

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR NINTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 24th JUNE, 2019
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : “Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways”

Psalms 128:1

We will start Question Hour with starred Question No. 136 and Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Number of cases being registered under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act in Mizoram?
- b) Measure taken by the Government to stop the practice Human Trafficking?

SPEAKER : I invite the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia to reply.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) There are 9 cases being registered under the Immoral Traffic Act in Mizoram.
- b) To stop the practice of Human Trafficking, there are Anti-Human Trafficking Units in several districts such as Aizawl, Lunglei, Kolasib and Champhai. Arrangement has been made to organize the district level training in this regard as so with awareness campaign in various schools and colleges.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Relating to starred Question No. 82 which was raised the other day of the final decision of the government regarding our boundary dispute with Assam, the answer being given was, “It is under examined”.

Whereas the government policy Section A (i), the Govt. of Mizoram, Planning & Implementation Department that stated that ‘there have been a boundary conflicts between Mizoram and its neighboring states which often results into killing, kidnapping and threatening of innocent people. The govt. will try its best on the North Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873’. May the hon. Minister elaborate the statement and the answer being given with that regard?

SPEAKER : Does the SEDP related to the party agenda or not? (*Pu ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Govt. of Mizoram, Sir.*) Now, another Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and then from Dr. Thiamsanga.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. The Human Trafficking business is of a serious problem which becomes more aggressive day by day. There are two incidents that recently happened – one, in 2019 as four females from Lunglei Farm were rescued with the help of Mizoram Police, and another, a baby rescued by a brave kid. My question is – If those accused being apprehended and what happens to them so far?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding Starred Question No. 150. If it is possible to recruit Women Police? If so, may the official verify the demand of Women Police at Champhai Police Station?

Regarding traffic police, we all seems to be aware of the demand of more traffic police especially in Aizawl city. Allegedly there is a proposal for recruitment of 91 Nos.; but I opine it is not enough still and should be made at least 500 Nos.

SPEAKER : I invite the hon. Minister to reply as far as possible.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: At the outset, Pu Speaker, let me react to the point mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga that a core committee has been set up to study any issue relating boundary dispute. No final decision has yet been made from the part of the government in this regard.

To answer the question of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, the accused were apprehended yet no action has been taken so far as investigation is in progress. Decision will be made as per the findings.

To answer Dr. Thiamsanga's question, there is no such proposal of recruitment at the moment. Yet, there is a proposal to recruit more women than men when recruitment is made. Currently there are about 300 traffic polices and we all are aware of the shortage. We are now working on a more effective system of recruitment for the future.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.137.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Art & Culture Department be pleased to state –

Allegedly earlier settlement is found in the area of Vangchhia village. Is there any conclusion being made as to whose or which group of people such traces are of?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to reply.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Archeological excavations were made three times in collaboration with Art & Culture Department and the Indian National Trust for Art & Culture Heritage (INTACH) in the area of Vangchhia and we believe that such traces are of our ancestors who had settled the place.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is learned from some media reports that traces of Hindu settlement were also found in the same area. I opine it is not appropriate to ignore such reports. Since we do not have a solid proof of our origin as to whether we are the descendants of Israel or else, may the government make a concrete measure to clear off our confusion on our origin?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. concerned Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to reply.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are various resources which need to be required in finding out our origin which we cannot afford at the moment. Thus, no research has been made in that regard. As of Vangchhia, we strongly believe that the traces were of our ancestors who formerly occupied the place. We do not conform to the information from the media.

SPEAKER : I invite Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 138.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Sericulture Department be pleased to state -

- a) Nos. of projects covers under Sericulture Department at the moment and what kind of projects?
- b) If the new Ministry has any new plan being made for the department?

SPEAKER : I invite the hon. Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua to reply.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows: –

- a) There are four projects at the moment, namely –
 - i) ISDP - Integrated Sericulture Development Project
 - ii) IBSDP - Intensive Bivoltine Development Project
 - iii) IMSD - Integrated Muga Silk Development Project
 - iv) Development of Eri Culture in Mizoram for upliftment of Aspirational District i.e. EDC, Mamit District.
- b) Yes. The new plans are: -
 - i) Eri Silk Development for Siaha District
 - ii) Large Scale Eri Farmers project with the approval of PIMC.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Question is – Considering a successful Eri silk production of other places, it is believed that we have a great potential for the same. Is there a way to extend the policy so that it covers Lunglei North and the neighboring districts?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Lalsavunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. How many farms do we have under the seedling projects of Mulberry, Muga and Eri and how many processing plants under each project? Is there a plan to increase it?

SPEAKER : Lastly, I invite Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Kolasib District has a great potential for Eri seed farming. May we have one?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister. Dr. K. Beichhua to reply.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and Pu Lalrinsanga, we are planning to take up the projects for the two districts respectively and for other districts as well by including muga silk.

To reply to Pu Lalsawivunga, we have Mulberry seedling farm at Rangvamaual which has been shifted to multiplication centre at Serchhip District; We have Muga farm at Kolasib.

We have only one reeling machinery in Mizoram which is of Zemabawk and we have a plan to have more.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Dr. Z.R. Thiamsanga to ask Starred Questions No.139.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Labour, Employment, Skill Development Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether there is a plan for the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) of Zote, Champhai to put into function?
- b) If measure is taken for resolving shortage of staff in Labour & Employment Office of Champhai?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to reply.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) Yes;
- b) Not at present.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Labour cess is collected in every contract work but collection centre is located only at Aizawl which is a problem for other districts. For the convenience of the concerned contractors, may the collection centre be located in other districts as well?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. May the government resolve the site for setting up ITI at Thingdawl the plan which has already been approved by the central?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Z.R. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. If I am not mistaken, the estimates for ITI building of Champhai is 453 lakh out of which 408.84 lakh is spent. There is no point in setting up a building which will not be taken care. Pu Speaker, for having affirmative answer from the concerned hon. Minister, we will have to work first on the approach road which had already been closed.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA: I, once again request posting of more staffs in L & E office Champhai since there are only two regular staffs working in the office. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the question raised by Pu Lalrinsanga Minister regarding the collection centre for Cess, step has been taken in various districts and we are now reviewing the case of Kolasib District which may be placed near DC office. Regarding the question raised by Pu Andrew Lalthangliana, we have identified a place near Thingdawl which will soon be decided.

Regarding the lack of manpower as stated by the hon. Member Pu ZR Thiamsanga, the previous Ministry had initiated the project for construction of ITI building in various districts such as Serchhip, Champhai and Kolasib and fund sanction also has already been obtained for the same. As we are about to start the project, we become to learn various formalities which need to be cleared such as selection of its contractors which is not clearly specified by the Finance department beforehand. In order to set up the institute, it may be noted that there are various formalities which need to be done. I hope this will answer the question regarding shortage of staff at ITI Champhai as well. We already have submitted the requirements including the demand of staff in various districts and I hope our problems could be solved as soon as the process is cleared.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state:

During 2019, if there are any who have lost their home due to natural disaster?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

Yes, reports have been received from different districts regarding the loss of home due to natural disaster.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is learned that there are unstable rock plates in the area of Serchhip and Lunglei. So, I urge DPR prepared by the government to that effect or else the people living in such areas remains

endangered by the possible calamity. I believe there is a central fund allocation for this kind of disaster.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, we have many homes destroyed in the recent hailstorm in Lawngtlai area but are remain uncompensated till date. So, when will such families be compensated?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

i) From how many districts the reports are received and how many are there from each district?

ii) What is the proposed amount of compensation grant to that respect and if it is the same with that of Aizawl and other rural towns?

iii) And, if there is any building within Aizawl which is proposed for dismantling but remain undone?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have also been informed about the unstable rock plates in Serchhip; and, as the concerned MLA has requested, initiative will be made in this regard.

As a member from Lawngtlai constituency has mentioned, 42 homes have been destroyed by hailstorms. The concerned DC will be urged to compensate such families as soon as possible. All the districts except Mamit are affected by the recent hailstorms. So far, following are the reports received from such districts: -

Name of District	Fully damaged	Severely damaged	Partially damaged	Nos. of affected Area
Aizawl	53 Nos.	-	77 Nos.	37 Nos.
Lunglei	6 Nos.	13 Nos.	1555 Nos.	-
Siaha	11 Nos.	13 Nos.	13 Nos.	98 Nos.
Kolasib	31 Nos.	-	91 Nos.	-
Serchhip	2 Nos.	5 Nos.	28 Nos.	-
Lawngtlai	26 Nos.	33 Nos.	387 Nos.	-

Compensation grant is given as per the guidelines of the Central Government.

As per the report of District Disaster Management Authority, there are 3 buildings being proposed for dismantling within Aizawl District and 96 Nos. buildings in Kolasib District.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No. 141 and hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of Horticulture Department be pleased to state –

- a) The targets and achievements of the beneficiaries of Crop Loans during the year 2018 – 2019?
- b) The reason for not achieving the targets, if any?
- c) The percentage of recovery?
- d) The reason for unsatisfactory recovery, if any?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister, who also is the House Leader, Pu Zoramthanga to answer the question.

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

- a) There are no targets or achievements for Crop Loan during 2018-2019.
- b) Since there is no target, there is no achievement.
- c) There is no recovery percentage to be determined.
- d) Since there is no recovery, no percentage is determined.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe the hon. Chief Minister does not understand my question. Crop Loans are made available every year with the targets being set in which most of the farmers rely upon. I have attended DLRC meeting at Serchhip on which it is reported that the achievement only 12.8%. I have even urged them to take measure so the percentage is increase.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe we have a slight misunderstanding; the concerned department does not provide loans but by the bank with the target being set. Anyway, we will inquire the matter and the concerned department will furnish the answer soon.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No.142 and the hon. Member Pu Lalmuanpuia to ask.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Will the concerned Minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state: -

- a) If measure is taken by the government to prevent landslide in the prone area of Edenthar Methodist?
- b) If so, the amount of fund allocated for this purpose?

SPEAKER : The concern Minister may now answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) The government is taking measure in landslide prone area of Edenthar Methodist from State Mitigation Fund.
- b) ₹107.70 lakh is allocated for this purpose.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, if there is any precautionary measure taken by the government on landslide prone areas of Ngaizel and Mission Veng?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalmuanpuia and he will be followed by Dr. Vanlalhlana.

PU LALMUANPUIA : Is there a plan to renovate the drainage which also is the boundary line of Electric Veng, Hebron and Chhinga Veng.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. How many Village Disaster Management Committee do we have in the village or local level? There is a rumour that such committee could not be formed for lack of fund involved. Is there any proposal from Disaster Management Department to provide equipment for use in a disaster or accident? We recently had drainage collapsing in the boundary of Ramthar and Sihpui and also other areas of landslide prone. May such areas be inspected?

SPEAKER : I call upon the concern Minister to answer it.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question by Pu Lalchhunthanga, we have discussed this issue with the UD&PA but there is no initiative from DM&R.

To answer the question from Pu Lalmuanpuia, yes, there was a proposal of strengthening the boundary of Electric Veng, Hebron and Chhingaveng but due to some misunderstandings, fund for the work had not been allocated. So, we again submitted a proposal and received only ₹386 lakh which is opined to be less sufficient. It might have been difficult to allocate the desired amount for Edenthaveng so we better off starting the work on Electric Veng and Chhingaveng with the allotted amount of ₹30 lakh.

On the questions raised by Dr. Vanlalhlana, so far, Village Disaster Management Committee has not been established but under AAPDA MITRA, there is a proposal for training to be conducted in every district regarding disaster management; Aizawl is selected at the initial phase for such training and life-saving equipment as mentioned had also been distributed during the training. We hope it will soon be conducted in other districts as well.

In any of such kind of incident, it is important for every VC to be aware the need to give immediate and direct report to concerned DC or Directorate of DM & R so that action can be taken on time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.143, to be asked by the hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of Sericulture Department be please to state –

- a) Is Sericulture Department at Siaha District still in function?
- b) If there is any proposal to upgrade this office?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) Yes, the department is still in function under District Sericulture Officer.
- b) Initiative will soon be made on Eri Silk Development.

SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, how to generate a revenue from our silk production?

SPEAKER : Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, what is the estimate amount for the Eri Silk Development Project of Siaha District and in which place it will be established?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, silk productions are usually exported to other States such as Assam, W. Bengal etc. Silk cocoon is purchased at the rate of ₹350 per kg; Grade 'A' is sold at the rate of ₹265, 'B' at ₹212/- and Grade 'C' at ₹160/-. A silk yarn is sold at the rate of ₹4,800/kg and Nerry at the rate of ₹4,000/kg. Muga cocoon costs ₹18,000/kg and a yarn costs ₹18,000/kg. One cocoon is exported at the rate of ₹3/kg.

The total cost of Eri Silk project is ₹12.3 crore which is expected to generate at least 400 beneficiaries. Decision will soon be made for the site of this project. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 144 and to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of LESDE Department be pleased to state –

- a) If there any proposal to send our youths to participate in the Asia Pacific Youth Exchange at Seoul, South Korea?
- b) If so, how many will be sent?
- c) What is the procedure for selection of the participant?
- d) What is the expenditure for this purpose?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows –

- a) Yes, there is a proposal to send some youths to APYE, Seoul, South Korea.
- b) Selection will be made as per the sponsorship funds received from APYE selection team of South Korea.
- c) Selection will be conducted by APYE delegation team of South Korea.
- d) APYE delegation fee is \$1,000 per head.

SPEAKER : We have now come to the end of our discussion and we will now move on to Financial business.

Today, we will discuss the Demands of our three hon. Ministers such as Pu Lalchamliana, Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga and Pu Lalchhandama Ralte. The hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamliana may now lay his Demand on the Table of the House such as –

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

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the following Demand Nos. 8, 16 and 30 for ₹8,50,23,28,000.00/- only for meeting expenses during 2019-2020 in respect of the following departments.

Demand Nos.	Name of Departments	Amount (in ₹)
8	Taxation	24,69,24,000.00
16	Home	7,98,09,27,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	27,44,77,000.00
	TOTAL	8,50,23,28,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte may now lay his Demands such as:-

- Demand No. 18 - Printing & Stationery,
- Demand No. 20 - School Education Department,
- Demand No. 28 - Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department

on the table of the House.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor and the with your permission, Sir, I lay the following Demands on the table of the House: –

Demand Nos.	Name of Departments	Amount (in ₹)
18	Printing & Stationery	16,98,55,000.00
20	School Education	13,28,42,02,000.00
28	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	47,59,14,000.00
	TOTAL	13,92,99,71,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga may now lay his demands such as: –

Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial Department,
 Demand No. 12 - Parliamentary Affairs,
 Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Demand
 Demand No. 42 - Transport Department
 on the table of the House.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I present the following Demands on the table of the House –

Demand Nos.	Name of Departments	Amount (in ₹)
4	Law & Judicial	27,89,27,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	1,05,91,000.00
36	Environment, Forest & Climate Change	1,60,07,28,000.00
42	Transport Department	50,31,08,000.00
	TOTAL	2,39,33,54,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Ministers have submitted their respective Demands and we will now start our discussion. As usual, we may allot 10 minutes to each member. (*PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I think 10 minutes will be less sufficient for discussion of the demand of 10 departments*) I believe 10 minutes is enough and we may try to accommodate with it or we could be a little lenient in time keeping. Now, I call upon the hon. Member, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you. Pu Speaker. I will first stress on the Demands of Pu Lalchamliana, the hon. Minister.

Pu Speaker, our Home Minister is quite efficient in dealing of works and had visited all the border areas. While this is the case, lack of manpower is intensive in the Home Department allegedly due to 2,000 posts lying vacant. I believe such posts should be filled in order to be have more efficiency. I believe Finance Department should also consider the case. Apart from this, the need for more Police staff quarters and vehicles should be prioritized particularly of the remote areas.

Pu Speaker, I also suggest a check gate at Phainuam which is one of the centres of black marketing of vehicle. Likewise, I opine it is important to place IR Battalion at Vairengte so as to maintain and safeguard our boundary effectively. Also, it is important to renovate sub-Jail building at Vairengte so that it is functioning appropriately.

I express my gratitude to DC Kolasib and the Directorate of DM & R for their performance in dealing with a disaster which affected the people within my constituency Serlui.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that we have a minister who has travels the length and breadth of Mizoram for educational campaign within these 6 months of this ministry; he has even taken worth-mentioning step for improvement of our educational system within this short period like plan for recruitment of 946 teachers on MR basis. At the same time, there is a need for improvement of our school building and the educational tools particularly in rural areas and thus may be attended. We are all aware of the fact that teachers posted in rural areas hardly stay in their place of posting and one of the reasons is for lack of accommodation. So, I suggest construction of staff quarters should be prioritized. Regarding the problem of deploying a substitute teacher by some regular staffs, it is desirable if immediate and effective measure is taken so as to improve our education system. It may as well be important to raise the honorarium given to cook in the elementary section for it is now a problem to find one who is willing to serve for this job. In short, it is important to allocate more funds to Education Department so as to meet all the aforementioned needs.

Under Forest Department, the main factor for our border dispute with Assam involves Forest Department. Thus, in order to deal with the problem, I opine DFO be posted at Vairengte.

Pu Speaker, I truly appreciate the proposal for inter-state transport service with the Govt. of Manipur, Tripura and also with Tahan to resolve our communication gap with our fellow mizos living in such areas. At the same time, I suggest purchase of more buses to enable a regular bus services especially to rural areas. Lastly, Pu Speaker, Transport Deptt. has a vast area of land at Vairengte; and to make the best use of this land, I think it is wise for the government to transform it into a truck terminal. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start by expressing my gratitude to our Home Minister for renovating police staff quarters in my constituency. At the same time, it is also necessary to take up more in various places as so in Aizawl. It is also important to establish a police outpost at Kawlkulh covering Vankal, Vancheng, Kawlkulh etc.

Considering the importance of the elementary section of school, I opine special care should be given and that the quality of pupils needs to be upgraded so that they compete with other students of English Medium schools. In order to minimize shortage of teachers in rural areas, what is important for the government is to set up staff quarters to accommodate any teacher posted to such places from outside. In the previous MNF ministry, many schools were upgraded and the budget allocation to education had also increased comparing to last year showing that priority had been given for development of our educational system. At the same time, I urge the Cabinet as soon as its meeting is held to consider placing Forest Division Office at Ngopa.

Moving on to Transport Department, it is appreciating that initiative has been made by the hon. Minister for inter-state transport service. At the same time, I request him to arrange more transport bus services on this Christmas season particularly to remote places so that any one spends this important time with their family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Environment, Forest & Climate Change is an important department which concerns our socio-economic development. Thus, it is important that the government makes policy and programmes in tune with the changing environment which effects our socio-economic development.

Within the premise of DIET complex at Chaltlang, there is a small space which is expected for a Sport Complex and project for the same has also been submitted. But since the proposed site is not of DIET, I request the concerned authority to allot the site for construction of the said Sports complex.

On Demand No. 20, the budget allocation to School Education Deptt. increased by 23.19% which indicates substantial plan for improvement of our education department. Regarding teachers, I opine the existing ones are sufficient for our schools; what is more important is quality improvement for such teachers with the help of training and seminar. At the same time, it is also important that we implement the Mizoram Education Transfer and Posting of Teachers Rules, 2006. Regarding the performance of our schools, the pass percentage of our class 12 in private schools are always better than those of government institutions. So, I urge the hon. Minister to give more attentions to this problem.

As of Home Department, I request the hon. Minister to give a clear explanation of Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation 1873. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that today, we are going to discuss the demands of our three hon. Ministers. Let me start with Demand No.16, Home Department.

I opine it is important to give attention to health and fitness of our policemen and that a medical check may be taken on regular basis. Secondly, I request the hon. Minister to set up a check gate at Haulawng to identify transport goods to and fro.

Regarding setting up Fire & Emergency Station, no response has yet been received for a proposal submitted to the 13th Finance Commission. So, I request the government to approach the central in this regard. I would also like to ask the hon. Minister for Revenue Deptt. that on whose permission the Indian Air Force make their settlement in the area of Pukpui.

On Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, GST is implemented wef 1st July, 2017 and I believe we now could make a revenue from petroleum products. On Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, ₹30 lakh is allocated for strengthening landslide prone area of Zotlang Tourist Lodge and Mualthuum North field which I believed to be less sufficient. I request the hon. Minister to once again verify the places and reconsider the amount. Likewise, verification may also be taken for improvement of a busy highway of ATL roads.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, I think it is important to change the mindset of our students by instilling our mizos traditional and religious value in them; and, we also need to concentrate on job-oriented education. It is heartening to know the hon. Minister appealing any member to set aside 10% of their MLA funds for promoting education in their constituency respectively. As for me, Pu Speaker, I have made a promise to provide a laptop to any successful student in JEE and NEET exams to encourage the students. In order to achieve quality education, I think it is necessary for the government to stop the practice of deploying a substitute teacher.

Under Demand No.28, I hope we would see a new phase in LESDE with the increase of budget allocation by 40%; I thank the concerned Minister for this initiative.

Moving on to Demand No. 42, Transport Department, I am glad that payment of life time tax is revised. At the same time, I request concerned Minister for issue of more of two-wheeler taxi permits in rural areas as it serves quite a purpose for the people.

Lastly, on Demand No. 36, I request our hon. Minister to give attention to preservation water sources in the area of Tawite and Pukpui to prevent greenhouse effect.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will stress on a few important points concerning my constituency.

On Demand No. 20, it may be noted that education should bring out the best in oneself so that one will be able to survive and succeed. The success of a person lies in his determination. It is important for the concerned Minister to take the challenge of changing a person for the better even if it cost him his position.

On Demand No. 8, taxation Department, we, the Mizos never hesitate to render help to others whether it is a community work or individuals. It is possible that we give out too much that we hesitate to give taxes to the government.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department, I think we should give importance to physical fitness on recruitment of police. Regarding check post. My constituency, being in the border of Assam and Tripura need one with one inspector to take the charge.

Regarding Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, I opine the need of afforestation is intensive since our forest area covers only of 28.42%, it is important that we give attention in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, Demand No. 20, School Education. I am glad that the former President of MZP happened to be Education Minister who is supposed to know the needs of our educational system.

Pu Speaker, within my constituency Palak, we have only one Higher Secondary School for 40 villages and we receive only ₹3 lakhs in a year which is very insufficient to run the School. So, I request the hon. Minister to upgrade this school to an adhoc grant-in-aid status. Besides, the school building could not accommodate all the students. Likewise, there is shortage of teachers in Govt. Hr. Secondary School, Siaha in subjects like, Geography, economics, Political Science and Mizo. So, I request the hon. Minister to post teachers for the said subjects as soon as possible.

Besides, we have no headmaster at Govt. High Schools of Zawngling, Chakhang, Serkawr, Phura and Tongkolong and only 2 or 3 teachers are there in some of these schools. So, our requirement for teachers are intensive in these areas. In the upcoming recruitment of 946 Nos. teachers, I request the hon. Minister to recruit only those certified under Teacher Eligibility Test so as to improve the quality of our education system.

Pu Speaker, my constituency Palak is located in the international border which happened to be a passage for smuggling. Thus, we need a Police Outpost at Chakhang. I would also like to request reconstruction of office building of Siaha SP which remain functioning in the old building constructed during UT era.

Moving on to Demand No. 42, I request our hon. Minister to provide a mini bus service plying to Siaha-Chakhang, Siaha-Phura and Siaha-Khawlchaw connecting villages such as Niawhtlang, Lungbun, Chhualung, Ainak, Siata, Tuipang, Zawngling, Khopai, Ahmypi, Laki, Vahai and Kaisih. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Dr. BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, on Taxation Department. In my constituency, some hesitant to pay taxes due to irregular supply of power, water etc. So, if the government expect to receive a good revenue, improvement should be made on such supplies.

There are three Police Stations within my constituency for 83 villages and the demand for vehicles is very high to carry out the duties. So, I request the hon. Minister to provide at least 1 gypsy and two-wheeler to our Police Outposts.

Under Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, I request our hon. Minister to provide our need intensive for silpauline to prevent ourselves from soil erosion and landslide during this heavy rainfall.

On School Education, Chawngte Kalamanager Higher Secondary School in my constituency has Arts stream only. So, is there a way for us to have Science and Commerce stream as well? At the same time, no teacher has been posted in place of the retired teacher of High School in Parva. So, I request that this post be filled and also to transfer Pu Sakib Ranjan Chakma to Chawngte since he has been there at Chawngtlai for more than 5 years.

On Demand No. 28, the amount allocated for implementing SEDP under this Department is only ₹5 crore which I opine as much too less and thus should be increased. Regarding Stationary Department, it is necessary that the government insist on every department to acquire the stationery requirements only from Printing & Stationery Department.

Under Demand No. 36, I hope roadside plantation is maintained properly. Apart from various departments, I think Students' union also could take part in it if more fund is allocated for such purpose.

Regarding Transport, issue of vehicle permit is quite a problem in Chawngte. So, I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter so that the process is simplified for the convenience of the public. In this relation, I suggest driving license holder of at least 5 years' experience only are assigned to drive public transport vehicle for the safety of the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will have a short recess and we will resume our session at 2: 00PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : To resume our discussion, I will now call upon Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today, we are discussing 10 Nos. demands of 3 hon. Ministers totaling 2,481 crore. So, I have to stress only to the points which concern my constituency.

At the outset Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the hon. Minister of the demand for MST bus service in my constituency for we have none. So, I request our hon. Minister to take note of this.

Secondly, I think it is important for us to determine how to convert our liabilities as revenue earners. Most of the states in the North-east too already had implemented corporate system for improvement of their transport system. I believe we may be able to convert our liabilities as revenue earners if we follow the same. We should also give more attentions to inland waterways which will no doubt contribute a great deal in our economy and our transport system. In order to alleviate our traffic problem, I think it is wise to render a good public transportation service by handing it over to corporate authority including maxi cab services to rural areas.

Under Taxation Department, I believe petroleum products can be a great source of revenue for our state and so is wise to include petrol and diesel under GST product for revenue earning sources. I believe collecting wealth tax and income tax will help fund our state's expenses.

Under Mining, several disasters occurring in Mizoram were manmade. In the light of this, an applicable rules and safety regulations for stone quarries is necessary.

Moving on to Forest Department, Mizoram has 8 sanctuaries and 2 National parks and it is imperative that we develop these sanctuaries and parks as a tourist attraction. Also, we must better preserve and protect our trees.

I would like to urge the government to take more interest and take better steps to improve our education system, especially in terms of posting and transfer of teachers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Education as it plays the most important role in the development of the younger generation. Our government needs to make more efforts in this field with more effective systems so that every school can have teachers and head teachers.

We are fortunate that our government have provided us with computers, green boards and other necessary school supplies. In the meantime, majority of our school buildings are in dire need of renovation.

I am also grateful for the recruitment of qualified teachers who will stay in their appointed post.

I am planning to do my part for uplifting education and plan to donate 10% each for education and health from my MLA fund and 1% of my salary for healthcare.

Also, Pu Speaker, we need more staff at Champhai Labour & Employment Office and to renovate and reinstate Printing & Stationery office at Champhai.

Moving on to Home department, we need to strengthen the police force at Champhai since it is an international border and renovating the office building thus is the immediate need. Likewise, having police outpost at Hnahlan is a must. Also, I believe more women are needed in the police force and that traffic police force deserves special allowance/standing allowance for their extra-time service.

Under Forest department, my constituency has potential for botanical garden and for development of eco-tourism. While this is the case, the guards at wildlife sanctuaries are understaffed and require additional guards. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is Pu VL Zaithanzama to be followed by Pu Biakzaua.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, i thank the hon. Minister for Transport Department for his efforts in introducing MST bus services to Tahan and Churachandpur; i believe this will help us in the unification of Mizos.

SPEAKER : Please bear with us while as we exchange our seats.

(Dy. Speaker's in the Chair)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may continue.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: I have heard in good authority that the Joint Director post at Transport Department have been shuffled constantly and i am concerned that this will affect the administration of the department. Also, the mechanics at the workshop are seriously understaffed and are in need of younger mechanics.

Under Demand No. 30, DM&R plays an important role and i believe it will be more practical and productive if we combine the directorate and secretariat offices. Also, State Emergency Operation Centre is a must in case of emergencies.

Moving on to Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, resurvey and preservation of village supply and safety reserve, YMA parks and sanctuaries should be realized in order to preserve our forests.

Also, I am confused as to under whose purview the forest reserves on both sides of our rivers in Mizoram will fall to. Will it be under Horticulture department or Tourist department? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start off with Demand No.16, I would like to advocate for the strengthening of police force. They are in need of more vehicles, renovation of existing quarters and new quarters.

Under Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, it played a critical role whenever there is a disaster and we need to provide them with proper equipments and provisions so that they can function accordingly. Pool vehicles are needed at every district as well as diving equipment for Lawngtlai district.

Moving on to School Education, there is no provision for science subject at Lawngtlai district and it would be grateful if the subject is made available at Lawngtlai government Higher Secondary School as well as a separate building for higher secondary.

There is shortage of teachers, headmasters as well as non-teaching staffs at various schools within my constituency and staff-quarters for teachers are almost collapse.

According to the 6th Schedule of the constitution of India, Middle schools should be placed under the administration of District Council. However, several middles schools are still under the administration of the State government and this hampered the functioning and administration of the schools.

Under Law & Judicial, we have no Court building at Lawngtlai and only 5 regular staffs remain till date. Also, there is no District and Session Court at Lawngtlai with cases being referred to Lunglei. I believe it will be more convenient to both parties if we are under the administration of Siaha District Court and recruit additional Public Prosecutor to manage the workload.

Moving on to Environment & Forest Department, Demand No. 36, it is imperative that security at Ngengpui and Phawngpui sanctuaries be increased. Also, there is severe shortage of wildlife guards at Lawngtlai Division.

Lastly, under Demand No. 42, Transport department, I would like to ask for MST bus service plying to Aizawl - Lawngtlai. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Home department. We are all aware that construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing is ongoing project which creates several issues to villages near the border, especially in my constituency.

Bifurcation of villages happened due to border fencing in which several villages are divided into half where as one half lies outside the fencing, the other half inside. Apart from this problem, the fencing destroyed several fertile lands and i would therefore like to urge the Home department to look into these issues.

Under Demand No. 20, School Education, Lungsen RD block has the lowest literacy rate and is covered by Tlabung KGP. Thus, I inform the House that the building at Tlabung KGP is in dire need of renovation.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have severe shortage of teachers at my constituency and i beg the department to take action so that we can have a regular teacher for Mizo subject in particular. Majority of the schools in my constituency have no teachers and those who do have are with only one teacher to teach the entire classes. I would be grateful if our hon. Minister look into these matters as soon as possible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start off with Home department, i would like to advocate for inclusion of Home into state priority list. Our police force has about 2800 vacant posts whereas the need for more personnel and proper staff quarters on the other hand are intensive. But I would like to focus only on the demand of my constituency as we require more personnel and renovation of staff quarters.

As mentioned before me, i do agree that our traffic police force deserves additional pay. Also, due to expansion of Lunglei city, we require more traffic personnel and a separate post of Deputy SP, traffic. We also have only one fire station and we require one more.

Also, I believe we require another battalion other than BSF at Tlabung border as it is located at a critical region.

Moving on to Demand No. 20, Education Department, this ministry needs to make more efforts to improve the education system in our state also revise and reexamine the syllabus for all classes. We also need an office building for MBSE Regional office.

Under Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, we need to consider and focus on how to reduce our carbon footprint and increase and manage with our forests and greeneries.

We also need to preserve local medicinal plant *anchiri* trees, we also have to educate the public on how to preserve our bamboos, introduce bamboo plantation area and bamboo treatment plant.

Under Labour & Employment department, it is necessary to have appropriate rules for labour work permit for the benefit of the local workers so that they will not supersede by laborers from outside.

Lastly, on Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, we have an ongoing project at Lunglei to promote entrepreneurship and skill development and is important to provide financial assistance from the State government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with taxation department which has its budget increased by 55.84% and this could be due to major works which amount to 612.90 lakhs. We need to educate and provide more training to entrepreneurs and business owners about GST as there has been much confusion regarding this matter.

Tax receipt from SOTR is only 5.57% and i believe we need to collect cess from diesel and petrol to increase this.

Under Demand No.16, Home department, major works for police quarters and offices have seen a significant decrease in the budget from 763.90 to 346.18. As the department play the central role, I believe this estimate needs to be revised.

Moving on to Disaster Management, Demand No. 30, we are in dire need of check dams at several sinking points at my constituency such as Ramhlun Sports Complex and Sihpui as well as repairing of existing check dams.

The budget for Printing & Stationery has increased by 125.95% but reports for this department were not included in the latest economic survey.

Moving on to School Education, Demand No. 20, we are placed second in India in terms of per capita expenditure on education. However, the results we see do not reflect that and more efforts should be taken to improve our ranking.

Also, we are at the lower level of the ranking (third from last) in providing medical checkups for students and we should aim to provide the best medical care we can to students.

Under Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, we need to focus not only in skill development and give priority to innovation and research as well. We also need to educate entrepreneurs on the subject of cess fund.

The budget for Law & Judicial has increased by 28.23% and i would like to point out that we need to utilize the Legal Services Authority.

I would also like to mention one point under Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Demand No. 36) and that is the rate of decrease in forest reserve is the highest in India.

Transport Department have introduced smoke emission test with notification for this test being circulated. We have to start using this method and commence with checking vehicles violating this rule. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Prof. F. Lalnunmawia

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start by how grateful i am that the budget for Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department have increased considerably compared to last year. I hope that this budget increase will have optimum results in delivering change and improvement to this department.

The budget for School Education has increased by 23.9% and i believe this reflects how the current ministry has placed importance on elementary education. I am certain they will provide professional courses and job-oriented education to the students of Mizoram.

We have shortage of teachers at my constituency Sumsuih and would like to combine Primary School I & II so that this problem can be solved.

We have two HSS at Sialsuk and Aibawk which is inside my constituency. Due to increase in number of students at Aibawk, we would like an extension of the school building to accommodate the students.

We are seeing several ventures under Transport Department such as new bus service at several remote villages and a new payment system for road and vehicle tax. I would also like to request for the widening and repair of the roads between Melthum and Hlimen.

I hope to witness system changes under Forest Department and would like to suggest that plantation and maintenance should be carried out equally. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Taxation Department and mention that there are around 810 business owners from outside Mizoram. I would like to urge our government to look into this matter as they can create a problem for local business owners in the future.

The amount paid for professional tax by government workers is the same for all levels and i would like the government to revise this so that professional taxes can be paid in accordance to their salary.

Under Forest Department (Demand No. 36), i believe the area around Ngaizel is an ideal place to raise Serow since it is a free land and the Local Council and Forest Officers have agreed to it as well.

Moving on to Printing & Stationery (Demand No. 18), printing department has played an important role for the government and there has been optimum utilization of this department. However, this cannot be said for stationery department as their location is not ideal and has become a source of unnecessary expenditure for the government.

Under Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department, it is not ideal to appoint an officer who is not of Mizo origin as the head of the department as majority of the people they serve are not highly educated and this affects the productivity of the department.

One important point under Home Department is that consumption of alcohol is very prevalent within our police force and we have lost several lives due to this. I believe recruitment to fill up vacancies is ongoing and i would like the government to focus on physical fitness instead of political fitness.

Lastly, under Education department (Demand No. 20), I regret that our education system has suffered due to political interference and would like to suggest that recruitment of teachers should be handled by MPSC alone on the basis of merit only. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Home Department (Demand No.16) and would like to thank the government for the creation of outpost at Hrangchalkawn and providing vehicle for this outpost as well as repairing the police quarters at Luangmual.

Under Demand No. 30, Disaster Management Department, as we are entering rainy season, there have been several landslides and demand for silpouline has increased considerably. Also, education and training should be given to the owners and workers at quarries to avoid manmade disaster as much as possible.

The quality of our education system has declined in the past few years and i regret that political interference has played a part in this decline. Recruitment, transfer and posting of teachers should be conducted according to merit and requirement and posting and transferring should be done fairly and equally so that students from remote villages can have a fair chance at education.

I would like to urge our government to make more effort to utilize and protect our forest reserve to benefit the people of Mizoram.

I applaud our honorable Minister for Transport Department (Demand No. 42) for introducing a better payment system for vehicle tax.

Under Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, i urge the government to urge the payment system for professional tax so that tax could be paid in accordance with their salary. Also, i believe it is high time that wealth tax should be collected as it will serve as a source of revenue for the government.

The Printing & Stationery office at Lunglei Salem Veng is in need of repair and I would like request our honorable Minister to resolve this issue for us.

Under Demand No. 28 Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department, it is necessary that focus should be given to skill development to provide employment to the younger generation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Forest Department and urge the government to prioritize climate change and emphasize on protection of wildlife and forest reserve and increase the budget for the department to tackle these issues.

As mentioned by members before me, I would like to urge our honorable Minister for transport to increase the number of bus services to remote villages to benefit the people and to develop and enhance Bairabi railway station as they played an important role for the people of Mizoram.

One question came to mind when mentioning Printing & Stationery Department (Demand No.18), why is that several departments under the government do not purchase their stationery requirement from them? This will provide revenue for the department as well as the state government.

Under Education Department (Demand No. 20), I would like our hon. Minister to clarify their plan for CSS. What scheme will be used under this and how will the budget for CSS be utilized. Also, there are some school buildings under my constituency that are in need of repair such as government Bethlehem Vengthlang High School, government Central High School and Model School.

Moving on to Demand No. 8, Taxation department, i believe there should be a more efficient and official system on how to pay professional tax.

Under Home department, Manipur PWD has constructed a road with black-topped at the border and inside Mizoram area, is the government aware of this encroachment? Not only that our borders at Vairengte and Zophai have been encroached by our neighboring states and i would like our government to take necessary action so that we can safeguard our land. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Home Department and urge the government to make more efforts to develop and enhance the police force by providing more manpower, providing vehicles, quarters and better qualities. Also, the discipline of the force has been declining which affects the productivity of the force.

The same could be said for central jail, they are severely understaffed and need more workers. The quarters and office buildings are also in dire need of repair and have no adequate supply of medicine. They work tirelessly both in urban areas and rural areas. They are as important as the police force and their welfare thus should also be considered accordingly.

Regarding Demand No. 20, Education Department, it is correct to say that the objective of education is to bring about human development. It is an instrument to develop an individual to the fullest. During the past ten years, there is a huge setback in our education system as well as educational infrastructures. Therefore, immense effort is needed in this department.

In this connection, enrollment in Mizo medium schools has been declining especially in Aizawl. While this is the case, number of enrollments in Tanhril Primary School-I and Complex Primary School-I are noteworthy. Yet, the school buildings could not accommodate the students and I hope the Hon. Minister take note of this problem. Besides, Pu Speaker, there is not a single Higher Secondary School within my constituency. I beg the department to look into this matter so that at least one is allotted within this constituency.

Moving to Demand No. 26, Environment & Forest Department, we have a Forest Protection Squad consisting of only 18 personnel. It is desirable if this is strengthened. In the current situation regarding state boundary dispute also, it seems the squad play an important role in protecting the forests within our state border.

Regarding Transport Department, I am glad to hear about the result of the efforts made by the Hon. Minister as certain changes are made in the system of payment of taxes and insurance. It is obvious that two-wheeler taxi service is much benefited in the heart of Aizawl, yet less enough in the outskirts of the city like our constituency. Thus, it is quite desirable if more are allotted in such areas as well.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management Department, we are having number of drowning cases at the river Tlawng every year. In such cases, the volunteers from the surrounding villages used to search the bodies with very limited equipments. Thus, it is desirable that they are equipped with better quality of life jackets, flash lights, lifesaving boats, etc. I request the Hon. Minister to prioritize the matter. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Lawngtlai West Constituency.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from Taxation Department, I would like to make a simple suggestion. Looking at the budget, the expected revenue is quite high. Professional tax could not be changed as it is a union subject. The State's government servant contributes only ₹2,500/- despite having 1 lakh or more salary. I think that arrangement should be made in this regard so that at

least 2% salary of each Govt. Servant is contributed for healthcare expense for it need a huge amount as it covers all sections of the society.

Secondly, regarding Home Department, a new building of SP office is set to be constructed. I hope that the mistakes in the past during the previous MNF ministry would not be repeated as several buildings constructed during that period are not as per the project and estimate. I urge that the proposed new buildings should be constructed as per the guidelines and is free from any form of corruption in its expenses.

I would also like to express the need of police outpost at Zochachhuah. It has now become an important point with the development of Act East Policy. It is situated in a strategic junction of our boundary with Myanmar. Besides, we also need at least a police outpost at Vathuampui for the nearest police outpost is at Vaseikai which is very far. I beg the hon. Minister concerned to look into this matter.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, it is unfortunate that the hon. Minister concerned had stated in his answer that the fund for rehabilitation of landslide at Hunthar is availed solely through the efforts of the present ministry. I am pretty sure that this is not the case. We have already submitted DPR for the same during our ministry. Obviously, it is not the brainchild of this ministry at the first place.

Regarding Printing & Stationery Department, I wish each and every Department may purchase office stationery materials from this department. The profit made through this department is not for the department itself or the staff of the department; we need to keep in mind that the profit made by this department is for us all. It is an important source of revenue for the government and the state.

Pu Dy. Speaker, i would also like to raise a question regarding RMSA teachers who are posted in offices instead of teaching in class rooms. It is inappropriate that they are posted in offices while they are recruited to teach the students. In this regard, I ask if there is a plan for reversing these teachers in their respective posts. We are all aware that there is a huge shortage of teachers. Several new teachers are also recruited recently which I opine is not the real solution. The real solution lies in proper transfer and posting. Many teachers hesitate to stay in their post when posted in rural areas. Therefore, we need to have proper administration of transfer and posting to solve our problem.

Regarding Transport Department, I am glad to hear that transport service plying to Tahan is set to be started. Meanwhile, the previous service route plying to Lawngtlai - Vaseikai is not available anymore which means no MST Service is there within Lawngtlai District. I implore the Hon. Minister to look into the matter and make necessary arrangement for MST Services within Lawngtlai District. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take a break for half an hour and resume the sitting at 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

SPEAKER : We shall continue the discussion. Let us call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, who will be followed by Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Home Minister for establishing Police Outpost at N. Kanghmun and the appointment of DG of Mizoram Home Guard which has been resolved amicably.

Pu Speaker, it seems that the previous ministry could not interact with the central NDA Government despite their claim of several DPR as being submitted for several projects. However, it is one thing to submit a DPR but another to become a success for a particular project. I have submitted DPR for a number of projects within my constituency which yield a high rate of success. I think that the previous ministry is not that expert in pursuing DPRs.

Pu Speaker, I would like to stress the intensive need of upgradation and reforms within the Police Department. Many buildings of the Police Station and Outpost need to be reconstructed whereas the vehicles allotted to some places are rather old. I opine this hinders their performances in maintaining law and order.

At the same time, I opine more stringent discipline should also be maintained among our force personnel. It seems that maintaining physical fitness is also a must for them also. Besides, there is a huge shortage of police personnel. I opine this problem could be resolved by recruiting more Home Guard volunteers to serve as guards to government establishments like banks. In some cases, they may be deployed as a substitute to traffic police as per the need.

Speaking about Prison, there is a District Jail at Mamit. The law underlines that the prison staff should reside in close proximity to the prison area. However, due to

unavailability of staff quarters, many of the prison staff are residing in a very far area. I implore the hon. Minister to look into this matter.

Upgradation and strengthening of Forensic Science Laboratory is also an important subject regarding Home Department and this need is more profound with the increasing criminal activities.

Regarding Demand No. 30, Disaster Management Department, I am glad that the members have been provided with fair amount of silpauline for distribution in our respective constituency. The material is very useful for preventing landslides. I, therefore praise initiative of the department.

Regarding Demand No. 20, Education Department, I am overwhelmed to learn that 946 new Primary School teachers are set to be recruited and the school timing being rescheduled corresponding to our culture and lifestyle. This certainly is a positive change made within the department. I would also like to thank the hon. Minister for posting a permanent DEO within my constituency. There are also a number of dilapidated school buildings within my constituency. I beg the hon. Minister to take necessary steps in this regard.

Pu Speaker, we have a huge chakmas population within my constituency. Some students have communication problems in facing the state level services and other government jobs. I opine this problem could be solved if Mizo language is taught in the elementary schools. This will further create close relationship among the communities and drive off the language barriers for the students also.

Next, I would like to stress on Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department. With the present scenario of global warming, the Zoo Authority of India introduced different schemes for Sanctuaries and National Parks. In this connection, it seems the department is too much caught up in acquiring lands for the said purposes. It is very difficult to return the lands to the public once it is acquired. Therefore, I opine the department should concentrate more on maintaining and developing the present ones instead of acquiring new lands. Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine introduction of chainsaw in forest causes a huge loss to our forests. It is thus important for the department to impose more stringent regulation for use of chainsaws.

Lastly, regarding Transport Department. It is desirable that replacement provision for taxis is introduced and I beg the hon. Minister concerned to take note of this matter. Thank you.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. As earlier mentioned by Pu Mathlana, most of our roads in Mizoram are accident prone. In case of accidents, there used to be a huge need of better equipments. It is quite desirable that better equipments could be provided to every villages.

Regarding Home Department, we have learned that there is a proposal for establishment of the Police Outpost at Bukpui area. I am glad to hear about it since it is the immediate need of the people of this area.

On Demand No. 36, I opine plantation should be done in collaboration with NGOs to enable easier maintenance of our plantations for an individual NGO will take the charge of their respective areas.

Regarding Demand No. 20, School Education Department, we have heard from various sources of shortage of teachers in villages. Thus, i request the hon. Minister to look into this problem especially within my constituency. Regarding transfer and posting also, we are provided with a good rules and regulation to administer transfer and posting of teachers. However, it seems that the past ministries did not follow the laid rules and regulation as it should be which creates a huge problem in rural areas. Therefore, I would like to express my opinion that the department as well as the ministry should stick to the existing rules and regulation regarding transfer and posting. This is imperative to have good education quality in rural areas. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will discuss the demands only of three departments due to limits of time. Starting from Demand No. 20 School Education Department, it is a very important department involving all the community and every nook and corner of the state. The ongoing recruitment process of 946 MR teachers is a very great and notable move of the government. According to this process, applicants from a particular area will be given priority to work in their own area. This will hopefully eliminate the transfer and posting problem in rural areas.

Besides, we have a Higher Secondary School at Farkawn, Khawbung and Vaphai yet, only Arts stream is available in such schools. I beg the hon. Minister to take necessary steps so that Science stream could be given in these schools. The students who are willing to pursue Science stream are unable to continue with their study for they could not afford to study in major towns. Thus, we will be much grateful if our demand for this subject is achieved.

Regarding Demand No. 16, Home Department, I am grateful that the hon. Minister and the hon. Chief Minister have planned to upgrade the Dungtlang Police Outpost to a full-fledged Police Station. It is a wise decision since it is situated along the international border.

Lastly, regarding Demand No. 42, Transport Department. I would like to thank the hon. Minister for restarting MST Bus service, one for Khuangthing and another for Farkawn. The people in that areas are also very pleased with this decision. Besides, we are eagerly waiting for the time for us to have more MST bus services. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Zodintluanga Ralte may now take his time.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 20, Education Department, the hon. Education Minister in the beginning of this ministry stated that he will give importance to rationalization of teachers. It is a fact that teachers are superfluous in urban areas while shortage of teacher is intensive in rural areas. But while we are hoping to see the real rationalization of teachers through proper transfer and posting as stated by the hon. Minister himself, we have learned about many new teachers set to be recruited. I opine the issue of prioritizing local applicants indicates nepotism for a particular political party. If recruitment of teachers will be based on one's residence in the stead of qualification or quality, it is very unfortunate especially for those aspirants who are giving all efforts for teaching job as their dedications and hard work will become in vain. So, I implore that recruitment of teachers should be done through MPSC. I would like to ask at the same time as to when the Mizoram New Educational Policy will be implemented.

Regarding Demand No. 16, Home Department, the hon. Home Minister stated that the government is enquiring about to which extent the state boundary is to be accepted. However, in the Socio-Economic Development Policy published by Planning & Programme Implementation Department, the Govt. of Mizoram, it is stated that the government accepts the boundary based on the Northeast Bengal Frontier Regulation, 1873. Therefore, I would like to request the government to recall all the publications which have been distributed if the government does not yet decide its stance in this matter.

Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, I have heard of many staff employed under CSS are terminated which create huge problem and it seems to be a very undesirable precedence. I, therefore, ask if the hon. Minister may assure us that it will not be repeated in the future.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 28, Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department, I implore the hon. Minister to enquire about the Labour Cess and to take necessary steps so that the fund from this collection may soon be utilized as it is supposed. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Member, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Demand No. 16, Home Department, it is learnt that there are 2,800 vacant posts in this department which indicates the need to strengthen this department. Apart from that, upgradation of arms and ammunitions and also other equipment also is very important.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, we have many disaster-prone areas in Mizoram. Thus, I opine more funds should be kept for disaster mitigation fund.

Demand No. 20, Education Department, it is an important cornerstone for development. There are many vacant posts of teacher at elementary section and we have further learned that more than 900 new teachers are set to be recruited soon. This is an important step taken by the government. Furthermore, it is pleasing to know that only trained and qualified applicants are set to be recruited.

Repairing and reconstruction of dilapidated school buildings also is one of the immediate needs under this department. Besides, learning of Hindi language should be given more importance.

Providing mid-day meal at elementary schools is important especially to those of poorer families. Besides, it is my desire that the mid day meal scheme could be introduced at the higher sections as well. Rescheduling of school hours based on our culture and lifestyle is also an important step taken in this department.

On Demand No. 42, Transport Department, I am very pleased with the works done by the hon. Minister concerned. Yet, I would like to add the need of more MST Bus services. It is my desire that more MST Bus service could be provided in view of the need of the people especially from remote villages and special considerations should also be made to improve urban transport system with the growing population in the urban settlements. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. One thing we have learned from this session is the main hindrance in the government which happened to be our lack of adequate fund. Thus, I would like to start from Taxation Department.

Looking at this Budget Estimate, it is stated that the income expected from owned tax and non-tax revenue is ₹225 crore the amount which will be collected from the citizens. I am dumbfounded thinking of how it would be collected. We did not find any other sources in the budget which means that it has to be collected solely from the pocket of the people. This clearly shows how this budget is the key of burden for the people. It is obvious that various taxes and fees collected by the government is on the verge of increasing.

Moving to the Demand of Home Department, we have availed funds for construction of Thenzawl Higher Secondary School from NECS through Home Department. I wrote a DO letter to the Home Secretary two months back which is still not replied. I, thus request the hon. Minister to kindly inform the present status of this fund.

The Police Insignia worn by the Police personnel is supplied mainly on contract basis; and for that items, ₹200-₹400 is deducted from the salary of the concerned police personnel. I implore the hon. Minister to clarify this matter.

Regarding the state boundary, the Northeast Frontier Regulation is written in the SEDP booklet. However, this regulation is not existed at all and what we found is only Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873. Thus, the said publication needs to be edited. Anyway, we generally accepted the Inner Line, 1875 as of our state boundary. However, we have now come to learn that the even this ministry has no idea as to where our state boundary is demarcated; I consider this as a very serious matter. Discussion should be held and consensus among the political parties as well as the public as a whole is necessary in dealing with this important of subject.

Under Forest Department, there is a huge plot of land at New Serchhip which the department is applying to acquire. Meanwhile, there are many families without land holdings in the process of applying financial assistance under Housing for All Scheme. I, therefore, urge the hon. Minister to set aside such land to the needy families and help them stay in their own home.

I thank the hon. Minister for Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department for moving DPR for the rehabilitation and prevention of landslide at Serchhip which causes huge problem since long time back. I do hope this initiative will improve the situation then after.

Regarding LESDE, we need to encourage our entrepreneur to give more efforts on innovation. MZU has recently organized an exhibition in which I have seen many innovating products. Yet, they need assistance to move up to the next step. I beg this Ministry to provide aid to these remarkable entrepreneurs to achieve success. Besides, I suggest that the funds available under Labour Cess should be made available for other things in addition to the present guideline. By amending the present regulations and guidelines, I hope that Labour Cess would contribute in building a huge infrastructure development.

Regarding Transport Department, High Security Number Plate is made obligatory. However, it has no use literally as it does not help in retrieving lost vehicles or help in identifying vehicles for which taxes are not cleared. I, therefore, request the hon. Minister to consider discontinuing the use of this kind of number plate. I would like to mention at the same time that awareness is necessary regarding use of indicator lights in vehicles as it highly tends to cause accidents. The way we observe 'No tolerance week' also seems ineffective. As per the present practice, it seems that all other weeks other than a particular week are tolerance weeks.

Regarding Education, I would like to praise Prof. KRS Sambasiva Rao for bringing the Mizoram University among the top 36 Universities in India. This is an important milestone in our educational history.

In this relation, I suggest we introduce privatization of educational institutions. The Government spends huge amount of funds for education without achieving the real quality education. I opine that by privatization, we can improve our education quality. Besides, we may also save a lot of state finance. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the hon. Home Minister to wind up the discussion and to beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am very grateful for the sincerity and hard work of the hon. Members in studying and analyzing of the Budget. In this connection, I would like to inform the basic features of my Demands.

There are six departments under my Demand which we generally known as Home. The largest is Police Department with a budget sanction strength of 11,923. The next one is Mizoram Home Guards & Civil Defence. Under this department, there are two different types of staff, regular and volunteer. The sanctioned strength of regular staff is 158 while that of volunteer is 1260.

Under Fire & Emergency Service, there is a sanctioned strength of 225 headed by a Director. There are 12 Fire Stations within Mizoram and mobile service operating at Chaltlang and Aizawl South.

Another Department is Prison Department. The sanction strength of this Department is 428. We have District Jail in every district and a Central Jail at Aizawl. Improvement is very important in this department. We have had a committee with the stakeholders in this regard also.

Another is Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Board which is headed by a Director. It is functional in Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai and Kolasib District. The total sanction strength is 27. Forensic Science Laboratory is also under Home Department and functioning in a separate directorate. ₹4 crore is availed under Nirbhaya Scheme to upgrade its equipments. We now have DNA test laboratory.

Another department is Taxation Department. The sanction strength of this department is 297. And, last, not but the least, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department also is under Home Department having total strength of 58. I would like to add that there are several vacant posts in every department and is intensive that we strengthen each of them.

Speaking a little detail about Police Department, we presently are having two Ranges outside Mizoram. We have District Executive Force (DEF) in eight districts and 17 Sub-Divisions. There are 41 Police Stations including Special Narcotic Cell and Cyber Crime Police Station. There are 16 Police Outposts including the newly established at Chhingchhip.

There may be some shortcomings in the functioning of this department, yet, I am proud to say that we are among the bests in the country. The police work very hard during the general election and they are also patrolling the streets nowadays to prevent crimes. We have highest conviction rate during 2015-16. We are also having good relationship with NGOs and civil societies. Another notable achievement of our Police recently is that they have rescued 8 girls who had been handled through our state. It is unfortunate to know that our state is used as a route of human trafficking.

In regard to Police Department, the majority of the members discussed how damaged the quarters and how insufficient the vehicles are. However, ₹600 crore is set aside for Police Housing and we hope to make improvement when it is sanctioned. 33/34 vehicles are also arranged for hiring so that we have less problem on vehicle insufficiency.

In response to Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, we are taking measures to give importance to Police fitness, and in response to Pu C. Lalrinsanga, we could not yet provide a Check-gate at Phainuam but we have a temporary one at Vairengte next to Phainuam road.

Lawngtlai East representative stresses the necessity to have Police Outpost at Vaseitlang, Chawngte and Borapansuri. I also have visited such areas lately and they also need many others things as well like improvement of their roads. So, I think it is important to provide at least bikes for Police Outposts in such areas.

In response to Champhai North representative, I was wondering if there is any rule on Standing Allowance and I would like to mention that there are around 593 Nos. female officers and constables out of the total of 9,000 Nos. police.

In response to Pu Lalduhoma regarding border, we all agrees with Inner-line Regulation,1875 but I believe the Core Committee will have a consensus and examine our situation sooner or later.

I am also concern about the vehicle signal indicator which is often not followed by the drivers and is necessary to take measure here also. Regarding Thenzawl Hr. Sec. School, the 1st installment of MHRD fund received through Home Department was paid and a meeting was called last year on how to pay the 2nd installment which remains unpaid till today. (*PU LALDUHOMA: I am not sure about the exact amount but the Home Department claimed some amounts being expected.*)

In response to Pu Andrew, there is a proposal to operate Police Station at Bukpui and Lengpui Airport. And, for Pu Muanpuia's question, some say revolver shoots better and is not fully loaded for safety.

Regarding Daido boundary mentioned by Pu Sawivunga, it is proved that Manipur excavated road crossing the border and we are taking measures.

In response to Pu Laduhoma regarding tax, the Taxation Department will not increase tax because GST items have fix rates; and, among the non-tax revenue, it can be increased on water and etc. and I am not sure if the concern departments are obliged with to do so. The state Govt. also did not increase the Electricity bill but the Joint Electricity Regulation Commission with Manipur did. Regarding the cost of application form, it was fixed by the previous ministry.

Regarding GST registration of non-mizos as mentioned by Pu Lalchhuanthanga, this is quite a problem and GST has its merits and demerits for our state. Mizoram State's GST Act underlines that a person requires ILP for a minimum of 2 years validity for business. However, the Central did not include such details and allegedly some registrations thus are often accepted which is much regretted. On the other hand, GST increases our income taxes whereas the estimated budget was ₹37,400 lakhs last year while our actual collection was ₹57,888.31 lakhs. Our budget estimate for this year is ₹52,195 lakhs and so far, we have collected ₹13034.78 lakhs during the past 2 months.

According to the Parliament, the maximum amount for Professional Tax is ₹2,500 and the PT Slab is as follows-

Yearly Salary Range	PT/Month & Year
Up to ₹5,000	Nil
₹5,001- ₹8,000	₹900 per annum
₹8,001-₹10,000	₹1,440 per annum
₹10,001-₹12,000	₹1,800 per annum
₹12,001-₹15,000	₹2,160 per annum
₹15,001-₹20,000	₹2,340 per annum

Regarding cess, Mizoram Road Fund Board is currently taking measures to collect cess for road maintenance on petrol and diesel and a help desk and facilitation centre is open every day for more GST information.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, Professional tax is collected at every shop and if this system should be regularized? If not, it needs change. (**PU LALCHAMLIANA, HMINISTER:** *We will look into it.*)

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, we have huge amount of rice stored at Sangau godown. So, is it possible to deploy the Home Guards to watch the godown again whereas empty staff quarter is available for their lodging?

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: We will look into it. In response to Pu Lalsawivunga, I hope assessment is made considering various turn-overs. That will be all, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand –

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
8	Taxiation	24,69,24,000.00
16	Home	7,98,09,27,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	27,44,77,000.00
	TOTAL	8,50,23,28,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands and the members in favor may say, 'Yes' (*Members: Yes*). Those not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of our Hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamlia.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, if I may, we will be having a discussion on Art & Culture Department tomorrow. So, if possible, may we all dress up in our Mizo traditional dress?

SPEAKER : We will give it a try. I request Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, the hon. Minister to wind up our discussions and beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that the members shared their opinions. Pu Speaker, 7 members had discussed Printing & Stationery Department, and as we all have known, it is not a big department but is involved in many confidential activities the like our budget book. So, may the credit be given for their hard work. We have office establishment and depot at Aizawl, Lunglei and Siaha with well-equipped machines but 124 out of 291 sanction posts are vacant. Besides, we have many employees who are about to retire and we need to upgrade and equip this department since it is an essential department. The Govt. had passed 'Guidelines of Execution of Printing Works in Mizoram Govt., 2008' and we have worked on so many printing works and even tied-up with Mizoram Press Owners for we are cannot afford to manage alone.

The department also issue non-availability certificate if we do not have the specific item. We made a trade with 44 departments and I would like to remind the House that 13 departments still do not participate. We made DPR worth ₹12.23 crore for establishing Modern Printing Centre and we need to be given priority on accommodation since we need more rooms for our machines as the rooms provided by SAD is not enough.

Moving to Demand No. 28, Labor, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department, 10 members shared their discussions and I would like to add that we are a developing department. Our budget has also increased by 256.54% and ₹5 crore is allocated for improving skill development as mentioned on SEDP. Our Department is divided into 3 sections - Labor Administration, Employment Service and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. We currently have 173 sanctioned posts out of which 56 posts are vacant and 117 are filled. We could not make much progress at Champhai due to limited manpower and since the Govt. is concerned about skill development, we hope that we are equipped with more staffs.

Skill labors are having new hopes since the current Ministry is making a proposal to increase the minimum wages and this shows how much the Govt. is concerned about the workers welfare. All the Contractors and Suppliers under the Govt. submit 1% cess for 'Mizoram building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board' under this department. We received ₹85,22,46,638 during 2011-2019 out of which ₹20,97,13,866 was spent and we still have around ₹63 crore. We are currently working on how to spent the remaining since the guideline is very particular.

We are taking extreme measures under skill development by giving training to 5,000 youths out of which 765 trainees received employment. State Skill Mission is established and measures will be taken shortly on SANKALP. Industrial Training Institute was established in Aizawl, Lunglei and Siaha and 23 skill development trades were initiated. Locations for setting up ITI at Serchhip, Champhai and Kolasib have also been decided as construction work has even been started for Serchhip and Champhai and proposal for the same is in process for Kolasib District.

Mizoram Youth Commission under LESDE Department was established in 2008 by the previous MNF Ministry to help the youths in meeting livelihood and in which coaching for Civil Service, IIT, JEE, NEET, Banking and Army are given. A partnership is formed with reliable firms and a proposal is also made for incentive cash reward carrying 1 lakh which will be awarded for passing Preliminary, 2 lakhs for Main Entrance and 40 thousand for Topper in Master Degree from a recognized university.

Measure is also taken for setting up Youth Centre in Aizawl, Lunglei and Serchhip and the contractors and locations have already been selected. We rented a private building for our Directorate office as well as for our district level offices and so is important for the department to have its own buildings. We were provided with a site at Secretariat Complex during the previous ministry but was cancelled for not receiving the building fund within the allotted time. We requested our hon. Chief

Minister to allot us another site and hopefully we will have an excellent Directorate building soon where we could also accommodate a training center in it.

Moving to Demand No. 20, Education Department, 27 members discussed this department and as it is being said, it is the largest department with the most employees, having the highest budget and reaching every village, without it, there can be no development despite having great buildings, roads etc. Our budget increased by 23.19% and ₹30 crore is also reflected on SEDP. It is a relief that our hon. Chief Minister gives extreme importance to Education and Health.

We are divided into 4 sections, such as: -

1) MBSE - It is an autonomous body who prepares examinations like HSLC, HSSLC, D. Led and MTET. It is a secondary level on academic authority who selects High School and Higher Sec. School textbooks and also make reviews. NEET, JEE etc exam results are often poor and MBSC thus believes that our exam system needs to be revised. It recommends books that are recommended by NCERT and also published 'Schemes of examination and Question Design' on April, 2019 for a better education quality. A proposal is also made to change the pattern when setting exam questions for the upcoming 2020 HSLC examination, and for this, trainers from outside Mizoram are invited to train our teachers. Measures are also taken to include our traditions, social life, manners and etiquette, nationalism etc. in the textbooks.

2) SCERT - It has a separate Directorate which looks after DIET at 8 districts. It also has B. Ed institution at Aizawl, Lunglei and B. Ed (Special course) at SCERT. It looks after primary, middle and nursery level and maintains the standards and textbooks. The textbooks are revised every 5 years and a proposal is also made to include a mother's love, respecting elders, family value etc. that can lead them back to 'Mizonization'. It also has Wings such as SSA, RMSA and TE etc. which will be subsumed as Samagra.

3) The other is School Education Directorate that we are all aware of.

It is impressive that there will soon be 1120 vacant posts in Education Department; apart from the 946 vacant teacher posts, approval is obtained for 54 posts of Grade IV (MR). The 36 substitute teachers who were deployed during the aerial attack are also regularized by the Council of Ministers' meeting.

Measures taken by the previous Ministry regarding the 94 Primary teachers and 58 Middle School teachers, the result was published this February and appointments were given previously. Regarding MTET relaxation, we prefer a person with MTET

degree holder but only 149 holders registered themselves under Employment Exchange and that is why it is necessary to make the relaxation. I like to add that we will only recruit a trained one who is qualified with D. Led. degree for teachers.

An explanation is also needed regarding MR teachers. There are 13 schools without teachers and we have many single teachers as well. The national norm of teacher : student ratio according to TPR is 1:30. But since we have schools in every rural areas, RTE expects us to give education to all and only 1 teacher could not afford to look after 4 Classes, even if there are only 2 students in one class. So, the Council of Ministers approved 946 posts so that every classroom has a teacher.

Many teachers wish to be posted in urban areas and are reluctant to go to rural areas. Such teachers often hire substitute teachers belonging to local residents in their place. Therefore, the Govt. will be taking measures to recruit local residents in the first place if the applicant meets the desired qualifications. We plan to proceed in a much systematic way without any political interference and we will recruit only those who are qualified. I would also like to point out that 'Hnam Run' never has a list and we never heard of it. (**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** *Could there be any further explanation regarding the recruitment of local residents?*) Pu Speaker, we have identified all the vacant posts at every district and we will soon notify how many posts for a particular school and district. The applicant will provide 2 options and will be interviewed by DPC where the District DC will be the Chairman and DEO, its Secretary.

I was also concerned about the rate of the Grade-IV application form but the previous Ministry had charged ₹150/- and the gazette was also published on 15th Feb., 2015 (**PU ZODINTLUANGA, RALTE:** *Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister has mentioned that Printing & Stationery Department is relocated hesitantly due to order issued by the previous Ministry and since they now hold the Ministry, why not relocate it back at the same place? They also have the power to lower the form rate and it is not necessary to drag the previous Ministry.*) (**PU LALDUHOMA:** *Pu Speaker, it would be appreciated if he is not interrupted.*)

We did not say we are upset about the relocation of Printing & Stationery. We simply asked to relocate us at a better and more fitting building. Pu Speaker, we are just continuing what they started.

Pu Speaker, in the case of vacant posts of 54 MR, 8,871 people had bought the form out of which 6,617 had submitted the application and we are currently checking as to whether the forms are complete or incomplete. The exam will be conducted at

every district at the same time with the same questions and this will also be easier for the applicants from the remote villages.

We are doing our best for reemployment of the 1,305 Hindi teachers who were dismissed from their job and also for the terminated 4,000 Nos. teachers under SSA and RMSA. Apart from these, there are some schools demanding provincialization and the Govt. will soon look into it; we are also working on filling the 164 vacant posts of High School teachers. There are 5 Hr. Sec. Schools, 73 High Schools, 129 Middle Schools and 209 Primary Schools without headmaster and we will soon be able to fill up 134 Nos. of such posts.

Regarding the TPR, we have many small villages having several schools in which some have only 20 students and 1 teacher. Since it is exhausting for 1 teacher to teach Classes I-IV from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, we are also doing rationalization as much as we could. However, we are still facing shortage of teacher and we are doing our best to recruit more teachers in a much significant way. (***PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:*** *Pu Speaker, according to the Statistical handbook, the ratio is 1:18 for Primary School, 1:9 for Middle School and 1:8 for High School. So, is this wrong information? How is it calculated?*)

Transfer & Posting rules was made in 2006 by the previous MNF Ministry but was scrapped by the Assembly Committee for further studying and being left untouched for 10 years. So, we establish a committee to finalize this within this June and a proposal is also made to include Mizoram villages at different categories and posts the teachers on rotation.

The Govt. gives importance to improve school inspections and thus purchased 10 bolero vehicles for Inspecting Officers so that they cover remote villages as well. A proposal is also made to recruit 5 CEOs through MPSC and exams will be held on October. Apart from this, actions will also be carried out for quality assessment and grading for a much higher competition.

Hiring a substitute teacher is a common practice even by the MR teachers of SSA and RMSA and the department is quite concern about this problem. So, I request all the members to report any teachers in their respective constituency hiring a substitute so that we can take actions.

The Central Govt. had passed “The Children School Bag (Limitation of Weight) Bill, 2006” but Rules and guidelines needs to be made as per this bill. And so, we published ‘Guideline for reducing the weight of school bag’ on 7.06.2019

where it should not be more than 1 ½ kg for Class I & II, 2-3 kgs for Class III to V, 4kg for VI & VII and 4 ½ kg for Class VIII and above. A proposal has also been made to weigh the bags as convenient.

CCE was reviewed and a modified form is made without excluding the Principle Act. The exam system will proceed as 1st, 2nd and 3rd term and the CCE mark grading will be 30% for 1st term, 30% for 2nd term and 40% for 3rd term. The school calendar is also changed according to the CCE modified form and a proposal is also made to repair old school buildings.

We are deeply concern about the decrease of enrollment in Govt. Schools. Our society needs to change our value system because we admire English medium too much. The Govt. School provides everything for free with more qualified and trained teachers unlike private schools and we need to change our value system according to our economy.

Lastly, I would like to request all the members to contribute not less than 10% of their MLA area development fund for education concern so that our literacy rate increase more by the census, 2021. This will also help us in improving our quality (*PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, when will the Mizoram New Educational Policy be started?*) It is on SEDP. (*PU LALDUHOMA: It is quite interesting and is filled with challenges. We will cooperate as much as we could if actions are carried out with true determination. However, it would be appreciated if he could just assure us about recruiting teachers without having to say as much as they could. We heard about the increasing budget of Education Department as well as SEDP providing the finances, so it seems unnecessary to ask for our fund.*)

SPEAKER : The Church elders are always careful with their choice of words.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, before we pass the Demand, I would like to say that Printing & Stationery Office, Lunglei is at Lunglawn and not at Salem Veng as stated.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, before passing the Demand, the TPR according to the national level is 1:30 and so on. Should this be evaluated as ‘total strength of the school’ or ‘subject wise’? If it is ‘total strength of the school’, there are many schools with less than 30 students in class IX and X. I am not sure if there will be only 1 teacher for such schools and I believe the ratio should be determined as per subject wise.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu BD Chakma, it will take more teachers if we provide them according to subject wise because there are many subjects. Our TPR is calculated on the basis of the number of students and teachers. In response to PuZodintluanga Ralte, I believe New Education Policy could be processed within these 5 years and it will be more operative than Education Reform Commission. (*PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, it is for improving girl-child education and the building is also completed. When will this be started?*) I will look further into the question made by Dr. BD Chakma.

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demand-

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
18	Printing & Stationary	16,98,55,000.00
20	School Education	13,28,42,02,000.00
28	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	47,59,14,000.00
	TOTAL	13,92,99,71,000.00

SPEAKER : The Education Minister had begged the House to pass his Demand Nos. 18. 20 and 28 amounting to ₹13,92,99,71,000. All the members in favor may say, 'Yes' and those members not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu T.J. Lalnuntluanga to wind up the discussion of his Demands and beg the House to pass it.

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

There is only 1 member who discussed this department but I want to make the best use time to talk about our undertakings. In reply to the question of Pu H. Biakzaua regarding the insufficient District Court staffs, we lack staffs in different departments and measure will be taken to recruit more staffs according to our needs.

The Law Department do not have direct supervision without the High Court but we will take measure accordingly. There is a District Court located in Lawngtlai and measure is being taken for constructing its building.

Law Department has 3 responsibilities-

- 1) It reviews Bills, Ordinances, Recruitment rules, MoU;
- 2) It gives legal advice to different departments;
- 3) It helps the departments with a Court case by having Para-wise comments;
- 4) The department takes measure for many judicial infrastructures and there is a proposal for construction of District Court buildings in every district through central funds.

With the 3 newly districts, there is a proposal to appoint 1 each of Chief Judicial Magistrate and Civil Judge. Here, the expenditure is estimated to be ₹1,419 lakhs which is not shown in our budget but will be on the Supplementary Demands. There is also a proposal to upgrade our Court Libraries.

The Legal Service Authority under this department raises awareness about Laws and helps those who could not afford Lawyers. Victim Compensation is also dealt by them.

Vigilance Commission/Lok Ayukta was established after 3 months this Ministry comes into being under the leadership of our Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga and it is impressive that the appointed Chairperson is of Mizo background.

Next is, Demand No. 12, Parliamentary Affairs Department. We are trying to make use of Consultative Committee under this department so as to bring about Good Governance and transparency and Mizoram also now has its Consultative Committee Guideline.

Next is Demand No. 36, Environmental, Forests, & Climate Change Department. The main function of this department is to extend forest lands, protect wildlife and climate change. The people are also given awareness to protect living trees and planting new ones. The Government is not aiming for a quantity plantation but a quality plantation and concern about dry rivers. Measure will also be taken on tourist parks, urban plantation, rural plantation, roadside plantation, etc. Extreme measures will also be taken with land development and we are preparing to preserve and beautify our lakes.

The 'Mizoram Reward for The Deduction of Forest & Wildlife Offence Scheme, 2019' is a newly introduced financial reward given to a person who provides information that leads to arrest, penalty, seizure/confiscation of forest produce, criminal conviction etc. The department gives priority to wildlife protection and has

10 Wildlife Sanctuaries and is funded under the following Central Sponsored Scheme such as Green India Mission, National Afforestation Programme, National Plant for Conservation and Aquatic Ecosystem, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger Dampa, Forest Fire Prevention Act & Management Scheme, Maintenance of Forest, Medical Plant Conservation & Development and the National Bamboo Mission.

There are 1357 sanction posts out of which 575 remain vacant and I request the Finance Department to bear this in mind that we are in extreme need of revenue earning post.

We will do our best to carry out works on our sanctuary and protect our wildlife. We will also take measures regarding the staff shortage and we also have a restriction using air-guns under the Forest Protection and the Home Department is also preparing an Arms Rule.

In reply to Pu Zodintluanga's question, the service of many employees under Forest Department were terminated due to some schemes which were ended and such persons were not re-employed by the previous ministry even after resumption of the said scheme; it seems the member himself is well aware of the situation. We will look into their legal rights, appointment authority and criteria which he had also mentioned. In reply Pu Lalduhoma's question relating to DO letter, we have discussion on it as to enquire but it will take time for the department to process it.

Next is Demand No. 42, Transport Department. This department is divided into 2 wings such as MST Wing & MV Wing. Regarding the service of MST, some routes remain in function whereas some discontinued due to the increasing of private/commercial vehicles. There is alternative plan plying to some routes since travelers increases generally during Christmas. While this is the case, there are some areas demanding MST bus service and we are plying for the same to maintain our revenue source. The Government also has a special scheme for cancer patient and physically challenged people so that they could travel for free within Mizoram; this scheme also covers women above 60 years of age and 50% concession for 65 years above.

We currently have 36 MST buses in service out of which 7 are stationed at MST Lunglei, Siaha and Kolasib. We have some buses which need replacement with new ones. We cover 16 routes with 3,565 trips and a total passenger of 66,000 during 2018-2019.

In case of Motor Vehicle Wing, vehicles registrations are done in every DTO as per the Motor Vehicle Act; so far, 12063 vehicles are registered during 1st January - 31st May, 2019.

In the case of revenue, Motor Vehicle Tax is quite important for revenue earning for the Government and the amount collected through Motor Vehicle Wing during 2018 - 2019 is: –

Vehicle tax - ₹38,36,33,412/-

Passengers & Goods tax - ₹42,18,79,899/-

We are also taking measures to earn more revenue incomes but we are in short of revenue earning post. So, I request the Finance Deptt. to consider our application for recruitment of more Vehicle Inspector and sub-Inspector. Pu Speaker, Transport Department is not functioning at a loss but a great source of revenue income for the government.

Regarding Information & Technology, *Sarathi* and *Vahan* are quite popular in Transport Department. *Sarathi-4* is a software used in 5 Districts and measure is taken to also be used in another 4 Districts as well. *Samathi* is software for issuing license through which we can easily transfer and review license where the same software is in used. It is also secure as no data can be lost.

Regarding Vehicle Registration, *Vahan-4* of All India Application Software is used since 29th August, 2017 as it is approved by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highway, Govt. of India. Any vehicle registrations throughout the country is now linked through this application and thus is much helpful in the case of security.

In reply to Pu Lalduhoma's question, we are enquiring about High Security Plate. The Ministry of Road Transport issued a notification on 6.12.2018 stating that the HSRP shall be supplied by the vehicle manufacturers along with the vehicles manufactured to the dealers and dealers shall place a mark of registration on such plates and affix it on their vehicles. So, I would like to remind all the members and our YMA leaders that it is beyond our authority to stop this.

I would like to highlight few of the achievements made by the government as promised during MLA election campaign. Pu Speaker, lifetime tax which was made compulsory payment for 15 years. Secondly, online tax payment system has been introduced and we expect growth in the payment of tax in the system. Grace period of tax payment without interest has also been introduced for two months. Pu Speaker,

prevention for selling of commercial permit will be introduced shortly. The act is under drafting stage. Then, there is a proposal to ply Mizoram State Transport from Champhai – Tahan, Aizawl – Jampui and Aizawl – Lamka.

Pu Speaker, shortly from now, there is a proposal to create Automated Inspection and Certification Centre at Hlimen which will be done in collaboration with Ministry of road Transport and Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune.

Inland water transport is allocated under PWD. But as I have requested the hon. Chief Minister, it is now allocated under Road transport. Therefore, several projects are under way for which concept paper have been drafted.

As for commercial permit in other Districts, we will look into the matter as well as the rates. Pu Speaker, in regard to driving license, motor inspection mentioned by hon. Members, we have informed hon. Chief Minister as he has given us assurance to fulfill the requirements.

As for the point mentioned by the hon. Member Pu Zaithanzama in regard to brief tenure of Joint Director in Transport Department, I agreed to his point of view; I will personally approach the authority concern. As for two-wheeler mentioned by hon. Member from Aizawl West, we will discuss with authorities according to requirements.

As for my answer in regard to Lalaghat - Bairabi rail head, we will look into the matter as Transport Department is the nodal department authorized by Railway Ministry.

My answer for Driving Institute and inter-State bus terminal mentioned by hon. Member from Serlui, the government is looking all possible steps in this regard.

Pu Speaker, in regard to bamboo, there must have been misinterpretation regarding the answer. To a certain extent, depending on the area of plantation, it will be under Forest and Horticulture Department. (Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Pu Speaker, it is better if prevention is taken on roadside Jhumming cultivation.)

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter and see what could be done.

Pu Speaker, I now request the august House to pass the following Demands for the years 2019-2020: –

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount in ₹
4	Law & Judicial	27,89,27,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	1,05,91,000.00
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	1,60,07,28,000.00
42	Transport	50,31,08,000.00
	TOTAL	2,39,33,54,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga had begged the House to pass his Demand Nos. 4, 12, 36 and 42 amounting to ₹2,39,33,54,000.00. All the membes in favor may say, ‘Yes’ and those members not in favor may say, ‘No’. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the hon. Minister, Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga.

PU TJ LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank You, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have now come to the end of today’s business. Meeting will resume tomorrow 25th June, 2019 at 10:30 AM. Sitting is adjourned.

(Sitting is adjourned at 9:55 PM)