/- while Kolkata-Mumbai is ₹8,000/-. So, I urge the hon. Chief Minister to take note of this issue.

On Demand No. 25, PHE Department, I urge the hon. Minister to expedite Lawngtlai water supply project as scarcity of water supply is intensive. Likewise, the same problem is faced in Hmunnuam, Tuithumhnar, Hmawngbu, Tuisentlang and Sabualtlang. So, solar pumping equipment may be provided in such areas.

Regarding Demand No. 45, PWD, we have passed a resolution relating to road the same resolution which I too had submitted in the previous session but was rejected. Road problem still a very loud issue in places beyond Lunglei. I understand that the problem cannot be solved instantly but it is good to know even the least progress which may be made than nothing.

Lastly, let me remind the concerned officials that Lawngtlai also lies under the coverage of UD&PA and our problems should not be left unnoticed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, to begin with PWD, Serchhip will host the Central KTP General Conference next year and Leisekawt Field, the place chosen by the organizing committee needs expansion. I, therefore request the concerned department for immediate attention.

Pu Speaker, I believe any of the outsiders could tell our nature from our work ethics and how the ministry deals with such works. Thus, we need to be careful in dealing with our day to day works.

Regarding Sports, a golf course at Thenzawl is an issue since its maintenance and renovation fees alone are worth-pondering; I opine it is wasteful to setup unless with appropriate plan for tourist attraction hub and be transformed into a revenue source for the government.

Regarding Paragliding Accuracy World Cup which will be held at Serchhip, I suggest charging the equipment and other maintenance fees in order to have a successful event. At the same time, extension of approach road of Mini-Sports Complex as well as other roads within Serchhip is urgent need and immediate step thus be taken.

Regarding Finance Department, village council funds though covered by the finance commission, we do not receive any at present. This should be done at all cost so that VC funds is separately allotted in the budget.

Pu Speaker, I would also emphasize the need of cooperation of banks for the success of various projects which may be carried out by organizations or entrepreneurships. Regarding the Modifying Assured Career Progression Scheme, 2006 which had been terminated the day before implementation of the 7th pay, I would like to know the reason for this decision, and at the same time, I ask if it can be continued.

Regarding Horticulture, a cold storage which had been constructed at Sailam Kawn, Serchhip is not functioning and it will be appreciated if there is a way revive.

Regarding GAD, it is a great concern as it caused a burden to many travellers. If there is anything that we can do and I am more than willing to participate as well. Regarding price hikes, I opine it should be controlled by the government or a separate department be set up to deal with price escalation of commodities.

Regarding Tourism, Vantawng falls is of the most notable place of tourist attraction in our state. I, therefore suggest examining its maintenance so that it improved for a more suitable place to visit. Regarding Rural tourism project and Art & Craft centre in Thenzawl should be commissioned as soon as possible.

Pu Speaker, it may be noted that the success of a project depends on sincerity of the department concerned but not on the amount of budget which me be allotted. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Robert Romawia Royte, hon. Minister to wind up the discussion.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to point out at the outset that in the very first officers' meeting of my departments, we have started with discussing the basic principle like our capacity, what is permissive and what is not etc. Secondly, the flagship programmes and manifesto hold a crucial place in the implementation of any project for it concern commitment we have made to the people.

Under the three departments such as ICT, Tourism and Sports & Youth Services Department, any work is maintained and executed as per allocation of business rules. In any project, funding and budget should be made to the concerned department in order to avoid confusion which is our policy.

To begin with ICT, it may be a small department, its importance should not be underestimated. In the beginning of 2001, under the Ministry of MNF, several steps were taken to set it up as a full-fledged department. Pu Speaker, let me remind the house that with confidence, we were available to achieve regarding ICT. The first step being taken as a department was of internet connectivity. A meeting was held in 31.01.2019 with representatives of various officials of telecommunication and discussed issue like internet connectivity and tower placement for providing strong connection and came up with a solution to modify AMC regulation. With a plan for internet connectivity and in cooperation of NBARD and the Govt of India, V-Sat were installed at 100 selected villages to feed the proposed 501 rural areas.

Pu Speaker, there is a plan for setting up Software Technology Park in Mizoram University Campus which is now underway. Besides, we have a project under the Computer Education Programme for distribution of desktop computer to 119 schools and providing laptop computer to toppers of HSLC and HSSLC.

Pu Speaker, after a deliberate study on tower radiation, it is medically and scientifically concluded to be of non-toxic. On behalf of the department, I appeal to all my fellow Members and the people as well not to misuse the media and technology such as WhatsApp, Facebook etc. as a mean to attack the government.

Secondly, Tourism happens to be of a tepid issue for the officials and common people alike. We assume this ministry by inheriting huge amount of debt and we were sad not to receive a positive response from DoNER and NEC instantly. However, thing becomes a little easier after receiving Rs. 278 lakhs by the end of this financial year.

Pu Speaker, the most crucial issue in the department is an abrupt termination of PIDDC scheme and we really need to resolve this issue as the project involves are high.

Another point I would like to mention is Institute of Hotel Management; we were the first in North East to receive the sanction but the buildings lies unused for many years. We made an inspection as soon as we assume the ministry and we have finally obtained permission of the Cabinet on its meeting on 22nd April, 2019 and we now have Institute of Hotel Management on our own. (***Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, if there is any reflection that outsourcing is more preferable?*) Many of our youths prefer to study hotel management outside Mizoram for job placement is easier. As of now, the institution will be started and admission will be opened from July next year in which 130 seats will be made available. About 20-30% of the seats will be reserved for the local applicants and the rest will be filled from other states through entrance test. Degree and Diploma Courses will also be made available, and with the funds provided by the central, we are fortunate that we will be having an agency to promote tourism. The Hotel Management Council will recognize the institution and hence the quality of education provided will also be good. Apart from this, steps will also be taken regarding home stay plan.

There are only 100 Nos. regular employees in tourism during the last financial year and the revenue generated by the department is ₹294.25 lakhs. If we are equipped with better facilities, I am positive that our revenue will also increase. We need to modernize our lodges and the district office will thus be closed; so, we need a whole organizational reform. As per allocation of business rules, 2019, inspection, monitoring and licensing system will be introduced and we hope to improve our society and economic status through this system. I request my fellow members to give their moral support in our initiatives.

Pu Speaker, we also have a proposal to send our Tourism officers, Receptionist, Asst. Receptionist to other States to refresh their skills. Project has also been made to renovate pilgrimage centre and for development of water sports and aquatics etc. It is also a good idea to prepare a documentary film on our independent movement by the Nationalist Party. Likewise, we are now projecting a film, 'Meet the heroes, give space' which now draws attention of the govt. officials and the international media.

₹100 lakh is allocated for the national integration festival of the Mizos all over the world; some young achievers as appointed as Brand Ambassador and we are also planning to organize Anthurium Festival at Reiek once again. Tourism is making an immense progress in the service of roadside hotels, restaurants and in management. So, I request all my fellow members to make use of our facilities.

Moving on to Sports & Youth Services Department, it may be noted that the budget allocation is not satisfactory but we are trying our best to generate revenue

from other sources. As mentioned by the concerned MLA of Hachhek constituency, the talents and interest of the athletes will be observed and nurtured.

Regarding the negligence in the maintenance of restaurants and hotels, the government will take them back and we should also bear in mind that there are only 100 employees and it is difficult for them to perform their duties efficiently.

Regarding the usage of assets, I believe it is a sensitive issue and necessary steps will therefore be taken in this regard. We are also planning to conduct awareness to all driver concerns including taxi drivers so that their conduct would attract or deter the tourists.

I thank PU BD Chakma for your words of appreciation and I would like to inform him that the Government of Mizoram headed by Pu Zoramthanga will undertake various sports promotion programmes that will be more inclusive and that sports will become accessible to each and every community irrespective of location and tribes; one day we may be able to organize Chakma and Bru games so as to include minorities in sports fraternity in a bigger and better way.

Pu Speaker, it is true that we need to review the organizational set up. In the North East, Mizoram is the only state that does not have a District or sub-Divisional District Office. If we could establish more district offices, the department could be more efficient in the official work. We are also planning to provide incentive cash awards to young achievers like Lalremsiami, who is a silver medalist in Asian games and Jeremy Lalrinnunga who is also a gold medalist in the Youth Olympics; an amount of ₹100 lakhs is allotted for incentive cash award. We also have completed the drafting of sports policy and we have conducted a 1st round of consultation and 2nd round will be conducted after our session in which various sports associations are also invited in the consultation meeting.

In order to encourage and support our athletes, I suggest we take sport cesses on commodities like oil etc.; even if a small amount may play a very significant role for progress in Sports Department.

We hope to place Sports under Industry Department so that we may be able to enjoy more advantages in sporting schools and others like subsidy and loans. I want to add that footballers from I-League and ISL can earn about ₹10-12 crores per year and those who can play in second division or else can generate about ₹15-13 crores per year. At the moment, our major source of funding will be from the Sports Ministry; unfortunately, funds provided from DoNER Ministry and NEC had come to

an end and many ongoing projects cannot be continued. Fortunately, the hon. Chief Minister approached the Urban Ministry and we receive a positive response and I am grateful to our hon. Chief Minister for his initiatives. We are also ready to put an artificial turf at the playground of Khawzawl, Zemabawk and Kolasib Saidan.

In the general body meeting of the Mizoram State Sports Council, it is concluded that the budget be increased and so is the amounts of grants-in-aid given to different sports association and district level sports will also be taken care of.

Our Olympian Lalremsiami has now reached Aizawl and she will be given a house site by the government. Miss Lalremsiami, a strong-willed girl has lost her father while she was in the tournament but she continued to play the game without coming home saying that her father wanted her to win the game. We also have Jeremy Lalrinnunga who is named, 'Son of India'; hopefully he will be qualified for the upcoming Olympics. It may be noted that our Sports personalities have more advantages in this ministry.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I appeal to this august House to pass the following Demands-

| Demand Nos. | Department | Amount (in ₹) |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| 22 | Sports & Youth Services | 27,63,76,000.00 |
| 43 | Tourism | 9,78,21,000.00 |
| 48 | Information & Communication Technology | 7,90,71,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 45,32,68,000.00 |

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has now submitted his Demands; and, those in favor to pass may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. Since there is no objection, the following Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Royte, such as Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services - ₹27,63,76,000/-, Demand No. 43 Tourism Department - ₹9,78,21,000/-, Demand No. 48 - Information & Communication Technology Department ₹7,90,71,000/-, the total amounting to ₹45,3268,000/- is unanimously passed by the House.

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

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the Demands of the hon. Chief Minister. I may now call upon him to wind up the discussion and appeal to the House for passing his Demands.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, I will try to make my speech as short as possible.

At the outset, I would like to announce that 1% of the Members' salary will be contributed for Health Care as per approval of GPC meeting. Only ₹150 crores remain at the credit of the Health Care but with this valuable contribution of the Members, it will become more than 200 crores. Hopefully the government employees will also make some contributions so that our health care problems may be resolved to a great extent.

During the visit of the late PM, Shri Deve Gowda, an amount of ₹40 crores was given to us for construction of the Referral Hospital at Falkawn. After the completion of the building, we went to Delhi and met with the then Health Minister who advised us to co-operate with another reputed hospital to obtain the funding process easier. Unfortunately, there was a change of the central ministry and the Congress Ministry decided to establish a medical college. Shortly after the plan was started, the MNF Party came back to power and resume the plan and named the establishment 'Zoram Medical College' so that our fellow mizos in Myanmar, Manipur etc. would also feel sense of belonging.

Under Vigilance, with the help of our hon. Speaker, we were successful in convincing our High Court Judge to appoint a Mizo member Pu Sawta to be included in the Search Committee.

One important achievement that i am really proud of is that with the valuable support of Pu H. Rammawi, we have managed to persuade our Chief Justice to include knowledge of working in Mizo language as the eligibility criterion for Mizoram Judicial Service.

Moving on to Finance, i will be the first to admit that our budget is not satisfactory. However, it cannot be compared to the previous year's budget as the ministry is different and so is the vision. We have to consider the fact that majority of our budget is needed for salaries, pensions etc. However, this budget is prepared with a view that if a particular department is in need of funds, we can pull the required fund from the untied fund that we have from our budget.

One particular dilemma that we had while preparing our budget is that there are many vacant posts that requires to be filled. I regret that it will not be possible to fill these vacant posts immediately due to financial reasons and this also hindered our budget plan.

Under SAD and DP&AR, we are currently trying to create a separate cadre for Mizoram under central services so that we can have our own department heads. Also, recruitment of non-gazette posts will be placed within the jurisdiction of Subordinate Service Selection Board so as to share the workload of MPSC.

Moving on to Planning, a leader is required to have a vision and must be open to advice and suggestion from his peers in order to develop. We will continue with the projects implemented by the previous ministry if it is worth-continuing and beneficial to the public. In light of that, we will resume the NEDP introduced by the previous government and we have already set aside ₹1,100 for this.

Under GAD, we are planning to construct, extend and purchase additional estate and buildings to construct Mizoram House in different parts of India to accommodate those in need. Also, we are planning to outsource some aspects of government works such as sweepers, drivers etc. We are also planning to develop our three new districts as soon as possible.

In regards to the boundaries engulfing the constituency of Pu Ngunlianchunga and Pu KT Rokhaw, we are planning to construct boundary walls along Myanmar-Mizoram border to protect ourselves from illegal immigrants.

We are currently working on improving our airport to benefit the public and have repaired the runway and the areas surrounding the airport. Repairing and renovation of the runway to accommodate a bigger aircraft at our airport and this will increase our travelling capacity as well.

Moving on to PHE, the main funding source for PHE are NLCPR, NABARD, GBS (Growth Budgetary Support), Northeast Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), National Rural Drinking Water Programme and Swachh Bharat. I would like to express our plan for providing sufficient water supply to the people. The DPR for Alternative Gravity Water Supply Scheme for Aizawl has also been submitted and we hope to commence with this project in the near future.

I would also like to mention that development works and projects planned under UD & PA will be supervised by the government. Plans for construction of fly-over bridges and ropeways are in process and we have consulted experts in these areas to realize this project.

Under PWD, the total length of roads in Mizoram is 8,948 kms where 6,801 kms in under the supervision of PWD and the rest are divided between the supervision

of World Bank, Asian Development Bank and MoRTH. We will and still are doing our best to provide superior quality roads for the public and will continue to do so. Also, our main mission as of now is to construct and develop link roads for bamboo plantations. (**Pu KT ROKHAW:** *Pu Speaker, the contract with Swastik Company for development of Niawhtlang-Chakhang road has been terminated. What is the requirement for retendering this project?*)

We have already spent so much for this project and will do our utmost to complete this project.

Moving on to Horticulture, our main aim is to cultivate our lands and produce our own rice and other foods for sustenance without having to rely on other states to import our needs. We are currently working towards this aim and plan to use organic fertilizer only.

Lastly, our main mission is to increase our bamboo plantation to large scale and in reverse utilize this for the development of Mizoram. (**Pu LALRINDIKA RALTE:** *Pu Speaker, is our current bamboo plants not sufficient for this project?*) We do not have sufficient bamboo plants for this project and also the size of our bamboo plants is too small. (**Pu ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** *How many brandisi bamboos will be send to us this year?*) We will not be able to plant it this year as hardening is required before planting and this process alone will need more times.

One important point that i forgot to mention regarding ropeway is that we are planning to start construction of this ropeway from the Airport-Aizawl. However, we are still at the planning stage.

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

| Demand Nos. | Department | Amount (in ₹) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Legislative Assembly | 28,08,80,000.00 |
| 2 | Governor | 30,60,000.00 |
| 3 | Council of Ministers | 5,31,94,000.00 |
| 5 | Vigilance | 8,58,10,000.00 |
| 9 | Finance | 27,45,13,99,000.00 |
| 11 | SAD | 1,24,00,16,000.00 |
| 13 | DP&AR | 3,55,07,000.00 |
| 14 | Planning & Programme Implementation | 96,34,93,000.00 |
| 15 | GAD | 1,03,38,92,000.00 |

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| 25 | PHE | 2,53,03,27,000.00 |
| 32 | Horticulture | 84,14,98,000.00 |
| 45 | PWD | 5,97,49,83,000.00 |
| 46 | UD&PA | 3,76,84,00,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 44,26,24,59,000.00 |

SPEAKER : Our hon. Chief Minister has appealed to this House to pass his demands such as:

| Demand Nos. | Department | Amount (in ₹) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Legislative Assembly | 28,08,80,000.00 |
| 2 | Governor | 30,60,000.00 |
| 3 | Council of Ministers | 5,31,94,000.00 |
| 5 | Vigilance | 8,58,10,000.00 |
| 9 | Finance | 27,45,13,99,000.00 |
| 11 | SAD | 1,24,00,16,000.00 |
| 13 | DP&AR | 3,55,07,000.00 |
| 14 | Planning & Programme Implementation | 96,34,93,000.00 |
| 15 | GAD | 1,03,38,92,000.00 |
| 25 | PHE | 2,53,03,27,000.00 |
| 32 | Horticulture | 84,14,98,000.00 |
| 45 | PWD | 5,97,49,83,000.00 |
| 46 | UD&PA | 3,76,84,00,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | 44,26,24,59,000.00 |

All those in favour, say, 'Agree'. (MEMBERS: Agree). This House has unanimously passed the demands presented by the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga.

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

SPEAKER : We have one important Legislative Business remaining. Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to ask this House to introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I ask the permission of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2019".

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has asked this House to introduce his Bill, do we all agree? (MEMBERS: Agree). Let us invite our hon. Chief Minister to introduce his Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of this House, I introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2019” in this House.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. As we are all aware, it is our practice to not have discussion for appropriation bill. Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister to move and beg this House to pass his Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and of this House, I beg this House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2019”.

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister has requested this House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2019”. All those in favour say, ‘Agree’. (MEMBERS: Agree). This House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 2019”.

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

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

The sitting is adjourned. (09:03 PM)