

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 19th 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.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **Dr. K. PACHHUNGA** to present to the House a copy of the First Report of Action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the Eighth Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to State Investment Programme Management Implementation Unit (SIPMIU) under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department.
3. **PU L. THANGMAWIA** to present to the House a copy of the First Report of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, 2019-2020.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

4. **Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU K. LALRINLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people”.*

Proverbs 14:34

As we all know, Pu Tawnluia, our Dy. Chief Minister could not attend today. I now request Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask starred Question No. 76.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, will the PWD Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If there is a proposal to excavate Lunglei Town by-pass road?
- b) If so, what is the budget estimate and how much is allotted as of now?
- c) When will the works be carried out?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) Yes.
- b) A survey is made to revise the Detailed Project Report and the estimated amount is not yet known. ₹900 lakh is allotted as of now.
- c) We hope to start the works during this Financial Year, 2019-2020.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to request the Minister to expedite the works on Lunglei by-pass road. My Supplementary Question is- Is there a proposal to upgrade Haulawng-Dawn PMGSY road for intermediate use?

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there a proposal to extend/resurface Durtlang-Kawnpui via Lungdai road? An agreement was made on February to resurface Serkhan-Bagha road which is not carried out till today. So, is there a proposal to carry out expedite measures?

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, Lunglei road is quite important especially for the southern areas; likewise, by-pass road is much important for other district capitals as well.

Regarding PAHOSS, it is implemented to reduce excessive traffic jams in Aizawl. Is there a proposal to excavate roads on the outskirts of the city?

There are several roads which need to be excavated such as Khatla-Mission Veng, Tlangnuam, Kulikawn and Saikhamakawn and I ask if there is any proposal. If not, we need to give importance on this.

Double lane road also is needed from Kulikawn or ITI-ZMC. It is important to repair roads so as to avoid tight traffics within Aizawl and so are other district headquarters. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, there is a proposal to upgrade Haulawng-Dawn PMGSY road for intermediate road and we are waiting for the sanction from the Central. However, works cannot be carried out yet since the compensation authorities did not include proposals and also many private lands need to be passed through. If we have to make Lunglei bypass road via Mauhak, we may avoid the sloppy portion between Tlawng and Pukpui. However, this portion of road could be avoided by a turn of 5 kms from Tlawng on which surveys and DPR are now in process. It is difficult to tell when the work will be started since the proposed route will pass through many private lands and thus will take a lot of time to verify the owners of such lands. It is also difficult to estimate the exact time needed for Land Acquisition Process and the sanctioned fund also is untouched since works cannot be started.

Regarding Serkhan-Bagha road, the workers (company) did a terrible job and the people of the constituency are also quite upset with the works. We hope to take expedite measures (*Interruption:* Pu Speaker, the company said the work will be started but it is not done till today). Pu Speaker, we will take expedite measures.

As mentioned by Dr. Thiamsanga, we are working on Aizawl by-pass road but since it involves more than 100 crores, we want to have a careful survey. It is a problem when trucks with heavy loads pass through Aizawl city and somehow, the World Bank road at the eastern part relieved our problem and we are currently taking measures on a bypass road in the western part.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 77.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state-

- a) Important details that needs to be known on education loan?
- b) How many applied for the loan in 2018-2019 and how many were granted?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) i) It can be applied for those who wants to pursue different courses under Diploma Doctorate programmes (Ph.D) Course, IIM, IIT etc. from a recognized College/University
- ii) For studying MCA, MBA, MS etc. in foreign countries and job oriented professional/technical courses.
- iii) The applicant must be of Indian national including NRI.
- iv) The applicant must first get admission from a recognized University/Institution.
- v) The loan can be availed for paying fees, examination, library, laboratory, books, uniform, important materials.
- vi) ₹30 lakh can be borrowed for Medical Course within India and ₹10 lakh for other courses. ₹20 lakh can also be borrowed for studying abroad.
- b) As per information received from 11 Banks, there are 6 applicants during the year 2018-2019 out of which 4 were granted.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the banks in our state, especially commercial banks hardly grants education loan or other loans. Does the department make an agreement with the banks or one is simply granted without obtaining approval of such banks beforehand? I opine it is time to have a department with Minister to deal with this matter. I also ask why the 2 applicants were rejected.

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, education is quite important for further studies but the State Bank of India hardly grants such loan. May the Govt. approach the Banks not to cause any difficulty for the students applying loan?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question of Pu Lalduhoma, the information was given by MUCO, Punjab National, UBI, Indian Overseas, Federal Bank of Maharashtra, Punjab & Sindh, Bank of India, Mizoram Co-operative, MRB, Canara Bank but these 6 applicants are of Canara Bank and MRB. We are not sure why the 2 applicants were rejected and we will look into it.

There is no agreement with the department. The State Level Committee helps out the applicants and loans are granted according to the bank's convenience. Personally, I was thinking of easier and legal ways to withdraw insurances as well. We will have a further look into the banks and insurance companies and study why some applicants are rejected.

Regarding the question of Pu KT Rokhaw, we should always inform the Finance Department of our difficulties and problems that we faced and then we will also take measures.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 78 from Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Chief Minister be pleased to state if measures are taken to blacktop Saitual to Silchar road. If so, what are the details?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, measure had been taken for black topping Saitual-Saichal road and the estimate sanction has also been sent to MoRTH on 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 but the Secretary postponed the sanction for next year. It is allocated in the Annual Plan in 2018-2019 but it takes time due to revised estimate for intermediate lane. It was processed after the revision but it cannot be sanctioned due to MP election. PWD is waiting for the approval from MoRTH to keep it at Annual Plan 2019-2020. It is included on PMGSY-I upgradation scheme. DPR is also submitted for Rural Development Ministry's approval.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have a high hope in this new Ministry for better roads and we are concerned as to how measure is taken on Serkhan-Bagha road. The question is, will our expectation be achieved.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia will ask.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, Vaivakawn to Chandmari road was damaged in the process of work under SIPMIU which even causes several accidents. So, will it be possible to blacktop it as early as possible?

SPEAKER : Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, it is the desire of my people as well to have a black-top surfacing on Saitual to Saichal road which was excavated in 2008 during the previous Ministry. This is of an important economic road as it links with Manipur road. It is also learned that the concept paper for Chiahpui to Daido road is completed and if it is possible to accomplish the works during this financial year?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, it is necessary to take wise measure. The problem is the amount of work which is excessively high for the local contractors to apply except by non-tribal contractors. Anyway, we will take measure wisely and prepare ourselves to even a lawsuit if necessary. We are also taking measures so that our contractors are provided with better equipments and the work is done without the help of non-Mizo contractors.

Regarding road damage due to SIPMIU project as asked by Pu Muanpuia, it is due to laying of hose pipes, it will take time for department to deal with it but we will do our best so that least problem is caused. As of Chiahpui to Daido road, the file is now under process and we are doing our best.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, will the Finance Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If there are employees who receives salary under Tlabung sub-treasury
- b) If so, how many employees

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) No. The employees are transferred to other places since there is no approval to function sub-treasury at Tlabung.
- b) Nil.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 80 from Pu VL Zaithanzama

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, will the Transport Minister be pleased to state -

- a) The number of towns in which bus service is available?
- b) If there is a proposal for MST bus service plying to Champhai–Tahan? If so, what is the progress?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to answer the question

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) 12 towns.
- b) There is a proposal for MST bus service plying to Champhai – Tahan; the Ministry of External Affairs has even signed an agreement with Myanmar Govt.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr.Vanlalhlana

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, is there a proposal to issue two-wheeler taxi permit and if verification is taken for taxi as well?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my supplementary Question is- Why is MST service to Tuipuibari terminated? When was it stopped and if it will be continued? If so,when? Pu Speaker, Tuipuibari is an old town having MST service since a very long time.

SPEAKER : Pu V.L. Zaithanzama

Pu VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, my supplementary Questions are -

- i) Is there a proposal for MST bus service plying to Aizawl - Shillong?
- ii) Is there a proposal for MST bus service plying to Aizawl - Tripura via Zampui?

- iii) Most of MST drivers are above 50 years of age which I think is not safe for the passengers on long journeys. So, if there is there a proposal to recruit younger drivers?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question of Dr. Vanlalhlana -

- i) There is no such proposal.
- ii) There is no such proposal.
- iii) The documents and fitness of the drivers are inspected on regular basis.

To answer starred Question No. 93 from Er. H. Lalzirliana, MST service plying to Rajiv Nagar/Tuipuibari is terminated as the road is unsafe for bus service and also, numbers of bus we have is quite limited. Thus, it is terminated on 2.4.2019. Inspection of this road will again be made and bus service may be resumed depending on the condition of road and MST buses. It is not possible if or when bus service will be continued.

Regarding Aizawl -Shillong bus service, there is a plan to provide a deluxe bus plying to this route. Likewise, there is a proposal for setting up better connection with Tripura and Churachandpur through MST bus services.

Regarding the old aged drivers, new rules have been prepared so that we may have better drivers in discipline and in physical.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.81 from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALHLANA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the LAD Minister be pleased to state - If the ground floor of DLAO Office building is accommodated as per agreement made with the local community?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINSTER: Pu Speaker, there is so no agreement made with the community as claimed by the hon. Member.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlalhlana

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, i apologize for the mistake. A joint inspection was held on September, 1997 and it was agreed that the first floor should be accommodated for bus stand which is now used for parking for departmental vehicles. May the place be given for maxi-cab stands?

In the conference of All Mizoram Village Council Association Conference, the hon. Minister on 26th February stated that there will be Excluded Area Development Fund of ₹4,540 lakh. Why is this fund remain undisbursed and in which bank is it now deposited?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, DLAO office building in question is use as parking place for village bus services and for sanitation trucks during night time. However, since introduction of maxi cab in the stead of bus, it is used for maxi cab parking place. Since collection of waste is no longer the purview of LAD, it is arranged as convenient for the department use. We may consult our leaders if it is convenient for a parking space as suggested.

Regarding the excluded area fund, it remains at treasury till financial year ends of March and disbursement is thus impossible at this stage. It is kept under K-Deposit and was released just yesterday.

PU LALDUHOMA : It is the first time I have heard of Excluded Area Fund. Where does this come from?

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we could not hand out Excluded Area Fund on time because, it was kept under at K-Deposit and is bound to be delayed by financial year; it will soon be handed out. The fund should directly go to the VC's account.

To reply question from Pu Lalduhoma, under the 14th Finance Commission, the VC could not be given fund provision for its difference from the Panchayati Raj system. Thus, Excluded Area Fund is existed through which we are provided with the rule to ask for fund. (*PU LALDUHOMA: There is no area which is excluded under India. Is this the term used only by the Finance Commission and where did we get the name? The term 'Excluded Area Fund' is used also in the sanction order of this grant. It also seen in the Constitution, non-part IX and IX(A).*)

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.82 from Pu Lalchhuanthanga

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Transport Minister be pleased to state -

If the following Departments have any measure being taken for check-gate on account of Sairang train station -

- i) Excise and Narcotics
- ii) Taxation
- iii) Customs
- iv) ILP(Home).

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister will answer it.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:

- a) Excise & Narcotics Department is looking for a convenient place for construction of check-gate.
- b) Taxation : No
- c) Customs : No
- d) ILP(Home) : No

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Pachhunga

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In the case of Excise & Narcotics Department, it is known to all that abusive drugs easily passes through our check-gate and so is necessary to deploy sniffing dogs in the service.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker, we need to have a good preparation for entry of railhead in our state. So, may the government take necessary measures in this regard?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question of Dr. K. Pachhunga and Pu Lalchhuanthanga, let us hope the concerned Minister to take measures as necessary.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.83 from Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, will the hon.PWD Minister be pleased to state –

If there is a proposal to put SDO, PWD of Bualpui (NG) to function?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, PWD SDO of Bualpui (NG) takes a dual charge of SDO(TC). Likewise, since SDO Tuipang could not join the office due to health issues, SDO (Road Div.) take the charge from Siaha on temporary arrangement in addition to his own duty. SDO Office Bualpui (NG) will again be put to function after arrangements.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Presentation of Paper; I request Dr. K. Pachhunga, Chairman of Committee on Estimates to lay "The First Report of Action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the Eighth Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to the State Investment Programme Management Implementation Unit(SIMPIU) under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department".

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, With your permission and of the House, I present "The First Report of Action taken by the Government on the recommendation contained in the Eighth Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to the State Investment Programme Management Implementation Unit (SIMPIU) under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department". Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request Pu L. Thangmawia, Chairman, to present "First Report of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table 2019-2020"

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby present "The First Report of Committee on Papers Laid on the Table, 2019-2020". Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. We will proceed to budget discussion. I request Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon. Minister to submit his Demands.

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21	Higher & Technical Education	2,57,67,97,000
24	Health & Family Welfare	5,66,47,07,000
40	Commerce & Industries	82,56,85,000
TOTAL		9,06,71,89,000

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the Governor, I submit the following Demands under my concerned departments: -

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SPEAKER : I request Pu K. Lalrinliana to submit the following Demands on the Table of the House-

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17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2,86,30,16,000
19	Local Administration	41,48,18,000
35	Fisheries	10,40,01,000
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SPEAKER : The two Ministers had laid their Demands. To start the discussion, each member will have 10 minutes. Pu KT Rokhaw will start.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. to start with Demand No.17- Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I thank the hon. Minister for his support to KTP Conference held at Tuipang.

At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to expedite improvement of Chakhang and Phura Go-downs.

Regarding Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, I would like to inform the hon. Minister that Saiha college no longer has Science subject where as the demand for Commerce is intensive. Apart from this, we also need more lecturers for various departments.

Regarding Demand No. 24, I urge hon. Minister to inaugurate Siaha Hospital building as soon as possible and also to provide specialists and more medical equipments for the same.

Pu Speaker, I also urge expedite measure for completion of Siaha Nursing School building which remains incomplete till date. It may as well be appreciated if Girls hostel is established at Siaha. There are 4 PHCs within Siaha District with their attached doctor respectively. So, better facilities may be provided.

Pu Speaker, regarding renaming our medical college, I urge the name unchanged and would remains as MIMER. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that the Health Department recruited 30 doctors and the supply of sugar is once again available.

As of renaming our medical college, we should not worry of the name but to give more important on development of the infrastructures. It is much appreciated that construction of a hostel with a capacity of 140 students is in progress. It is as well appreciative Our Chief Minister gives importance to Mizoram Healthcare Scheme so that the poorest level of our society may also benefit the programme.

It is impressive that measures are taken to resolve the problem of shortage of doctor and staff nurse as most of them are now remains at their posts. While this is the

case, there are measures which need to be taken on improvement of sub-Centre and PHC buildings. Lastly, I applaud upgradation of our District Hospitals. Thank you.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, to start with Higher & Education Department, I am concern about the decrease of budget allocation under Wages and the RE of only ₹86.20 which was ₹11.5 lakh last year. Likewise, BE decreased from ₹308.4 lakh to ₹195.90 lakh and so is the office expenditure.

On Publications, RE in 2018-2019 was ₹558.8 lakh while it is only ₹155.77 lakh this year, yet, the salary increased from ₹2,358.06 lakh to ₹4,584 lakh. For Major works, it was ₹1,660 lakhs last year but for this year, it is shown as 'NIL'. What is the reason?

Regarding teaching staffs, we have shortage on subject-wise faculty at Kamalanagar Govt. College. Since relocation of the college, the concerned students as well as teachers and staff have problems on conveyance. Thus, our need of a fulltime bus driver is intensive.

Regarding various measures being taken under the Health Department, I suggest validating a Gold Card in the application of Healthcare Scheme so that the poor receives minimum cost of medical treatments.

Pu Speaker, my constituency is now having 3 doctors but we need one at Boropansuri Hospital and more of staff nurses. At the same time, I suggest this Hospital is placed under the maintenance of the state Govt. since the District Council could not afford to do so from its own fund.

Pu Speaker, we received a fund provision for Lawngpuinghat from which some buildings have also been completed. It would be much appreciated if this hospital is inaugurated.

Coming now to Food, Civil Supply Deptt., it will be appreciated if the department give carrying bill to 12 retailers which remain unpaid for long. I also suggest the department of monitoring our petrol pumps.

Regarding Go-down, Barapansuri covers a wide area and I suggest construction of more go-down at Parva. (**SPEAKER:** *Your time is over.*)

Regarding LAD, the capital grant and major works are Nil against last year's allocation of ₹4,544 lakh and ₹5,770 lakh respectively; yet, non-salary has increased a bit from ₹1,356.51 lakh to ₹1,810.28 lakh. I think it is also important to supply requirements for VCs as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, the Demand for Grants does not match up with that of last year but more funds are allotted due to limited staffs and 7th pay. It seems that we have extreme shortage on doctors, health workers, nurses and IV Grades. So, we need to fill up the posts so as to achieve some progresses. Lawngtlai District Hospital does not have enough nurses where as the demand of CT Scan and Dialysis equipments are intensive. We do not have X-ray technicians and Radiologists as well which may also be noted. To mention more of our problems, PHC building of Bualpui (Ng) which was constructed in 1981 has now becoming dilapidated and PHC and Health Sub-Centre of Sangau are not functioning appropriately. So, I urge the hon. Minister to consider the problems I have mentioned and take measures.

Regarding Higher & Technical education, Lawngtlai College has only one lecturer for History Department which may also be noted.

Moving on to Commerce & Industries, construction of road to Saisihchhuah which is proposed for border trade has not been started till today despite the sanction which has already been approved. So, I request the hon. Minister to clarify the condition.

It is impressive that Supply minister takes expedite measures and we now have sufficient supply of rice. It seems that there is shortage on storekeepers, scale-man and porter with many of dilapidated godown buildings particularly of Lungpher and Lawngtlai.

I therefore request the hon. Minister to take steps. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Before getting to the point, the hon. Chief Minister in his wound-up speech yesterday stated that enough fund is there from DoNER approximately of ₹12,000 lakh against ₹3,000 lakh in last

year budget. Whatever is spoken in the House is recorded and sent to other states after translation. Therefore, we should speak on factual base on data.

Coming to budget Higher & Technical Education, it is fortunate that there is an increase of 28.80% in budget. I am grateful that there is fund allocation of 50 lakhs for study tour.

In college, there is huge demand for purchase of Science equipments. Last year, in the Revise Estimate, there was ₹58,000 and we have only ₹60,000 lakh this year which I opine will need revision. And, the total budget allocation for Higher & Technical Education is 0.031%, not 1%.

Health & Family Welfare. I am grateful that steps will be taken in healthcare and my expectation is high. Pu Dy. Speaker, so much have been said in regard to MIMER/ZMC. It is an act of destroying once legacy. The condition of MIMER is such that there is no guest room to host External Examiners, no skill lab, no Auditorium, no Central Workshop and no parking facilities. let us hope there will be progress under the efficient Minister.

There is fund allocation of ₹19,39,000 lakh for Ayush and North East area fund. Then, there is a decrease of 30% in Commerce & Industries. Whereas handloom have the privilege of ₹16,85,92,000.00 grant in aid. There is fund allocation of 1.57% for development of Bamboo Industries from Trade & Commerce budget.

In my constituency there is DIC, but half the building has not been utilised and the building have deteriorated tremendously. If this could be utilised for entrepreneurship development centre it could prove beneficial. It is advisable if it is earmark.

In food civil Supply & Consumer Affairs, the budget has gone down by 14.93%. ₹3 lakh is allocated for consumer welfare fund and ₹2 crore is expected from Central Govt. In subsidy on Revised Estimate, ₹3,000 has been sanctioned. This year, ₹3,000 is also being sanction for the same. If sugar will be categorised under subsidy, the, the fund allocation for subsidy sums to be a little less.

I am grateful that there is a fund allocation of ₹325 for legal metrology and ₹10,442 lakh for stocking food grains.

The fund allocation for V/C from finance Commission is ₹2,080.72; i am sure this will be of immense benefit for V/C members.

The budget allocation for Fisheries is ₹10,40,01,000. Out of this, ₹1,030.51 lakh is allocated for Direction and Administration and only ₹9,50,000 is left for development. Does this mean that the employees will just take salaries with no work? Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing the demands of two ministers. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 19, LAD.

In my constituency, order has been issued by LAD Deptt. to evacuate Tuichawngchhuah Village. The order stated that the village has to be evacuated within three months otherwise ₹100 per day will be imposed. Pu Deputy Speaker, why did such an action is taken when various development schemes have been carried out this village, like electricity etc. The village in fact, is older than me. This is rainy season and the rivers nearby which make it impossible for the people to move out immediately. Pu Dy. Speaker, on humanitarian ground, they should be given consideration, I request the authority to review the matter. Where will they go when school and other govt. buildings have been constructed in this village?

Few words in Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs. I request concerned department to immediately repair Tlabung Supply Inspector quarter which becomes dilapidated for living. Apart from this, Tlabung is under civil Sub-Division and despite among the three oldest Villages of Mizoram since the time of British rule remains without petrol pump till today. I urge the hon. Minister to install a petrol pump at Tlabung.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare. 80% of Physical work for construction of Hospital at Tlabung has been completed. I request hon. Minister to expedite its functioning since this hospital covers large area, and also to post Dental Surgeon as the previous one has been transferred. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We still have 8 mins before lunch. Alright, Pu Lalrinsanga.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No. 24, Health Department.

The difference between budget allocation of the previous Ministry and of the present is 24.48% which is remarkable. It is pleasing to note that there is fund allocation of ₹50 crore for Healthcare. I applaud the hon. Health Minister for securing ₹480 crore from Central govt for development of RIPANS. Pu Dy. Speaker, from the information I have, 10crore each for District PHC have been earmarked, I request if CHC could be included.

Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supply. It is pleasing to note that there is 14.93% increase in the budget allocation of the Deptt. Pu Dy. Speaker it is worth-mentioning that sugar subsidy has been flagged off by the hon. Minister despite its great value for rural area. Last year, rice grains had been purchased by the deptt. from local producers like Bilkhawrthlir farmers which immensely motivate our farmers as a whole. So, I request the hon. Minister to continue purchasing from local producers for this year as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have a huge building of supply godown at Saipum but it stopped functioning. I request the hon. Minister to start functioning this godown once again.

Demand No. 19, LAD Deptt. It is unfortunate that the budget allocation for this deptt. has gone down by 47.71%. I request Finance Deptt. to grant additional fund since this department is greatly benefitted in the rural areas.

It is remarkable that the budget allocation for Fisheries has gone up by 15.25%. There is now a chance of attaining self-sufficiency in fish production.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please wait, it is now 1:00 PM. Should we allow him to complete? Alright you have 2 minutes.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. My constituency is potential area for fish farming but due to poor fish seeds, we are unable to harvest as expected. Thus, I request this new Ministry to supply high quality seeds and provide fish feed as far as possible. Pu Dy. Speaker, after we informed the hon. Minister about non functioning of ice plant at Bilkhawrthlir, it has been repaired and is now functioning. I would like to inform the hon. Minister that ice plant at

Buhchangphai which is not functioning may also be repaired. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright, we will now have a break and meeting will resume at 2:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Alright who is next? Dr. K. Pachhunga.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to speak about Demand No. 7,21 and 24. To start with, Demand No. 24 Health & Family Welfare.

There is great expectation in Health. It is pleasing to note that there is huge fund allotment in SEDP. Knowing the need for more man powers, hon. Finance Minister has made provision to fill up the required posts. Besides, there is huge scope for development in medical science as well.

According to me, Zoram Medical College is more appropriate than MIMIER. I expect it will be developed so that scholars can do their research and even PHD.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the increase of cancer patient is witnesses in the whole state. Therefore, the need of the hour is speedy detection of cancer. Cancer is curable; thus, its early detection is what the state requires. Let us expect the govt. to take measure in this regard.

Coming to the problems of my constituency, we have efficient doctor at Hrangchalkawn Hospital but left to join his new work. So, I request posting another doctor in his place. It will also be much appreciated if PHC building of Tawipui South could be repaired as the building is now old water drips from the rooftop in labour room. It may as well be noted by the hon. Minister that we have only one doctor posted at present. Also, if PHC located at Lungrang, 14 villages of the surrounding will benefit from it. In term of population, Lungrang is eligible for PHC.

Pu Speaker, the people expect the govt of every ministry to work for the betterment of the people. Thus, there is huge task ahead.

Demand No. 17&18, I am grateful that we are witnessing new phase in supply. It is pleasant to hear a shouting from our gas agencies asking if anyone need cooking

gas, the sound which we have stopped hearing in the previous ministry. There was a loss of ₹70 lakh due to incorrect ration card in the previous ministry; let us hope the mistake is not repeated in this ministry.

Pu Speaker, Lunglei Govt. College does not have technician in Science subject. Then, the lone Engineering College we have in Mizoram at Pukpui, the infrastructures have to be developed like the approach road, water and electric connection. Likewise, Polytechnic College does not have bus. It will be much appreciated if the hon. Minister look into these matters.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that the present ministry is truly working for the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Member, Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing the demands of two hon. Ministers.

First of all, it is pleasing to note the increase in budget allocation of food & Civil Supplies by 14.93% which indicates that high quality rice grains will be purchased.

Demand No. 19, LAD, there is a decrease in the budget by 47.71. This will directly affect the rural areas as rural development is based on this department. I request the hon. Chief Minister to review and sanction additional fund.

Demand No. 35, Fisheries. I would request the hon. Minister to please take note that one of the natural ingredients for fish feed known as 'plankton' could be preserved. Obviously various boards that have existed does not have fishery society as its member and so could be included.

Demand No. 24, Heath & Family Welfare. I am grateful that my unstarred question has been answered. However, it seems that equipments such as CT scan, MRI and Central Line Oxygen installed at Falkawn Referral Hospital have not been functioned. in I request the hon. Minister to please take steps in this regard. And, we still do not have Dental Ward in Civil Hospital which may also be noted.

Pu Speaker, the present condition of our cancer hospital is intolerable for the patients; also, there is shortage of staff which may be noted. I request the govt. to take

appropriate step in this regard. I would also like to ask if the shed for radiation machine has been completed.

Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education (***SPEAKER:** We have 1 minute remains*) For construction of T. Romana College, the empanelled consultancy firm had been given the contract for ₹320 lakh but the contract work has been sold to some other contractor. If the hon. Minister could look into the matter to expedite the process. And, for Aizawl College, ₹30 lakh is sanctioned for extension but 12.5% is taken back. Who supervises the work?

Pu Speaker, as we are discussing these demands, I request that the fund allocation be put to used for its purpose. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALAZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing 6 demands which all are well presented. If these demands are utilized on its actual purpose, I believe the people of Mizoram will benefit from it.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Deptt., it is commendable that the hon. Minister is intending to develop District Hospital for developing District Hospitals and Referral Hospital is a must.

I am glad that the government is taking systematic step for healthcare scheme. It is advisable if we follow corporate style. Pu Speaker, even in the purchase equipments, it is wise if we chose Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM) instead of purchasing through suppliers. In this method, payment patterns may need some modifications. This may be noted by the Finance Deptt.

I am grateful that there is fund allocation of ₹12,000 lakh for improvement of manpower, ₹2,000 lakh for medical reimbursement and ₹5,000 for Corpus Fund.

I feel hesitant to call Mamit Hospital as district hospital as it does not meet even the minimum norms of district hospital. There is shortage of manpower, we have 3 nurses' duty in the morning, 2 in the afternoon and 2 as night shift. I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this.

I also request the hon. Minister to equip Lengpui PHC as it is a vital place for Mizoram.

Higher & Technical Education. We have one Polytechnic building but not in function; I would like to ask when it will function. If not possible, alternative may be provided.

In Food & Civil Supply, it is unfortunate that heavy storm swiped away Mamit DCSO office recently and we are now without DCSO office and staff quarters. If the hon. Minister could look into this matter.

Since we are heading for rainy season, rice stocking is in full swing in most of the areas. While this is the case, the supply for Tuipuibari is stocked in community hall as our godown is too small to accommodate the whole stockage as so may be extended. Pu Speaker, I request if the hon. Minister consider construction of a godown at Hmunpui and Rajivnagar as well.

Coming to Fisheries Deptt., the officer in charge of Mamit Fisheries Deptt. is left with shortage of manpower and a vehicle without driver. So, if the hon. Minister could look into the matters. Thank you.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. It is kind of difficult to accommodate with 10 minutes for discussion of 6 demands. Anyway, I would like to start with Demand No. 17, food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs Deptt.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to know that under able Minister, stockage of rice is in progress in different areas for the upcoming rainy season where as some godowns are in full stock. It indicates the govt. is taking care of temporary villages in various part of our state and is commendable that we have gas supply in abundant. I thank Supply Deptt. and the concerned Minister for these achievements.

Demand No. 35, Fisheries Deptt. As mentioned by hon. Member from Serlui, western belt is potential area for fish farming. Pu Speaker, even I have two fish farms in the area. While this is the case, it is sad that fish farmers are too poor to purchase fish seeds for their farms. Last year, it was distributed through NLUP but the beneficiarries were not fish framers. Thus, I request the hon. Minister to please look into this matter.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare. I am grateful that this ministry is prioritizing development of this important department.

Pu Speaker, within my constituency in Chawlhmun, we have Urban Health Centre which is very far and is not equipped. So, if hon. Minister could take note of this. Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, since this is the first budget session of this ministry, there is not much to speak of it since it is only 6 months old.

Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. Ration Sugar is flagged off by hon. Minister with fanfare. However, after receiving grievances of rural areas, only 39 kgs is allotted per village for one month which is not a big deal. Pu Speaker, stocking up godown for monsoon is not a new practice, in fact, monsoon stock is usually done annually. Pu Speaker, the govt. vehicles that carry the monsoon stock towards Lunglei bear MNF flag which I opine as humiliating for the deptt. and such practice should be stopped.

Demand No. 19, Local Administration Deptt. It is unfortunate the budget allocation for this Deptt. decreased by nearly 50%. This is an important department which covers 95% of villages development including all District Headquarters. Thus, all villages are depending on LAD Deptt. for development. I, on behalf of rural areas request the hon. Minister that additional fund be allocated to this department.

In regard to MIMER, the hon. member from Aizawl South-I mentioned about renaming MIMER to Zoram Medical College and the difficulty of pronouncing the name. Under your guidance, Pu Speaker, we have overcome all the obstacles and hurdles so as to achieve a medical college from scratch to a full-fledged medical college. I wonder why the ministry that does not have any input are so eager to change the name. In unstarred Question, we even have a question asking if there will be any benefit by changing the name; and, in reply, the hon. Minister stated that there is no benefit. If this it is so, I request the original name may be given back. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. member, Prof. F. Lalnunmawia.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing the demands of two hon. ministers. First of all, Higher & Technical Education. It is pleasing to note that salary component has been increased and I am grateful that college teachers will be able to enjoy the 7th pay salary.

Pu Speaker, with the increase in budget allocation, I expect development in Higher Education. As students are increasing in colleges, we need new colleges or extension of the existing ones to accommodate the growing population in colleges.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Deptt. I am grateful for the fund allocation for upgradation of Healthcare. Since Zoram Medical College is within my constituency, I would like to add few points. Pu Speaker, there is shortage of staff from 4th grade to doctors and nurses. I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this. Then, the hospital is yet to be properly equipped. I hope and expect it will be upgraded.

I am grateful that we are going to have better healthcare system and health insurance. What I would like to point out is, out of ₹750 crore in SEDP, there will be other heads besides health care and health insurance unlike the hon. Opposition members have mentioned. Therefore, it will not exceed ₹1,000 crore in SEDP. I request hon. Opposition members to carefully study the case.

Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. It is noteworthy that there is a rise in budget allocation by 14.9%. It is commendable that the hon. Minister is intending to purchase rice grains from local farmers. Pu Speaker, this will motivate the farmers concern for more harvests and will further lead to growth in local harvest. This is indeed a resounding news for local farmers.

Demand No. 19, LAD hon. members have spoken about the downfall of the budget allocation for this department. But what we should keep in mind is ₹1264.24 crore under Major works and other heads like Grant-in-Aid, Land & Investment where funds could be drawn; I am grateful. At the same time, the beautification of Aizawl depends on CAD. I, therefore, expect that the hon. Chief Minister will sanction the fund as required.

I believe the budget is secured to bring development for the flagship programmes and upgrade economy through SEDP to bring about Social Development. The most important issue is financial management. If fund is implemented approximately, I expect development will be witnessed within the coming years. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana. After Pu Vanlalhlana, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo and Pu Lalrindika.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing 6 demands out of this only Health & Family Welfare Deptt. is not concern with SEDP. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

Pu Speaker, FLAM members used to have ration card to procure supply of rice, sugar etc but was terminated for quite sometime. I request the hon. Minister to consider renewing their ration card. In the last Session when the hon. Minister declared that sugar will be included in ration, we were glad and clapped our hands. But it is not as expected. So, I request the hon. Minister to please take step in this regard.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to know why godown building at Chhiahtlangis not in function.

Hon. Members before me have mentioned about the fall of budget allocation to this department; I hope this will not indicate less developments. Pu Speaker, I also feel the need to revise remuneration of VCs which is quite low considering today's situation.

Then, there is a head with construction of approach road to water point and cemetery of Chhuanthar, Tlangnuam but no fund allocated therein. What is the reason?

In Fisheries Deptt., like we have heard, plankton is the best fish feed which could not be made by human but helps in preservation. Pu Speaker, there is potential area for fish farming and I would like to suggest if priority could be given to that effect.

Coming to Higher Education, I used to contemplate why it is always difficult for us to have permanent College Principal. In order to develop our education system, I opine it is necessary that we have a Principal in any college who dare take responsibility and in decision making of any issue.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, there is no fund allocation under various heads of Polytechnic, I opine this should be allocated.

Regarding establishment of University, I suggest the Govt. should also determine opening Southern Campus of other Universities like ICFAI instead of

concentrating only on Mizoram University Southern Campus. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to please take note that Women Polytechnic and Hindi training College needs upgradation.

Coming now to Health Deptt., it is unfortunate to witness that the only medical college we have is using silpaulin to prevent patients' bed from water dripping from the roof. It is sad this is the condition of our medical college.

Few words in Healthcare. Pu Speaker, I would like to stress that the present healthcare system is not benefitted but it simply causes problems for the people. I hope that our able leaders will come up with sound healthcare system so that it is benefitted by the people. Regarding supply of blood, Pu Speaker, if blood is free, let it be free in all; it seems private hospitals have to pay for it while procuring blood from Civil hospital which I think should be stopped. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you.

Certain members before me claims Zoram Medical College as originated in the previous ministry. If I am not mistaken, it originated from a Private Member Resolution moved by Dr. R. Lalrinthangliana in 1989 and 1993. Pu Speaker, another point I would like to point out is, Dr. Vanlalhlana hon. member, accused the hon. Chief Minister of quoting incorrect data, but the hon. member himself made a mistake by not quoting Union budget of 10% in the stead of DoNER ministry budget.

Today, we are discussing 6 demands. I will not go into detail but highlight some points which I assume important.

Demand No. 21. Pu Speaker, I regularly witnesses heavy traffic as I pass through Aizawl West college every day with Directorate of Health office in the nearby. Thus, I suggest shifting of this college to Yatri Niwaj building which lies unoccupied so as to resolve traffic problem in this particular area.

Demand No. 24. Health & Family Welfare. We have 4 PHC's within my constituency which never have doctor posted therein. Thus, we are deeply grateful to the hon. Minister for giving us a doctor recently. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to please take note of that PHC buildings and staff quarters of Marpara and Reiek have never been repaired since the period of U.T. and so be immediately

repaired. The previous ministry had installed X-Ray machine at PHC West Phaileng 2/3 years back but no technician being posted till date, I request the hon. Minister to please take note of this. I thank for the health care scheme being implemented and I believe my constituency will benefit much of it.

Demand No. 40 Commerce & Industries. The previous Ministry has left us with only 2 posts of Extension Officer out of 28, one of the two soon to be retired. Thus, it is impossible for the department to function effectively. Knowing the problem, it is truly appreciative that hon. Chief Minister is filling up such vacant posts.

Demand No. 19, Local Administration Deptt. The hon. Members have spoken of their concern for the decrease of budget allocation by 47.71%. Pu Speaker, in the previous ministry, budget allocation was set election oriented. Last year, in my constituency, there was 85 lakh work order in the hands of the party block President and there are funds which were directly deposited to V/C account. If there is no appropriate monitoring of such huge amount of fund, there can never be development. Thus, we must not compare this ministry with that of the previous.

Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supply Deptt. Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for maintaining high quality of rice grain on ration supply and also for sufficient cooking gas.

Lastly, Fisheries Deptt. I request the department to give it attention towards my constituency of potential area which has been neglected for long. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Larindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Before getting in the budget discussion, there is one point I would like to highlight which may be noted by the hon. Ministers. A Health Worker was transferred yesterday from Rengdil without any replacement. I request the hon. Minister for immediate replacement.

Pu Speaker, we have no Storekeeper at Tuidam and Kanhmun and I would be grateful if such posts are filled up. It is obvious that rice is chemically treated for preservation. Though I have no idea by which chemical it is treated but the content as I believe is injurious to health. So, I request the department to look into this matter as it could have been related to the growing number of cancer patients in our state.

Demand No. 40. Pu Speaker, Industrial subsidy which was one introduced is no more. I request the hon. Minister to approach central so that it is continued for the benefit of those interested in setting up industry. So is the case with transport subsidy.

Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department. Most of our fishes comes from Andhra Pradesh. I even have visited the place; it is very far. Thus, measure should be taken for production of sufficient local fishes.

Demand No. 24. I am grateful that there is a proposal to upgrade District Hospitals. In my opinion, equipment is the most crucial part of District Headquarters like CT scan; MRI is a must in District Headquarters. I expect the hon. Minister to take steps in this regard.

Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supply. The department purchase sugar at the rate of ₹42 per kg, which is ₹4,200 per quintal and is sold at the rate of ₹24 per kg, ₹2,400 per quintal which is issued only to AAY families. There are 26,100 families in Mizoram but the department procured 261 quintals only. Thus, it is obvious that the general people will not receive the supply. Pu Speaker, we often speak about being backwards state but we need to realise financial management of the government. So, step should be taken in this regard. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that today we are able to discuss the demands of the hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana such as Higher & Technical Education, Health & Family Welfare and Commerce & Industries and of Pu K. Lalrinliana such as Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Local Administration and Fisheries. I am grateful that the two hon. Ministers are able to submit such huge amount. The budget system has changed where as sources of tax, post-devotion, revenue deficit grant, united fund which does not have specific head are there for withdrawal as per requirement. Likewise, we have SEDP to help comprehensive growth.

Next is, Health & Family Welfare. I am grateful that there will be improvement in Zoram Medical College. Regarding the original name, it should have included the term 'college' thus is now included. It is pleasing to note that there is fund allocation for filling up of post for doctors and nurses, and as we have heard, there is shortage of doctors and nurses everywhere in our state. Pu Speaker, it is also commendable that we will have a reliable healthcare system.

Pu Speaker, we had an efficient doctor at PHC Haulawng but was replaced by a pregnant doctor who obviously will soon availing maternity leave for sometimes. Thus, I request if arrangement could be made in this regard. I also would like to request for X-ray machine since we are in accident prone area. I would also like to request upgradation of Chhipphir and Pangzawl HPC.

Higher & Technical Department. In Mizoram, we have one technology institution which is NIT, it has not been upgradated for the past 8 years. It may be noted that NIT Status is much higher than Mizoram University. So, Pu Speaker, measure should be taken in this regard.

Hon. Members before me have spoken about Mizoram Engineering College which is in my constituency. It may be noted by the hon. Minister that the present condition is far from completion and I request him to expedite the work.

There are few points I would like to point out in commerce and Industries, but Pu Speaker, I may ask during question hours since my time up. I am grateful that we have a smooth discussion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our time is almost 4:00 PM. should we have recess now? Alright how long should we have recess? Alright, Pu Rokhaw suggests 20 minutes. Then, meeting will resume at 4.20 PM.

4:20 PM.

SPEAKER : I call Pu L. Thangmawia to continue with our discussion.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, we are discussing important demands thus many points to mention. I am grateful that today Mizoram reached a new milestone in Health which is Medical College. This will be of an expensive medical institution. If I am not mistaken, it is originated from MNF/PC Ministry when Shri Deve Gowda was the Prime Minister of India.

Regarding posting of doctor, it cannot be done as desired by us due to central norms. However, the Govt. should take steps for posting a doctor in every health clinic centre in which only health workers are there.

In my constituency, I am grateful to the hon. Minister for posting a doctor in every PHC. But we have only one doctor at PHC Ngopa and we also need dental surgeon. We have x-ray technician and a convenient building to place x-ray machine which is not available. I, therefore, request the hon. Minister for the machine and posting of dental surgeon. If possible, Ultrasound and Endoscopy machine may also be installed to reduce minor cases being referred to Aizawl.

In Higher & Technical Education, I am grateful that teachers will enjoy the 7th pay. Pu Speaker, it is much as well appreciative that the hon. Minister and the department are prioritizing establishing 2/3 colleges in every district to alleviate the problem of college admission at Aizawl.

In Science & Technology, I opine science colleges such as Zirtiri Residential Science College needs special attention to fulfill the purpose by its name. Considering the present condition, it should have been named 'Zirtiri non-Residential Science College.'

Food & Civil Supplies, I am grateful that sugar is included in ration supply. Pu Speaker, I expect the hon. Minister to keep up with the needs of the people in future.

Regarding issue of ration card, I opine it is necessary to decentralize the system. One may apply ration card at the nearest Supply office by linking DCSO office so that the people could save their travelling expenses on the application of ration card.

Pu Speaker, regarding supply of K. Oil for Ngopa, the commodity is carried only up to Kawlkulh despite clearance of route. Thus, one has to deliver K. Oil at the delivery rate of Kawlkulh plus 3/- as carrying charge to Ngopa which causes problem. I request the hon. Minister if the commodity is delivered at the same rate as Kawlkulh or else to extend the route upto Ngopa.

Pu Speaker, in LAD, I request the hon. Minister to take careful step in implementing SEDP so that the incident as mentioned by the hon. Member from Dampa constituency is not repeated. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, you may please take a note that my name may be called with prefixing 'C' as per recorded. (SPEAKER: There are

times when we do not call out names in full.). Pu Speaker, it is already 4:30 PM and I will not take long.

Today we are discussing 6 demands, and since we have discussed at length in a general discussion yesterday, I will not go into details. Firstly, I, on behalf of the people of Lawngtlai request kind consideration of the hon. Minister not to transfer Dr. Isak Lallawmkima from Lawngtlai. Pu Speaker, we have only one PHC in my constituency thus Lawngtlai hospital is shared by 68 villages with 27,000 voters. We are of Malaria prone area and we need special care on Healthcare. Pu Speaker, the building like PHC was constructed during your tenure as Health Minister and is now lying unoccupied and becoming dilapidated since there is no staff to take care of it. Therefore, we need health worker since we have none. In order to let healthcare system function in Lawngtlai, we do not even have health worker to deal with registration. Besides, one health worker is covering 10 villages which is a problem. I, therefore, sincerely request to look into this case. Further, I request the hon. Minister to please equip Bungtlang South Hospital with more staffs such as doctors, nurses, and technician. At present, 3 nurses are taking care of 50 villages. Besides, an efficient doctor that we have Dr. Lorrain has been transferred. I expect my constituency will benefit from the hon. Minister of this new ministry.

Next is, Trade & Commerce. Under your leadership, Pu Speaker, we have been allotted with a convenient site at Zochawchhuah, even the hon. House leader is aware of this. So, I request the hon. Minister to take expedite measure in regard to border trade. I have personally travelled upto Tiau with Pu Lianluaia, the hon. Chief Minister of Chin Hills; the road is proposed for a double lane and if finalized, I can assure it will be of a beneficial and productive border trade centre. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Member, Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you. First, Demand No. 24. as mentioned earlier, we all seem to know how well the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare manages his share of departments but at the same time, I would like to mention a few things. Lunglei Civil Hospital is the most popular hospital in the southern region and is shared by the three autonomous districts and Hnathial apart from Lunglei. We therefore need more workers to attend the patients on time.

Besides, the building itself and equipments such as the staff quarters, surgery rooms, floor tiles and broken elevator are in need of renovation. Especially repairing the elevator is an urgent need for a six-storeys building like this hospital for it helps the workers a lot in moving to and fro. Likewise, the building of Zemabawk PHC though large, remains unoccupied almost for 3 or 4 years. I request immediate attention in this regard.

Demand No. 17. I appreciate measure taken by the hon. Minister for improvement of our oil supply. Likewise, Supply department is beginning to procure rice grains from the local producers through Mizofed which truly is commendable.

Moving on to Demand No. 19, shortage of staff is intensive in LAD office Lunglei despite its extensive coverage of 7 constituencies with 143 Village Councils. Thus, immediate attention is requested.

Demand No. 40, Industries Department. We do have new building and training centre but our main problem is shortage of staff as in other departments. So, I request immediate attention in this regard. Pu Speaker, with the initiative of the previous ministry, the status of DIC Lunglei which was functioning under the head of the General Manager has now been degraded to Functional Manager with lesser staffs. As a result, we have lost number of posts such as:

General Manager (Group A)	-	1 post,
Functional Manager (Group A)	-	2 Posts,
Senior Grade (Group A)	-	1 post,
Superintendant (Group A)	-	1 post,
Junior Grade (Group A)	-	1 post,
Assistant (Group B)	-	1 post,
Stenographer-II (Group B)	-	1 post,
Stenographer-III (Group B)	-	2 posts.

So, I earnestly request the hon. Minister to restore the previous status of Lunglei DIC. Under able leadership of our Chief Minister, I am confident that we will achieve a new milestone in regard to supply of foods. I believe we will be able to declare the economic sovereignty within a short period from now. Thank you.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. From the light of our discussions, it seems that we are satisfied with our ration quota. While this is the case, it is learned that AAY card holders received only 1 kg of sugar which is less sufficient for the whole family. Anyway, let us all hope for more progresses.

Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No. 17. I appreciate the concerned Minister for taking measure on oil depot in accordance with the idea of our late CM, Brig T. Sailo to be set up near railhead. I truly welcome the project and wish the hon. Minister a success. At the same time, large amount of fund is allocated under Legal Metrology and I expect the department a favourable achievement in maintaining the quality of petrol oil. At the same time, it is also important to improve LPG bottling plant as supply from the existing one does not even cover Aizawl.

Demand No. 24. Regarding Medical College, I opine we should concentrate on improvement of the infrastructure than debating on renaming it. Many are compelling to go outside for medical treatment due to lack of equipments in our hospitals. Thus, it is necessary that we give more efforts on improvement of its infrastructure to prevent out flowing of huge amount of fund to other states. In that case, it is important that we give our attention for setting up more hospitals at some convenient places.

Lastly, regarding Trade and Commerce, I request the concerned department to immediately attend the Weigh Bridge at Zokhawthar which need repairing.

Last, but not the least, what is most important in my opinion is how well we spends our budget rather than the size. We all have to take a close watch to financial management of the government amount so that it is utilised for the welfare of the people. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. To start with Demand No. 24, it is fortunate we are to have 5,000 lakhs for maintenance of Health & Family Welfare Deptt. and at the same time, performance of this new ministry is commendable which starts with the foundation of Referral Hospital which now becomes a medical college.

We have 3 Nos. PHC in my constituency including the one at Sesih which was established way back in 1986. Till today, no doctor is posted in such PHCs and I urge the government to give us this time. The PHC building at Farkawn and Bungzung are now becoming old and are in need of reconstruction; we also need equipments such as x-ray machine and technicians as it is given in other PHCs. I request the hon. Minister to take note of the demands of my constituency.

On Demand No. 24, I am grateful that we are improving Healthcare system. In the implementation, it is desirable if cashless system is introduced in private hospitals as well.

Demand No. 40. The hon. Minister of Health Deptt. has taken Geology & Mineral Resources Deptt. under his portfolios. Though the latter also is a fullf ledged department, its concerned minister is hardly being mentioned as Minister of Geology & Mineral Resources Deptt. As such, I opine it is necessary to set up a separate demand and notification for this unfamiliarly known department so that its concerned minister may be known as Minister of Mining. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, Demand No. 24. As we discuss Health care system, one issue which is deeply related to it is the main cause of growing cancer patient in Mizoram. We need to have in depth study of this disease the like our eating habits and our surrounding atmosphere etc. in order to check the disease from growing.

Secondly, Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs. It is pleasing to witness increase of 14.93% in the budget. At the same time, it is important to upgrade Consumer Affairs so that it is more beneficial for claiming consumers' right. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Deptt. When Healthcare Scheme was first implemented in coordination with Reliance Insurance Company in 2008, there were some undesirable issues evolved in the process. Even before the start, advanced payment of 95% was made to the assigned company which covers treatment of 26,082 patients. As the company fails to make payment of the remaining bill, the scheme was benefitted by 26,082 patients and the amount spent to that affect was 16.9 crore rupees only. Till today, Pu Speaker, expenditure of the remaining 10.39 crore rupees is unknown which further caused problem to 4,815 patients to receive their bills including those of Durtlang Presbyterian Hospital. It is due the result of favouritism shown to a particular company and is deeply regretted. I strongly believe this is the result of initiatives of MNF ruling during their previous ministry and thus is their responsibility to resolve the problem they have started.

The next point is how the neighboring hospital NEGHGRIMS avails medicines at a cheaper rate; I urge the concerned Minister to take measure so that we may avail it at the same rate. I also would like to know the reason that no record is maintained for payment of 600/- to each beneficiary under ASHA since 2017; and, if such scheme be continued.

I also want the officials to keep in mind of a repeated request for posting of doctor at Thenzawl hospital. Regarding modification of the name of our medical college, I think it is wise not to change the name abruptly since the original name MIMER is used in every official document and registration. As of leakage of the hospital roof, I request the officials to fix it as soon as possible.

Pu Speaker, if my opinion would matter, I strongly object the idea of placing the college under a separate directorate; it should be functioned autonomously like other medical colleges such as AIIMS, IIT, IIM etc. Besides, it is currently under inspection which will last for 5 years and I suggest the concerned Minister to clearly inform the House on this issue.

Demand No. 40, the government under Congress ministry restricted free selling of any agricultural product which prevents the producers to make the most of their productions. Even more, the MNF ministry worsen the marketing prospect of our productions. I opine the system should be reversed and that the government support exporting the local production and prevent importing unnecessary items in order to promote self-sufficiency.

A Drug Testing Laboratory at Thenzawl has now been moved back to Zemabawk leaving the building unused. I ask the concerned authority as to how this building will be utilized.

Under NEDP a sanction of 150 lakh was sanctioned under NEDP for construction of Thenzawl East market but the project could not be started due to land dispute. So, I urge the official to resolve the problem so that the project is started. Likewise, a sanction of 50 lakh and 100 lakh were made respectively for New Serchhip and Serchhip market. I suggest sanctioning the fund separately so as to expedite the project.

Regarding Industries, i would like to point out that the directorate fails to function effectively without DIC, General Manager or Functional Manager and as a result, industrial subsidy and other important works could not be processed. As such,

it is desirable if the government to resolve better solution to help setting up more industries.

With regards to Fishery, we have 24,000 hectares of potential area in which 20% is under developed and the remaining 80% untouched. Though the department is one of the oldest we have in Mizoram, it covers only 36% of the population which further necessitated 150 lakh to cover the rest. One important thing that the Fish Farmers Association learned from their study tour to Tripura is that the Gov't. provides fish foods to the farmers free of cost. As such is the case in the neighboring state, i suggest we should follow the example to increase our fish production to achieve self-sufficiency. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me also point out one thing on Food Testing Laboratory; it is placed at Thenzawl which is believed to be the centre point from all the demands areas. Let us now call upon the hon. Minister Pu Dr. R. Lalthangliana to wind up the discussion and to request a pass on the demands.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, most of the queries today are related to my department and I should try to make clarification as far as possible.

The first thing I would like to bring out is the usual norm of any new ministry to deal with scraping off insufficiency of the previous ministry. The amalgamation of Commerce and Industries department in the previous ministry makes difficulty in any dealing of the office work for both the establishments. Similarly setting up nursing school without creating more posts and setting up Engineering College under Higher & Technical Department without having staff quarters for Principal and Staff before hand. Thus, it may be noted by the members that nothing much could be done at the early stage of this ministry.

I do not think it is necessary to provoke on renaming our medical college as ZMC as it is, in my opinion an appropriate name for it. The college has to go through five years inspection and only after that it will be considered an official medical college. Therefore, research can be done only after that. So, no ill-feeling is involved in renaming. I regard myself as one of the people who commit to having a successful medical college and I believe we successfully going through the second stage of inspection under my supervision.

Regarding the leakage of the roof, it is due to the poor construction and our engineers are working on it to solve the problem. Another crucial problem is the

urgency to build 2 Intensive Care Units (ICU) which will be started immediately. Then, a separate building is needed for installation of several sophisticated machineries such as X-ray machine, CT scan, MRI etc. Regarding the oxygen plan, we somehow manage to run without facing major problem yet, the plan will definitely need revision.

Regarding Lunglei Civil Hospital, it is opined that some sorts of improvement need to be made as so work order being issued for construction of 6 unit of type-IV staff quarter and 5 units of type-III quarter.

Question regarding the 15th Finance Commission and the problem of Borpansuri etc., I think it is more appropriate to discuss in my office. Regarding development scheme for a district, a special scheme for Mamit district has already been submitted to the central and we have to wait for the result.

On transfer and posting of doctors, nurses and other staff for Lunglei and Lawngtlai, I think it is best for us to comply with orders which have already been issued.

Regarding Cancer Hospital, we are currently working on the plan to set up Super Speciality Cancer Hospital with the help of DoNER Ministry. Since it is a 500 crores plan, we can expect something phenomenal if the plan goes without a glitch. (**PU LALDUHOMA:** *Pu Speaker, if the hon. Minister has ever thought of letting MZU authority take up the work for smooth processing of the project which is said to be permissive?*) Yes, Pu Speaker, but overlapping of works could evolve if MZU alone handles the plan; thus, we both work with all efforts to achieve it. It may as well be noted that the machine alone cost 14 crores. At the same time, it is fortunate that the Health & Family Welfare Deptt. received 480 crores for renovation of RIPANS. Apart from this, there are other approved sanctions for PG Courses, Sport complex, administrative building, auditorium, hostel etc.

Relating to this, I am concern of the need to set up a Consultative Committee which we once had under the parliamentary Affairs Deptt. to promote integration of the members of this House. (**SPEAKER:** *All has been set and I believe the hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs is able to release the order by tomorrow*).

Pu Speaker, we have a lot of things to learn from other advanced countries on medicines and technology in general. There are two important things to this concern, one is 'Preventive' which concern with preventive measures taken in order to stop the

disease from spreading, and the other is 'curative' which concern with treatment of a patient having a disease. Most countries put their focus on the preventive area and I urge the government to concentrate more to this area as well.

I congratulate 82 Nos. Health Workers who are promoted to Supervisors. With 50 crores sanction approved by the hon. CM, I am glad that we are able to work on the demands in various constituencies like reconstruction of sub-Centres, PHC buildings, CHC etc and problems on various posts such as Grade-IV, Health worker, nurse and doctors etc. We will have to start with filling of vacant posts and will then proceed gradually.

Regarding Geology & Mining, it seems confusing at the first place but after carefully studying the Ministry of Coal and Mining of the central which also concern for Petroleum and Natural Gas, we came to realize that its importance and functions. So, we are doing our best despite our previous system.

We are also working on with the best solution on matters involving MIFCO, ZOHANDCO, KVI and ZIDCO etc. In brief, thought has been given as to which corporations should be retained and which should be terminated as so are other projects taken up by the government such as Multi Modal Transport project.

Under the guidance of hon. CM, we have established Industrial Development Board and Project Serve Committee; the two will work on all round development and improvement for the government and the people.

We have Entrepreneur Facilitation Centre to promote our farmers and DPR being submitted for cultivations of ginger and turmeric. Under Industry Department, we have taken up pineapple and sugarcane as pilot projects. There are several Common Facility Centres as well but the result yet to be seen.

Regarding Higher & Technical Education, our major concern is regarding scholarship. As seen in the report, there are still many who have not received it; I believe it will be given soon. It may be noted by the House scholarships programme includes Post-Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe covering 14,880 students, Post-Matric Scholarship for student belonged to Minority Community comprising 2,000 students, Merit cum means based Scholarship for student belonged to Minority Community and pre-Matric Scholarship for student belonged to Minority Community covering 47,710 students. It is funded by NEC. The problem we now have is shortage of faculty. There are 167 vacant posts in teaching faculty and 69

vacant posts in non-teaching faculty to be filled. This is of important matter as the UGC has a norm of minimum faculty requirement in various streams. There is no sanction at present but so far, we have to keep all of these in mind.

While this is the case with student's scholarship, financial sanction of 39 crore which is in pending under the Ministry of Human Resource Development has now been received. By obtaining recommendation of MZU authority, we are also working on establishing MZU campus and Engineering College in the southern part. As of college admission, we are doing our best to accommodate as much as the students where as our main problem now is admission for commerce stream. There were approximately 130 qualified students who could not get their admission in the last session. As of now, Govt. Aizawl College has now completed its campus at Mualpui which will function very soon. Regarding Aizawl West College, there is a plan for shifting the entire set up to a more convenient place and we are now working on it.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, may we have Science and Commerce Department at Siaha College?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot assure but it is in our desire to make it a possibility.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, I request to give us more lecturer of history subject at Lwngtlai college as we have only one.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, under RUSSA, recruitment of Asst. Professor is in process and we hope to cover all the demands for teaching staff.

Dr. Z.R. THIAMSANGA: Pu Speaker, I opine college in rural districts generally needs more more attention and I request the officials to focus on these areas.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, yes, we are making all possible efforts in this regard. I am grateful to all members for their concerns and suggestions for improvement of my departments concern. So, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the following Demands:

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24	Health & Family Welfare	5,66,47,07,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	82,56,85,000.00
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SPEAKER : The hon. Minister beg the House to pass his demands such as –

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Those who agree, say 'agree'. Since there is no objection, the House has passed the Demands.

Let us invite the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to wind up his demand and beg the House to pass it.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am grateful to hear all the mentions and suggestions on the demands under my concerned departments. Under the department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, we are doing our best to provide the people with various necessities despite lack of staff in various offices. Budget allocation to this department may seem huge, there is a huge amount of deduction for recovery i.e. 17,000lakhs.

I express my utmost gratitude to the hon. CM for without his concern 19crore for construction of ten go downs would not be made available. After completion, we even expect another sanction for construction of 55Nos. godown.

In order to distribute ration supply more evenly, End to End Computerisation of Targeted Public Distribution Scheme is being implemented and Electronic point of Sales Device will also be introduced to examine the condition of the distributors. State Food Commission has also been established but the entire requirements could not be met as yet; we are doing our best to have one.

Following the National Food Security Act, 2013, priority is given to AAY card holders. Under the same Act, we receive 54,000 quintals of rice monthly. In order to fulfil our monthly demand of 1,10,000 quintals, some are purchased in the open market approximately 50,000 quintals per month. The department is always open to make a purchase from the local producers and any possible efforts are made to make that happen.

Due to the border dispute at Bairabi and Zophai, many of rice cultivators encounter the problem. As requested by the people the Minister of Agricultural Department, four machineries have been purchased to counter face the problems. Thus, we are doing our best and hope that half of our monthly demand would be made available.

As of sugar ration supply, it is true that the amount distributed is less sufficient but we still are grateful that at least the AAY card holders are able to receive it despite the major shortage of supply.

Regarding supply of LPG, what is important is having enough supply. Presently, our main supply is from Borkhola bottling plant of IOC and minor bottling plant at Mualkhang. So far, we have no problem with the supply.

There are other interested companies approaching us for supply of LPG such as Nirmal Gas and Spice Gas and we are trying to maintain a healthy completion among the distributors. Home delivery is an issue and we have even talk with the distributors in our meeting. As assured by the distributors, home delivery will be started from September, 2019.

Since we have no oil depot here in Mizoram, we had submitted an agenda under the leadership of the hon. CM during our previous ministry along with o four other agendas. However, it was not successful due to requirement of broad gauge on railways transportation. As soon this ministry came into being, we made an inspection and found out that the area too small. A discussion is thus held with concerned VC for extension of the area and we are currently working on the solution.

Pu Speaker, Consumer Affairs is an important subject as well. The Legal Metrology made inspection on regular basis and often seized the practice of incorrect weight and measurement. Consumers Union and Consumers Forum are performing their best in an effort to provide our supply demands. We even have a newly established Consumer Cell for the purpose of assisting the consumers. Another focus

will also be made on the lack of manpower and necessary equipments will be provided for immediate use. Thus, we should make the best use of Legal Metrology relating to the quality of petrol etc and on purchase of materials for building construction to minimize our expenditures.

Regarding Supply Department, what is important is to review the routes of our incoming supply for a shorter route to reduce our expenditure. (**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** *Pu Speaker, I completely agree with this kind of plan and urge the department to spare no effort to make that happen.*)

Pu Speaker, Hill State Transport Subsidy amounting to 55crores approx. is still in pending from 2002. Approach is made several times but no response is made till date. Thus, an agenda for resolving this problem has been submitted for discussion at the cabinet level and is approved.

Regarding shortage of storage keeper, let me inform the House that approval for recruitment of Inspector, sub-Inspector and 31 posts of Store Keeper has already been obtained. With that, we are hoping to resolve the problem to some extents.

On Demand No. 19, many of us agrees the budget allocation to LAD decreases compared to the previous years. After having discussion with hon.CM, we feel the need to make an assurance to come up with a solution as soon as possible. Thus, inform the House that we are deeply regretted and we care about rural areas and the people.

We have 11 parks under the maintenance of LAD and I should say that the workload is a bit heavy for the department. Thus, there is a suggestion of privatizing some of them and balancing the profit equally.

In cooperation with SIRD, we have Village Council Training Centre at Durtlang. Regarding Excluded Area Grant, there are several VCs who utilized the funds without our consent. So, the next provision funds will be transferred directly to the account of concerned Village Council based on population. The main objective is provision of the demand of the general public and to ensure it is utilized accordingly.... (**SPEAKER:** *This is of a sensitive matter; so, I implore a more specific explanation.*) Pu Speaker, as I have said earlier, (**Pu LALDUHOMA:** *Pu Speaker, what is the funding source of this fund provision of the Excluded Area Fund? Is it from the 14th Finance Commission or to be obtained from the current demand? Is this highlighted in the current budget?*)

As it was only yesterday that the Finance Department released the fund, nothing is done as yet. We agree that it is a sensitive matter and thus considered to publicize by means of media. (**Pu C. NGUNLIANCHHUNGA**: *If the said fund covers the District Council areas as well?*) VCs under the District Councils are not included for they have their own Village Councils. During 2017-2018, we received 45.44 crore from the Finance Ministry, Govt of India as per the Constitution of India non-part 9 and part 9 (a). It was released on 18.11.2017 to those excluded by the Panchayati Raj.

LAD also concern for payment of street light power bill in rural areas and we have several problems on the count of late payment. It is our desire if there is a plan to utilize solar power in rural areas.

I opine LAD concern with formulating anew regulation of VC. So, draft is prepared by the drafting committee which is known as 'the Mizoram Rural Local Self Government Bill Panchayati Bill, 2019.' The committee members include several prominent persons and we are now waiting for the report of a study on the neighbouring states on this system.

Regarding Women reservation, it is a part of the Constitution and is mandatory. On matters involving unauthorized settlement mentioned by Pu Nihar Kanti, eviction order was issued in 2015 but remain in the process for involving a court case. It is agreed that we are having too much villages in our state which obstruct development. Relating to the point raised by Pu Nihar Kanti, we even have the idea of grouping Tuichawngchhuah village to Tuchawng. (**Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA** : *Even if that is the case, it is rainy season and many families are wandering along the river bank without having a place to sleep or things to eat. Thus, it is the responsibility of the government to provide their rehabilitation.*) Pu Nihar is right, but we also have to consider the possible danger of harbouring the foreigners. That is what I would like to mention with regards to LAD.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that hon. Minister said that future of the V/Cs will be considered carefully with other parties. Besides, the 14th Finance Commission does not allocate funds for VC and the government is only trying to find alternative funds by putting a women reservation mandatory. We should also think about the women reservation; though it is said to be a mandatory, it is not written in the 6th Schedule. So, I think this matter should also be examined more carefully.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker, the Drafting Committee will consider this with all political parties and NGO's, even Sub-Committees may also be established.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, I think women reservation is a mandatory only in the case of Panchajati Raj. Anyway, if we agreed to establish Panchayati Raj, there is a way to extract some funds but establishing a Panchayati Raj may not be the best for our State.

SPEAKER : In the previous term, the hon. Minister stated that it is mandatory. so, I believe we agree to his statement. Anyway, we will move on with our business.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the study team pursue the matter but the report has not been submitted as yet. Anyway, we will discuss it after receiving the reports.

On Fisheries Department, as mentioned by the hon. Member, it is an old department but does not seem to grow due to financial crisis and other factors. Most of the fishes sold in the market are of imported. So, if we give more efforts on fish farming, I believe we can be self-sufficient. Thus, we are taking measure to supply fish feeds on subsidy in every district. We are hoping to receive financial aid from RKVY, Fisheries and Aqua Culture Infrastructure Development Fund, NEC and SEDP. In response to a concept note being forwarded, we are expecting ₹2,500 lakh from NEC. Likewise, step has been taken for preservation of fishes and other aquatic animals like crab, frogs etc.

We are drafting The Mizoram Fisheries Rules, 2019 which will be submitted to the Cabinet. It contains 'the Mizoram Detections for Fisheries Offense Scheme, 2019'. The department rented out fish ponds to some people to start fish farming where as some are under construction for the same purpose. Out of 6 Nos. of fish-fed manufacturing industries under the maintenance of Fisheries Deptt., there are some partially owned by the department. If it is a success, we may be able to cover processing of pig-feed and chicken feed, plus, bones and oil cake may also be made available in our State. Oil palm cakes produced at Buk Vannei has also been examined and we are hoping to make the supply available in our state.

Pu Speaker, it is important that we prioritize self-sufficiency in supply of fish, we should find the best use of our natural gift as to how to generate our soils and trees

for the best purposes. At the same time, we should also preserve our riverine creatures so as to attain self- sufficiency in such supplies. So, Pu Speaker, I appeal the hon. House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments: –

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19	LAD	41,48,18,000.00
35	Fisheries	10,40,01,000.00
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So, those in favour to pass the Demands may say, ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say, ‘No’. Since there is no objection, the Demand of the hon. Minister, Pu K. Lalrinliana is unanimously passed by the House.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today. I inform the House that the former hon. Minister, Pu Lalrinchhana passed away last night, and this House mourn his untimely demise. We will resume our session tomorrow at 10:30 AM. The House is adjourned.

Sitting is adjourned (8:00 P.M.)