

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 27th FEBRUARY, 2020
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for mere mortals but for the LORD, who is with you whenever you give a verdict.
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Now let call Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask about Starred Question No. 95.

DR. VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. minister for Taxation Department be pleased to state:

From which year does GST is taken in Mizoram -

- a) If GST is collected from work orders which were given before 2017 but remain unfinished?
- b) Can we collect GST from work orders which were issued before introduction of GST in Mizoram?

SPEAKER : Now let us call upon Pu Lalchamlana hon. Minister to reply.

PU LALCHAMLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer Pu Lalduhoma and Dr. Vanlalhlana's questions are -

- a) GST was introduced in Mizoram on 1st July, 2017.
- b) Yes, GST is collected also from work orders issued before 2017 and before introduction of GST under The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

As per the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, GST should be taken from work orders issued before introduction of GST. Even if the works contract agreement was signed during the period of Mizoram Value Added Tax Act, 2005 and the works remains uncompleted till the implementation of GST, GST must be taken in the stead of VAT. It is underlines in GST Section 142 (10), "*Save as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the goods or services or both supplied on or after the appointed day in pursuance of a contract entered into prior to the appointed day shall be liable to tax under the provision of this Act*".

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, for work orders issued before introduction GST, contractors gave 4% under VAT. But some haven't finished their work till introduction of GST in 2017 and they need to give 12% under GST. As a self defence, many contractors claim they cannot be blamed even if their work is not up to expectation. It is written clearly written in Section 142 (10), but there may be of *force majeure* and escalation clause in some contracts. So, I request a solution for this problem as it can cause problems to the work of our contractors.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, my question is - Whether tax is taken from goods imported from Myanmar. If so, what type of tax is taken? Business man gives

tax at Zokhawthar, Champhai and again at Seling indicating double payment for the same good. So, I request the hon. minister to enquire the matter and take necessary actions.

SPEAKER : Ministers, Contractor Association and many others are talking about GST as it can cause problems to our infrastructures and assets. So, I will now call Pu Lalchamlia to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIA, MINISTER: As stated before, Pu Speaker, there is a rule that GST should also be taken from work orders issued before introduction of GST. If I am not mistaken, contractors paid 13.5% tax as VAT and 12% as GST.

For Pu C. Lalsawivunga's question, tax is not taken from such goods as there is no official trade between the two states. Allegedly the Central custom officials collected tax from such imported goods at Zokhawthar, Champhai etc. which is against the law as there is no formal trade between Mizoram and Myanmar.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga to ask Starred Question No. 96.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any area proposed for MZU Southern Campus?
- b) What step has been taken so far by the Government?
- c) When will the academic session be started?

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon. Minister to give the answer.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to Pu Zothantluanga's question is –

- a) There is a land reserved for MZU Southern Campus in Pukpui VC area.
- b) Ministry of Human Resources Development has given permission to that effect on 17th January. The hon. MLA, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia had a visit to the area and already submitted his comment to it. The Engineering college which is set to be used as a temporary campus has problems with supply of water, electricity and roads. We hope our Chief Minister will give us permission for the construction.
- c) The academic session will start this year around July, August.

SPEAKER : I call upon Pu Zodintluanga Ralte for supplementary questions.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, when will MZU Northern Campus, Eastern Campus and Western Campus be opened?

SPEAKER : Pu K.T. Rokhaw is next.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, we have no science stream in Saiha College as our Science Lecturers were shifted to other colleges. Advertisement for Siaha college was issued for Science Lecturer under RUSA during the former ministry but there is no result till today. So, I request the hon. minister to explain the problem.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga is next.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, enormous development is seen among the youths today, thanks to MZU but many from rural areas could not avail the same for financial requirements. I am so glad that MZU Southern Campus will soon be established as a result of pressure made to the government by NGOs.

Also, we have many colleges like Zirtiri College, Hrangbana College etc. having problem with the surrounding atmosphere of their campuses; from our side, we have West College of the area which is quite congested. If there is a way to set up such colleges in a more convenient location?

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon. minister.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is kind of difficult to give a specific answer to the question of Pu Zodintluanga, the Opposition Group Leader. Yet, as known to us all, construction of University Campus is quite expensive as we need good infrastructure, building, faculty, hostel and many more; it takes crores and crores of rupees for bank, post office etc. which happened to be the main problem for construction or extension of a college despite intensive pressure made to the central authority by various NGOs. We now have Mizoram University Campus, Tanhril which is of a great benefit for Mizoram.

As of Pu KT Rokhaw's question, we are planning to give science stream like Chemistry, Zoology and Botany in Siaha College but could not be expedited due minor problems in the process. It is still under process and I have given high priority to it.

As For Pu Zothantluanga's question, we have only one college in the west side which is Aizawl West Govt. College at Dawrpui Vengthar. We are planning to establish a new college in Lungmual as the area has already been verified with our Minister, Revenue Minister, Tourism Minister, Education Minister, Law Minister, Pu Rintluanga MLA, Pu Valtea MLA and other officials. The process is still in progress.

Also, let me add that Ch. Chhunga School is the only High School we have this side which is planned for reconstruction and is proposed for Higher Secondary by the hon. Education Minister; it is also under process.

Regarding the Southern Campus, many problems will come in the process such

as of roads, electricity, water supply, hostel faculty members' quarters and Pro-Vice Chancellor which requires more than 10 crores. It is now in progress with the recognition of our Chief Minister. Even HRD Ministry gave us permission for construction and the rest depends on us.

SPEAKER : I call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask Starred Question No.97

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state –

Who is the leader of The Mizoram Government's Land Pooling and Management Scheme?

- i) State Level
- ii) District Level.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima, the hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is -

a) State Level Authority:

Chairman - Chief Secretary;
 Vice Chairman - Principal Secretary/Secretary, GAD
 Member Secretary- Addition/Joint Secretary, GAD

Members: -

- 1) Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Home Department;
- 2) Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, LR&S Department;
- 3) Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Law & Judicial Department;
- 4) Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Finance Department;
- 5) Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Planning & Programme Implementation Department.

b) District Level Authority:

Chairman - Deputy Commissioner,
 Vice Chairman - Additional Deputy Commissioner,
 Member Secretary- SDO (Sadar),

Members: -

- 1) Superintendent of Police;
- 2) Project Director, DRDA;
- 3) SO/ASO;
- 4) SE/EE, PWD/PHE/P&E;
- 5) District Treasury Officer;
- 6) All Districts Heads of Offices;
- 7) SDO's (civil) within the district.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga is next.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu speaker, my questions are –

- i) Will the State Level Authority be functioning in a separate office? If so, will it take office staffs? And, what is the staff requirement?
- ii) Under which department it will be functioning? Same question to District Level Authority.
- iii) Also, District Level Authority will fall under E-State Management Cell of DC Office and work on record of lands and LSC. If so, will it take over issue of LSC from the Revenue department or it will keep a copy of it only?
- iv) Lastly, will it take the charge of forest fire of Forest Department?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, my question to the hon. Revenue Minister is -
Why not we issued land lease as per land acquirement of Armed Forces, Para Military Forces, Air Force?

SPEAKER : Pu BD Chakma is next.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : My question to hon. RD Minister is –
If there is a plan to verify once again as to whether DC is keeping list of actual land holder for BoP?

SPEAKER : Now let us invite Pu Lalruatkima, the hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, notification for State Level and District Level Authority with terms of references was given on the 30th December, 2020 and the Office Memorandum was issued on 29th January, 2020. According to it, each and any of the government land's pass should be submitted to GAD before 7th February, 2020.

And for the additional question, a separate office will not be set up and GAD will collect all the land passes; Asset Management Cell will work with the records. Also, Land Pooling Scheme will collect all the land leases from every department.

To answer the next question, Forest Department will take the charge of forest fire. Also, to answer Dr. Vanlaltanpuia's question, according to Revenue laws, in case of Armed Forces or Military Force with the needs to acquire the land, a land lease may be issued to them but not on government's land. District Authority will take the charge of the acquisition process. Also, the Revenue Department of concerned District Council will work for the DC of the concerned district.

SPEAKER : Now let us invite Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to ask Starred Question No.98.

DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state –

- a) Is there any plan to establish University Campus in Champhai?
- b) If there is any plan made to resolve shortage of college lecturer in various colleges within Mizoram?
- c) How many colleges within Mizoram remains without NAAC Accreditation?
- d) Is there any plan to give NAAC Accreditation to such colleges?

SPEAKER : Let us invite Dr. R Lalthangliana, hon. Minister.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) There is a plan for setting up Eastern Campus in Champhai as HRD Ministry has also tries it best for the same as it has already been recognised by the Govt. of India.
- b) There are 19 vacant posts to be filled as per MPSC advertisement.
- c) Mizoram Hindi Training College, Durtlang and Govt. Kamala Nagar College, Chawngte are the only two colleges without NAAC Accreditation.
- d) The process of NAAC Accreditation is in process for such colleges.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Er. H Lalzirliana for Supplementary Question.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Speaker, there are only two colleges in Mamit District, such as, Mamit College and Zawlnuam College of both Art stream. Is there any plan to allot Science and Commerce stream?

Also, Polytechnic Building in Mamit District is occupied without fully completed. Is there any plan for completion of the building?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga is next.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, there are two colleges within my constituency such as Pachhunga University College and Govt. T. Romana College. There is a shortage of English lecturer in Govt. T. Romana College. So, I request the minimum requirement of English Lecturer to be 6 in the English Department.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA: Pu Speaker, I am glad that we are having Mizoram Southern Campus through the efforts of our able Chief Minister and the hon. Minister of Higher & Technical Education. It is indeed, a great milestone for Mizoram. And, I am proud to mention that more than 100 students graduated from Champhai College every year. So, I request to open Master Degree learning in Champhai College so as to resolve seat limit in Mizoram University. Also, Champhai College is second place in NAAC Accreditation after Pachhunga University College and I think we deserve Master degree as our Campus also is accomodating. At the same time, we have shortage of

lecturer in History, Education, Geography and Commerce subjects despite the effort of Higher Education Department to provide it through RUSA. So, I request the hon. minister to take note of our shortage of lecturer in the aforementioned subjects.

NAAC Accreditation is essential to every college as UGC cannot grant permission for college without NAAC accreditation. Pachhunga University College is selected by UGC as a monitoring college under Paramash scheme which concern for colleges without NAAC Accreditation.

SPEAKER : Dr. R Lalthangliana, hon. Minister.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer for Pu C. Lalsawivunga's question regarding T. Romana College is that the difference of the elementary education is its subject teaching about the college faculty. These days, most of the colleges such as Hrangbana College, Aizawl Govt. College, North College etc. have more than one thousand students. As English is a common subject, I agree that more posts are required. We are given 72 posts under RUSA and hope for 19 more under PAC; yet, this will not meet our needs as the minimum requirement is 167 posts. We already approached the hon. Chief Minister for at least 98 part time or guest lecturers.

Also, we have a plan to open post graduate class not only in Champhai College. Mizoram University also approaches us to open post graduate class in some colleges so as to resolve the problem of limited seat in Mizoram University. However, it cannot be done as planned due to shortage of lecturers. Yet, we are trying our best to solve the problem with the help of our Chief Minister.

As we know, Mizoram Hindi Training College and Kamalanagar College are the only remaining colleges without NAAC Accreditation. We have even informed Pu BD Chakma about NAAC Accreditation for Kamalanagar and hope for a positive outcome. We tried our best to give every college of Mizoram to have NAAC Accreditation. I think Pachhunga University College is the result of our efforts that it has now obtained a recognition of UGC and Indian Government.

Also, I have had a visit to Champhai College with their concerned MLA and we will work for post graduate class in recognition of Mizoram Government.

In the previous ministry, Polytechnic Institute was established in various places as some are completed while some are in processed. The problem is that we need atleast 23 posts for one institution but the cabinet meeting deferred the post created in the previous government. Also, it would be great if we set up Mizoram Polytechnic Institution in Mamit as well. After we are done with recruitment of teaching faculty, we will plan for Commerce, Geography or Science stream. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I call upon hon. Home Minister, Pu Lalchamliana to make a statement on kidnapping of a boy on the 25th February, 2020 in West Lungdar.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my statement is that a boy named Michael Lalremruatpuia of 13 years old, S/o Vanlalmawia Chhange, West Lungdar, Mamit District is reportedly being kidnapped and the news goes viral in social media on 24/2/2020. After hearing the incident, the Officer in-charge of Kulikawn Police Station and three constables, SDPO West Phaileng, Officer in-charge of West Phaileng Police Station and Dy. Superintendent of Police CIB(SB) went to West Lungdar for investigation.

On 25/2/2020 around 9:00 AM, the people of South Sabual reported that the three abductors were caught; the officer in-charge of Kulikawn Police Station Officer in-charge immediately rushed to South Sabual for confirmation. The three alleged abductors are as follows: -

- 1) Rahul Chowdhury, 27, s/o Sunil Chowdhury, Nirudh, Uttar Pradesh,
- 2) Raju Mansouri, 38, s/o Jamal Mansouri, Nirudh, Uttar Pradesh,
- 3) Situ Hussein Mazumdar, 21, s/o Sunohar Ali Mazumdar, Silchar, Cachar District, Assam.

On the incident, the people of West Lungdar burnt their Bolero vehicle of Regtd. No. AS-11 B-7533 (black), destroyed all 8 televisions from the vehicle, mob rule followed as the alleged victim, Michael Remruatpuia claimed that they were the abductors. The police took the abductors in Aizawl Police Station and a case was filed at Kulikawn Police Station on Case No.0/2020 under section 363/34 IPC at 25/2/2020 and Case No.3/2020 under section 120-B/341/342/323/435/353 IPC at West Phaileng Police Station against the mob rule and burning of a vehicle.

The incident took place on 24.2.2020 around 3:00 PM; the abductors came from Silchar on 24.2.2020 and even obtained ILP at Vairengte Police check gate. They booked a room at Leela Hotel, Aizawl on 24.2.2020; they left the hotel in the morning around 7:00 AM on 25.2.2020 and went to Sabual. At Sabual and Darlung, they advertise their televisions for sell and here, they were caught by Sabual YMA.

SPEAKER : Now, we will go to Financial Business. First, I will call upon Pu K. Lalrinliana, hon. Minister to submit his Demands:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs	2,83,22,61,000.00
19	Local Administration	1,25,18,32,000.00
35	Fisheries	10,70,74,000.00
TOTAL		4,19,11,67,000.00

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 17, 19 and 35 for ₹419,11,67,000 for meeting expenses during 2020-2021 in respect of the following departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs	2,83,22,61,000.00
19	Local Administration	1,25,18,32,000.00
35	Fisheries	10,70,74,000.00
TOTAL		4,19,11,67,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now, I call upon our Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to submit his Demands:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
31	Agriculture	1,76,85,70,000.00
37	Cooperation	15,93,75,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	39,66,87,000.00
TOTAL		2,32,45,79,000.00

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 31, 37 & 47 for ₹232,45,79,000 only for meeting expenses during 2020-21 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
31	Agriculture	1,76,85,70,000.00
37	Cooperation	15,93,75,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	39,66,87,000.00
TOTAL		2,32,45,79,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, hon. Minister to submit his Demands:

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
21	Higher & Technical Education	2,74,92,63,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	6,26,32,39,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	84,91,59,000.00
TOTAL		9,86,16,61,000.00

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Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will move on to *Discussion on Demands*; let us call hon. member Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA: Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to thank for Demand No. 17 Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs as it brings benefit for rural people. I Thank the hon. Minister for reopening Mimbung godown with a new Store keeper. Also, there is a plan to reconstruct retaining wall of Kawkulh godown.

Demand No.19, LAD concerns all rural and urban areas. Through the efforts of our VC and BDO of Ngopa, we have a swimming pool constructed in the outskirts of the village. So, it is wise for the department to enforce Recreation Centre Law to that area.

Demand No. 27, Fisheries is the demand we have been talking for a long time. Many lands are digged for fish pond under NREGA but to no avail due to shortage of workers. I think we need to take note for this demand and put a work on it.

Also, there are many things to say in Demand No.31, Agriculture. Due to the work of our Minister, Hnahthial Integrated Training Centre (ITC), where training for only basic agriculture was available is upgraded to SAS for Diploma Course in Agriculture Service. This is a great achievement completed for a year. Also, Hnahthial and West Phaileng was upgraded for an area of Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer and I request the same for Ngopa.

Mission Organic is working great well and I hope this will continue by the work of the Department and our Minister. I'm thankful that we have received 17 crores for Mission Organic which I think will be helpful for prevention of cancer disease.

FOCUS is one the main reason for the growth in our agriculture. I thank them for giving us more workers. Also, I heard there is a project about constructing roads under FOCUS and I request for construction of roads in my area as agriculture is the lifeline of most people.

Under Demand No.37, Cooperation, Cooperative movement is very crucial nowadays. If cooperative movement is working well, many problems can be solved like the high rate of products from agriculture will be reduced as the middle-man between the farmers and sellers will not be needed if there is a good cooperative movement.

I want to thank the Department for their work in Irrigation at Pawlrang under Demand No. 47, Irrigation. We have already received 2 crores and more than 16 crores are coming for this project. Also, we are working on a field under BADP and I thank the Agriculture Department for giving us tractors, power tiller etc. for the project.

Pu Speaker, even though there are many things to say I will skip Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department and move to Demand No.24, Health & Family Welfare. Upgrade of RIPANS, work on Health & Wellness by our Minister. Zoram Medical College are great achievements for Mizoram. Also, I request our Minister for Pulo, Vankal, Changzawl and Hrianghmun from my area to be a Health Clinic Centre in the next Financial Year.

At last, under Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Department, works are going great well in my area and we hope for positive results. Pu Speaker, I guess we can make a Border Trade Centre in Sialkal area which can also be used by Manipur as link roads are already constructed from Khawlian to Suangpuilawn. I hope our Department and Minister to take note and work on my request. Finally, I want to thank all our Ministers and Departments for all their works and achievements. I agree with all the demands submitted. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you Pu Speaker. It seems that this ministry does not prioritize major works unlike the Congress Ministry. It is pitiful that funds are not allocated for major works in important departments like Health Department and Agriculture Department and fortunately due to efficiency of the hon. Health Minister they are able to manage efficiently.

Pu Speaker, the Congress Ministry established Referral Hospital which was later renovated with your initiative as Health Minister and was upgraded to Medical College. So, Pu Speaker, does this Ministry intends to erase achievements of the previous Ministry?

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries, it is a deep concern that no fund is allocated in the budget; I wonder how much it will be reflected in the revised estimate for the year, 2020-2021.

Next is, Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department. Under RUSA, appointment order of the Asst. Professor was published on the 31st October,

2019; yet they have not drawn their salary till today. So. What is the reason, Pu Speaker?

In Demand No. 19, Local Administration, it is obvious that the hon. Minister is working hard from funds allotted by the 15th Finance Commission amounting to ₹93 crores. Judging from the budget allocation, Pu Speaker, it is obvious that the ministry does not prioritize development at all. And, as for Co-operation Department, it seems to be allocated in the revised estimate as nothing much is seen as of now. On Irrigation Department, none is allocated in the budget yet, expected from CSS. I wonder how the department will manage itself if fund is not expected from CSS.

Moving to Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I ask in which village sugar is distributed as a part of ration quota? I also request the hon. Minister to take measure so that we may receive quality ration in our State. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte is next.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is important that we utilize our funds wisely for overall effective development.

I am glad that sugar is again included in AAY ration quota and we have also become more sufficient in the supply of rice and domestic gas. I request renovation of Saipum godown and so other in different areas. I thank the hon. Minister for construction of 10 nos. godowns in various places.

In Demand No.19, LAD, I am glad that VCs in rural areas will be receiving *Excluded Area* funds through the recommendation of Finance Commission. I also implore the hon. Minister to take note of our request for renovation of Bilkhawthlir Park as YMA General Conference will be hosted at Bilkhawthlir.

Next is, Demand No. 35, Fisheries. Pu Speaker, it was quite a bold act of the hon. Minister to walk out of a function where he was supposed to inaugurate seedlings of cage culture; but since the supplier does not provide the expected quality, the hon. Minister walked out on him stating it will be expected of him to supply the desired quality. Relating to this, I request that ice plant be installed in my constituency for we are fishery potential area as so agriculture.

On Demand No, 31, I thank the hon. Minister for giving attention to Chemphai paddy fields and for providing power tillers. I express my gratitude for posting BDO at Bilkhawthlir; I also request that initiative is made so that more staffs are posted. Also, is it possible for the department to construct Agriculture Rest House at Bilkhawthlir within this year? At the same time, it is appreciative that agriculture link road is constructed within my constituency.

It is a fact that proper irrigation system is essential for proper harvest. So, I request the concerned minister to take necessary steps in this regard. It is pleasing to know that ₹50 lakh is allocated for study tour of college students under Higher & Technical Department and we will be grateful if the students from our constituency are selected for the tour; and, if the amount sanction is increased. I am glad to know that 72 nos. of Asst. Professor are recruited under RUSA and another 19 nos. expected.

It is gratifying to know that under Health Department, various sub-Centre had been upgraded by posting qualified staffs and by conducting awareness. It is also appreciating that X-Ray machine is installed at Bilkhawthlir and PHC building is planned for reconstruction. Last, but not least, I express my gratitude for posting doctor at PHC and several Nurses of NSM and Health-workers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu NiharKanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 19, Local Administration Department. (*Deputy Speaker is at the Chair*)

Pu Speaker, it is a deep concern that villagers of Serhuan which is under my constituency were banished during cold; yet, arrangement was for temporary settlement at Nursery field. Pu Speaker, it is the first time for me to know about some villages established illegally within my constituency. Even Serhuan has been established since 1985 and Primary School, Anganwadi Centre and Community Hall have also provided in it. As the concerned MLA, I have purchased the land for their settlement but their source of lifeline had been stopped and making ends meet is very hard for them. There are also villages which are labelled as illegal settlement such as Zawngin etc. So, I urge the concerned authority to consider the case and recognize such villages; I, have even submitted old 1941 document for the property of the House regarding this issue.

In Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, it is crucial that our state gives intensive effort to improve our harvest. There are many agricultural potential areas in my constituency which need to be developed; yet, I find it strange that there are no funds allocated for such purpose in the Budget. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Health Department, Demand No. 24.

There is hardly an opportunity for applicants from remote constituencies to get through the screening test for health-workers and nurses. I therefore request for a special consideration in this regard.

Under Food & Civil supplies Department, I thank the hon. Minister for sufficient supply of gas and rice and for renovating godown in different areas. I also ask the same which may be constructed in the western region.

I express my gratitude towards the hon. Agriculture Minister for the initiatives in my constituency of potential area; I also request him to give attention to the potential areas of Artetuidam, Mar River and Saithah.

In Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department, I thank the hon. Minister for giving attention to my area. Also, under Commerce & Industries Department, I am glad that turmeric and ginger crusher will soon be installed.

In Demand No.19 LAD, village council status had been declared to Marpara North, Silsuri East and West, Hruiduk, Hnahva and Pukzing Vengthar in the previous ministry but without appropriate demarcation of village boundary. So, I request issue is settled as per the rules. Thank you.

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

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No.31 and 47.

I think our agriculture productions could be more improved by giving more efforts on irrigation for we have many potential areas on the river banks for terracing. In the process, I suggest we utilize at least 20,000 hectares of land for cultivation which is opined to be able to bring about high percentage of production.

Regarding Co-operation, it is a deep concern that funds allocated to this department decreases every year and RCS are changing so frequently. Thus, the department barely have time to learn and work for the progress. It is within 48 years that it has 48 different RCS. I suggest the department officers takes the charge so as to achieve more progresses in the department.

Under Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, it is necessary to investigate the source of poor-quality rice supplied through e-POS.

Moving on to LAD, we have 809 nos. VCs in Mizoram receiving honorarium amounting to ₹1,000 per month and the Vice President who receives ₹800 per month. Considering their service to the people, I opine the amount should be increased.

I gather that the problem which now becomes a deep concern to Fishery Department is the problem of preservation of fishes. In order to acquire more incomes, I think we should give attention to improvement of preservation method.

Pu Speaker, under Health Department, a patient using a golden card for purchase of the medicine had shown his bill in which additional amount of ₹2,000

is again deducted from the total and the reason is unknown. So, I request the hon. minister to look into this matter. Regarding HIV, rate of infected increased by 18% which I think is a great concern. I suggest the department, in cooperation with churches and NGOs should give more efforts in preventing further increase so that we may be able to build a healthy future for the coming generations.

On Commerce & Industries Department, initiative is taken for reconstruction of market building but no progress has yet been made due to dismantling works of the old building. Anyway, I would like to suggest inclusion of proper toilet system in the construction. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I express my gratitude towards the progress made by Higher & Technical Department for the success of MZU Southern Campus and clearance of NIT engineering college which is situated in the riverine area; and, for the recruitment of college Asst. Professors. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister give more attentions on the progress of NIELIT at Pukpui, Lunglei the work which allegedly is not completed within the stipulated time. It is also important to give attention to work progress of Polytechnic Institute being set up in various districts for the works being neglected for quite sometimes.

While this is the case, it is good news to hear about the progress of ZMC and that healthcare facilities become accessible to every family. At the same time, I opine we need to put more efforts on diagnostic system of any diseases so that the process of treatment is given on time to concerned patient.

In Demand No. 17, it is gratifying to know that we have sufficient supply of domestic gas and rice and intensive measure being taken for improvement of our oil depots. At the same time, I would like to implore the department for inspection of the quality of rice and its preservation.

Moving to the Demand of LAD, I opine the term of VC should be reduced as 5 years term is rather long for one. Also, I request renovation of *Laldenga Park* at Kawmzawl.

On Demand No. 31, we are fortunate to have a minister who is truly dedicated to the works of his departments concern. In regard to his department, I think it is crucial to implement our land reform system so that the underprivileged benefited as well and it will further help in our agricultural growth. In the process, it is important to introduce cluster development for better and faster production and to acquire high yielding variety seeds. It will also be wise to introduce sloping agricultural land technology since we have good potential in these areas. I can assure the hon. minister that if initiative is made in Charzawl, Chemtum, Vanva, Mat and Tlawng area, we will achieve huge production from these areas alone. It is important that we should facilitate our farmers who are working hard and selling their harvests on roadside of

our city. I also request that handloom development be given attention through SEDP and also to reconstruct Serkawn bazaar building which is deteriorating. Thank you.

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

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with Demand No.17, it is fortunate for us to have an able minister to bring about sufficient supply of rice and domestic gas. With his initiative, effective measure has been taken for improvement of our gas-bottling plant and an oil depot which will be able to contain a larger quantity. Likewise, his initiatives on introduction of E-POS and construction of godowns in different areas also are worth-mentioning as they are the stepping stone for the development of Supply department.

In Demand No.19, LAD, it is great that measure has been taken for the problem of illegal village which I believe is the first time. Also, there is a plan to renovate Lunglei District Park and I request that more funds be allocated for this purpose.

In Fisheries Department, I suggest the department for investment on Zobawk Fish Seed Farm for it has a potential to produce fishes in bulk quantity. I am glad that the hon. minister had laid 'The Mizoram Fisheries Rules, 2019' for our growth and development in Fisheries.

On Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, we have a vast potential area of Zawlpui Lunglei and Zobawk in which agriculture link road is constructed. I thank construction of the same for Leite, Vaihmun, Old Ralvawng and Hliappui. Also, there is a plan for promotion of corn plantation which truly is appreciative; hopefully it will also benefitted by farmers in Lunglei area.

As on the next Demand, the people of Lunglei area quite excited for the success of MZU Southern Campus and we are as well thankful for Commerce stream allotted at JB College.

As on Health Department, we are very grateful for Trauma Center and a new ICU being set up at Civil Hospital Lunglei; and, new staff quarters, a new building for CMO officea and Sub-Centres constructed at Leite. In the meantime, I would also like to request that the elevator in Lunglei Civil Hospital be repaired to working condition.

Under Commerce & Industries Department, I request the department to expedite the process of construction of Lunglei Super Market and the approach road

connecting Saibuchhuah which will be a good revenue source. I also request that proper Geology & Mining office be established in Lunglei. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte, hon. Member.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. In my constituency, initiative is made under Health Department for a convenient place for installation of two x-ray machines and 1 request financial aid for this project. Also, it is important that our healthworkers are encourages to render their service wholeheartedly and to provide utmost care to all the patients.

In Demand No. 17, I assume we all are consuming treated rice which I believe to be the reason for increase of cancer in our state. Thus, I suggest studying the kind of chemical which involves in the preservation of our foodstuffs. I also request the hon. minister to examine the quality of rice being supplied and also find out the agent which causes an unpleasant taste. Pu Speaker, I opine it is important for us to give our all in whatever we do to achieve our goals. I wish the hon. minister to achieve the best in serving the people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Ramthanmawia is next.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 17, Foods, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

Due to the effort of concerned Minister, we are now having sufficient supply of gas and rice; and, we are grateful that godown is constructed at Khuangleng and plan for the same at Khawbung. At the same time, let me request the hon. minister that repair of Bungzung godown may also be considered. Also, we need more store keepers and Sub-Inspectors to relief maintenance of 6 godowns which is now taken up by lone storekeeper and sub-Inspector. On LAD, we are truly grateful for funds received from the 15th Finance Commission for we believe it it utilized for the best interest of rural people.

On Demand No. 35, I want to inform the House that we have a good potential area for fisheries in my constituency and I can assure that it will become fruitful if given attention. Likewise in Agriculture and Irrigation, we have potential areas in which 92% of the residents are farmers with 1061 hectares of land out of which only half the area is developed. If the entire area is covered, it is estimated that a total of 2,66,510 bags of rice will be produced from this area alone.

Under Health & Family Welfare Department, we have X-ray machine but without technician to operate it and I request the hon. Minister to take note of this. We have 4 PHCs in my constituency with doctor at Khawbung, Farkawn and Bungzung but none at Sesih which may also be given. We are happy that there is a plan to construct PHC building of Sesih, Farkawn, and Bungzung. I would also like to make a request for posting of male healthworkers in my constituency as most of

them are female. Also, it will be much appreciated if clinic of Zawngtetui, Leisenzo, Leithum, Vangvchhia, Thekte and Zawlsei are upgraded at the status of Health & Wellness. Also, we have no health facilities at East Chawngtui and Thekpui which may be noted as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that rural people are grateful for the implementation of healthcare scheme. It is important that we utilize the funds received wisely and with transparency as enough fund is allocated for achieving our goal. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw and he will be followed by Er. H. Lalzirliana.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Deputy Speaker, in Demand No. 24, Health Department, it is appreciative that Siaha District Hospital is completed but the problem which delay its functional is construction of its fencing which is now in progress and is expected for early completion.

Secondly, Siaha Civil Hospital is 100-bedded and shortage of nurses is the main problem as we are eagerly waiting for nursing school of Siaha to be functional. Also, I would like to request doctors in the field of Pathologist and an Ortho-specialist for this hospital which may be allotted as soon as possible. As of ophthalmologist, we have one but without surgical equipments and one has to proceed to Lunglei or Aizawl to undergo surgery. So, I urge fund provision for setting up surgery at Siaha hospital.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I am pleased to mention that a mobile team GAIL India Ltd has conducted free clinics in every village with medicines free of cost which is much helpful for rural people. Pu Deputy Speaker, being the headquarter of my constituency, there are many in the area around who depends on PHC Tuipang for medical treatment. Though the building is proposed for renovation, no work has been carried out. So, I request the concerned Minister to take immediate step in this regard. I also request upgrading PHC Tipa to CHC status. I am also grateful for installation of X-Ray machine at Tipa PHC but without laboratory technician to operate which has rendered the machine non-functional. I, therefore request posting of lab technician at the earliest. I also request that a healthworker be posted at the clinic center of Mipu, Chheihlu and Theihri and also at the Health Sub-Centres of New Laty and Tisi.

I also request for doctor quarters to be constructed at Chakhei PHC and posting of nurses and a lab. Technician. As for the proposed renovation of Phura PHC building, I urge the department for immediate action as the required land has already been given by the Village Council.

Moving to Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, I request for upgradation of Govt. High School to Constituents College Status under University Grant Commission, Mizoram University.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under Demand No. 40, Trade & Commerce, I am pleased to note that step has been taken by the government for improvement of border trade with our neighbouring countries such as of Myanmar and Bangladesh. At the same time, I want to know what step has been taken so far for construction of bridge between Chakhai of India – Ngiahphiah of Myanmar, a project of border haats which had already been approved by Trade & Commerce Department back in 2011.

Regarding Demand No. 17, Supply, I thank the concerned Minister for construction of godown and staff quarter at Amobyu. Being remotely far, Chakhei, Chapi and Siata godowns are in a run-down condition and they need repairing at the earliest. Thus, I earnestly request for immediate action before monsoon.

Regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture, no tractors or power tillers have been given to my constituency during the current financial year. I request that we be given priority in the next financial year. Tipa, the seat of SDAO has only an AEO and one Grade-IV staff and I request for the necessary staffs to be provided. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, I will call Pu H. Lalzirliana who will be followed by Pu B.D. Chakma.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we have three demands for discussion and let me start with Supply department.

I really do appreciate active involvement of the concerned Minister for procurement of essential commodities to meet the requirement of the people of Mizoram. Comparing to the past years, we are much better in acquiring our daily requirements.

The other day, we visited LAD Park at Mamit with the Minister in charge. I thought maintenance of park is the purview of the Tourism Department but not anymore, it seems. I request the Minister to note that we still have much work ahead to renovate the park.

Mamit and Kolasib districts have a good potential for fish farming and fish from our area are said to be more delicious, so I request the Minister to help improve our area in this sector.

Not only fish farming, my constituency has another potential for agriculture which I hope would be more beneficially explored in times to come.

It may also be noted that the Co-operation Department has no proper site for office building as the office is functioning in a rented house. Thus, a site for office is

genuinely needed. Irrigation Department also has no office or working staff in Mamit District which may also be noted.

I will not repeat what other members had cited under the Health & Family Department. I thank the Minister for many developmental and improvement works done and yet to be done under this department.

And Lengpui PHC, which previously was CHC needs to be improved as it is located in the premise where the planes land daily. I request PHC be again upgraded to the CHC status with facilities and manpower as required for such. I also request immediate action for Higher and Technical Colleges as I had raised a question in the morning session.

Commerce & Industry is a vital department for all round development but there is no separate office building in Mamit which is the immediate need.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, Pu B.D. Chakma and he will be followed by Pu Zothantluanga.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I availed only 5 minutes yesterday and I therefore request you to give me another 5 minutes today.

Regarding Demand No. 17, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I thank the Minister in charge for supply of good quality rice. At the same time, I request for renovation of supply godown and Store Keeper's quarters at Boranpansuri.

It was our demand in the past to have additional supply godown to be functional full-time or monsoon store godown at Parva as it is a far-flung village at the border of Myanmar, India and Bangladesh. Even if the department staff are not there, the store will be securely guarded by the Assam Rifles and BSF who remain there all the year round.

I also want to highlight that sugar is not good on health grounds though we consume it in large amounts. Instead of sugar, supply of jaggery will be more beneficial for health. Hence, if a scheme for development of sugarcane for us under SEDP gets materialized, it will be very beneficial.

Under Demand No. 19, LAD, I think we need to consider this in a constructive manner as to what we should do with those settlers evacuated from un-authorized villages mentioned by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma. They are in a miserable condition.

Regading fisheries, I have often thought about amalgamating Veterinary Department with that of Fisheries Department, that is, had I been the Chief Minister. The reason being, we all want to eat healthy and good fish.

I was once, for a short term in charge of Fisheries Department. The department has an acute shortage of staff for which I would like to request the department to be strengthened with more staff.

Under Demand No. 31, Agriculture, more areas of land should be allocated under SEDP so as to improve production of rice. With the funds, land may be ploughed and tilled with heavy machinery to establish '*Rice Bowl of Mizoram*'. I suggest more funds to be allocated for agriculture.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, additional building grants are much required for Kamalanagar College as I have raised the issue during question hour. The college has no good infrastructure and is congested like primary school due to which the college is denied NAAC accreditation. The college bus has also been acquired from the MLA funds, but there is no full time driver which is truly needed. It may also be noted that there is an acute shortage of teaching staff as the post of teaching staffs who have been posted elsewhere have not been filled up. This should also be noted for immediate action.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to take a minute regarding Borapansuri PHC which is still being run on PPP mode under CADC which is more expensive to run. The building is completed. Is there a way to place it under the Government of Mizoram? When is it to be opened?

Another PHC is needed at Parva and Lawngpuighat and an ambulance for Chawngte CHC and Borapansuri PHC.

Lastly, regarding Demand No 40, Commerce and Industries, I am not sure whether the Industries Department is under Trade & Commerce. ITI Building and staff quarters are completed at Kamalanagar but remain unused and the buildings are deteriorating. Is there any possibility of having ITI functional? I request the concerned Minister to make it functional.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. I will call upon Pu Zothantluanga, who will be followed by Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, it will not be easy to speak on three demands within ten minutes. I will however, try.

First, Demand No. 17, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. Construction of FCI godown at Dinthar, Sairang will serve a good purpose when railhead reaches Sairang. And, introduction of automated e-post device or distribution of ration will help solve existence of bogus ration cards. It is a good thing.

During monsoon, our roads and highways are usually rain-soaked, hardly pliable for trucks and vehicles. One of the solutions to this problem will be proper maintenance of weigh-bridge by the department.

Improvement in the procurement of essential commodities including petrol and diesel have been mentioned. I hope it remains as it is. I am pleased to note allotment of ten crores for upliftment and development of rural areas.

Under Demand No. 35, Fisheries, having a fish pond myself, I am well aware of the problems faced by fish farmers in rural areas. Due to non-availability of funds, many potential areas are left unattended and the fish food supplied is quite expensive even after getting subsidized. The item could be supplied at a cheaper rate to rural areas, fish production will eventually increase.

Demand No. 31, Agriculture, the river banks have fertile soil for cultivation. Most of the vegetables in Aizawl are from Sairang and there are many potential areas in Aizawl West-I Constituency. I request the Minister in charge to ensure that genuine seeds are provided on time as there are also suitable areas for cultivation.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, many of our colleges have improved because of RUSA project. Good buildings are one of the inspirations for students. Efforts should be made for further improvement.

Regarding Health & Family Welfare, there is no more central pool for aspiring medical students after AMC has been started. It is now only ZMC that we depend upon. This being so, the college has to be successfully run and equipped to high standards. If not, there is apprehension that we will produce degreed doctors without skill and knowledge.

Health issues covering HIV, cancer and many others were extensively discussed in the Sensitization Programme held a few days back. I hope things will improve since the free sale of liquor has been terminated by the Pu Zoramthanga led government.

Lastly, there is an Industrial Growth Centre near the Central Jail which has benefitted many. However, there are many land disputes to be settled within the area.

The main market for Aizawl West if Vaivakawn market building which needs renovation. I request the concerned minister to note it and take the required action. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you, I will now call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga to speak, who will be followed by Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today, we have three demands for discussion. I truly long to have a discussion on the budget prepared from our own revenue.

Under Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies, I am pleased to suggest that allotment of sugar to AAY families and home delivery of cooking gas be continued.

There are quite a number of foodgodowns in Mizoram. However, many of those along with staff quarters need repairing and renovation.

Also considering our requirements and production, more funds should be allocated for fisheries.

Under LAD, the term of Village Councils should be shorter and the reward amounts should also be increased.

Under Demand No. 21, 24 and 40 of Health & Family Welfare Department, the only cancer hospital we have needs a massive improvement. There is an acute shortage of nurses and Grade IV staff and patient beds need to be upgraded; machines for cobalt therapy gets damaged off and on causing many problems; the radiation machine we received at the beginning of last year has not been installed yet. Thus, early action is truly needed.

Under Commerce & Industries Department, it has been thirty years since we acquired statehood, yet, there is no industry or factory to name in Mizoram. A well-established industry should be our concerted target to generate employment for our future generations.

Regarding Demand No. 37, Co-Operation is the foundation for upliftment of the poor. Co-operative movement is an actively prioritized sector in the Indian states. The UK and Germany could become rich countries because of cooperative movement. It is a key to uplifting poorer sections of the population thereby bringing development all around. More funds should be allocated to this sector.

Under Demand No. 31 and 47, Agriculture and Irrigation, Mizoram still needs to depend on other states for food production in spite of having many good potential areas for cultivation. If properly developed with systematic irrigation and good agricultural link roads, there will be meaningful production to meet our requirements. Our vision may be 2030 but without specific plans or projects in fund allocation, self-sufficiency in food production will not be achieved. Mizoram needs to be awake and unitedly march forward to create a better state in food production. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now call upon Pu H. Biakzaua, who will be followed by Dr. Vanlalhlana.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly on Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, I would like to thank the concerned Minister for improved supply of daily basic needs of rice, gas and oil.

In Lawngtlai district, DCSO Lunglei and Siaha have jurisdiction over supply of food grains. Is restructuring not possible to have DCSO Lawngtlai exercise more

power? And there is a shortage of store keeper there. Legal Metrology Department has an office building but is not yet functional. I request the Minister to take appropriate action.

And is there proposal for reconstruction of Lungtian and Lungphergodowns which are badly requiring renovation before the start of the monsoon season. We are, although pleased to note the proposal made for construction of PDC godown at Lawngtlai.

Under Demand No. 35, Fisheries, our government has taken many steps to increase fish production. Fish farms and fishermen houses have been set up. It is desired that that is equal distribution of fish seeds, constituency wise.

Regarding Demand No, 31, Agriculture, as we know, the Agriculture Department is one of the most important departments we depend upon. I think about 70% of the population in Mizoram are agriculturists. Hence, priority should be given to this department.

Chamdur Project for WRC should certainly be accomplished. Link roads and all weather roads should also be constructed across the state to utilize our protected areas.

Under Demand No. 37, Co-operative societies, it is an important movement. What cannot be achieved individually can now be achieved through societies. Ten crore Rupees has been set aside for loan subsidy which is gladly noted.

Under Demand No. 47, Irrigation which is closely knitted with WRC is much required to improve our cultivation.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, I, once again want thank the hon. Chief Minister and Education Minister for their commitment to establish Southern Campus, Lunglei under MZU. This will generate more employment apart from being a huge asset for the southern parts of Mizoram.

There is a shortage of history lecturers at Lawngtlai College, no librarian, no driver and no more Grade IV staff. We would be very pleased if these vacant posts be filled.

Under Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, ZMC and RIPANS are improving greatly. Better equipment has been installed as have been better medical facilities. Regarding Sangau PHC, the building is under construction. When completed, I request the government to upgrade it to CHC status.

There is an acute shortage of nurses and lab technicians at Lawngtlai Civil Hospital. There are also no lab technicians at Bualpui PHC which makes it very

difficult for doctors to perform their functions. Lungpher, Sangau and Bualpui PHCs face the same problems. Their problems need to be addressed.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Demand No. 40 of Trade and Commerce, when will Saisihchhuah border trade centre be functional? Traders are facing many problems and it appears the progress is not fast enough. (**Deputy Speaker:** *Your time is up*)

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express one last point. The term for Village Council Members is five years which needs to be amended. As it was in the past, their tenure needs to be reduced to three years with increase in the amount of honorarium given to them. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now call upon hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Having a wide range of subjects, I would like to request for additional time.

Firstly, I shall start with the demand of Dr. Lalthangliana. Last year, the hon. Chief Minister who is also the Finance Minister has stated that he will be given 25 crores but it was decreased to 11 crores in the current year. Thus, the budget for the three departments is 15.74% of the Mizoram budget.

Under Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, I am pleased to note the active involvement of the Minister in charge for the improvement of the Mizoram State Healthcare Scheme. It will further alleviate our present condition if cashless system could be introduced. ACDP, as mentioned should not be brought up again as assigning two lakhs to every household as per 2011 census would mean a total costing of 4,400 crores which is more than the Mizoram budget and not achievable by any means.

There is Food Safety Standard Licensing Registration of Food Business Regulation, 2011. It is truly important to maintain proper record of consumables imported and manufactured locally for maintenance of safety measures.

It really is an achievement to have a medical college in the state. However, it would be a huge loss if top posts in the college are being fought over. This has to be settled, otherwise we will lose what we have achieved. Regarding HIV/AIDS, the Health Department has to chalk our project/convergence schemes with education.

Under Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, only additional funds of only seven lakhs have been given in the current budget whereas twenty-nine lakh was intended last year. It will be appreciated if additional required funds are allocated from the Finance Department. The Commerce department is treated as the same with other streams but this is not so. It will be appreciated if post enhancement is there for commerce department as there is normally a shortage of teaching staff.

I regret that 68 Assistant Professors have been appointed under RUSA whereas they have not been paid their salaries. When will their salaries be given? Aizawl North College which is situated in my constituency is allegedly set to be shifted to our hon. CM's constituency which turned out to be an extension of the college. I would like to know when classes will begin.

Regarding Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries, I have often pointed out the importance of business reform action plan. Needless to say, our position in industry and business needs sincere attention especially at the industrial estates we have at Luangmual and Zuangtui. I have found no content when I looked up the website of The Mizoram Industrial Area (Management Regulation and Control) Act and Rules. The website largely covered NLUP, Industrial Enterprise 2014 which needs to be updated.

Border trade with Bangladesh through Tlabung is to be given due importance along with the trade with Myanmar through Sittwe. Conference hall or respectable trading centre hall should be constructed where traders and businessman can sit and convene together.

Regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture, it is pleasing to note the funds allocated from GIA. Our farming system need to be changed for which thorough research has to be conducted and funds allotted for this is only two lakhs, which is the same as last year. With that fund, how are we going to start research? This needs to be given profound thoughts.

I am pleased to note that 65% of the budget has been allocated to Irrigation, Water Resources Department which will make way for huge improvements. I hope to have SHG and Kendra under CSS Scheme.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs have been allotted more funds than last year. With that, we hope to see better improvements. Pu K. Lalrinliana is the head of Consumer Unions and his improvement plan/action is impressive. MIZOFED and Zothan Gas Agency have started LPG home delivery. However, some agencies are selling gas on the black market, I would like the concerned Minister to react and have a meeting with the agencies.

Lastly, it would be pleasing if OTP system could be included in the post. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our hon. members did well in observing the time limit. Let us now call upon the hon. Member, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to dwell first on LAD, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

As mentioned earlier, there is notable improvement. What is further needed is a functional weigh bridge in different supply entries. Zuangtui and Serchhip has one each, which are not functioning very properly.

Food godowns in Rabung and Tualcheng badly need repairing, I hope the Minister takes initiatives.

Under Fisheries, Champhai has good potential for development. Fish from Champhai and Mamit are said to be delicious. Pu F. Laldingliana of Champhai has received Best Fisherman Award in North-Eastern States in 2009. We have also received awards from the National Fishery Development Board, Hyderabad.

Under LAD, as was suggested, I too fully support modification of VC terms as five years is too long. It is also necessary to have separate quota. They can, without separate quota contest from anywhere in Mizoram. It is rather important to increase VC honorarium whereas their term is modified and shortened.

In Agriculture, land development with mechanization is actively pursued. Fifty tractors have been purchased for this. I hope there is further distribution area wise.

Under mission organic value chain development, the hon. minister and the department are actively involved for the success of the mission. The potential areas we have in the North, South, East and West are intended to be developed for which I give thanks.

Getting favours from our leaders, I hold the post of Vice-Chairman in the Medical Board. I regret the allegation that I am not aware of various activities stated to have been done by the department. Frankly speaking, being Vice-Chairman does not necessarily mean I should get involved in all these activities. What I know and what I want to say is that the department functions under the hon. minister in charge wholeheartedly in tandem with the staff.

Healthcare is truly the offspring of our hon. Chief Minister; it is a blessing for the poor. APPJMY is also functioning, but golden card holders can avail only upto five lakhs and it does not cover treatment for all ailments or illnesses. There is also ZMC due to which our deficiency has now decreased to 10% from 20% since All India Medical Council had the last inspection.

Many hospitals are under upgradation and cobalt therapy machines at Zemabawk Cancer Hospital is to be replaced, for which funds have been sanctioned. Trauma centre is to be attached to each hospital, which we have never had before. All the sub-health centres are intended to be upgraded by 2022. Enrolment to B. Sc nursing schools is also increased. (**Speaker** : *Your time is up*)

SPEAKER : Thank you. It is now 4 o' clock. We shall continue till 5 o' clock. I call upon hon. member, Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. In spite of having limited time, I want to express my gratitude for what our government has done within a short span of time, our government has achieved many things that could not be achieved by the previous ministry. I have high expectations for our government.

Regarding Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies, amidst notable improvement in supply of food grains, there were allegations that food grains supplied were poor. I think this has to be verified.

An approach road to Lunglei Food Godown badly needs improvement before the rainy season. This may be kindly noted.

Regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture, I really appreciate strenuous efforts made by the minister in charge for the development of potential areas in various parts of Mizoram.

Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries, our leaders are actively pursuing border trade with neighboring countries. I fervently hope and pray that our government will accomplish this aspect, even though they are not the authority concerned to grant this license. It is worth mentioning efforts rendered by the Health Minister, doctors, nurses and the medical staff. The Mizos, as a whole seem to be endowed with good talent in medical science and nursing. Our nurses are world class. Hence, further improvement in medical science and studies should certainly be our priority. Meanwhile, Tawipui South PHC has to be improved. I request the Minister and department to note this.

Improvement is to be seen in many fields under Higher & Technical Education. Performances of the three colleges at Lunglei are quite commendable. However, Lunglei Government College does not have Grade IV staff which may please be noted. JB College requires fencing for the new site at Melte, Serkawn.

HATIM College established by the Church is a residential college with a highly commendable performance. I request our government to note that this college greatly needs funding. The first Polytechnic is at Hrangchalkawn, Lunglei. The institution, though well-equipped needs to be provided with a better reservoir and better toilets. I request the government to please note this as well.

Pu Speaker, I request for a few more minutes. Notable achievements we see today are worth-mentioning and Bru resettlement is one worth-including in the Mizoram history.

Our University has generated many employment opportunities and is one of the best in the country. It is the only one of the universities that will have DRO-NE

in the North Eastern States. Defence Research Organization has also established itself spending more than 600 lakhs. However, Southern Campus is not yet established though it was the number one agenda at the YMA Conference in 2008 and we have almost given up hope. So, I would like to request for this issue to be noted for action.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana is next.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with agriculture. The hon. Governor, in his speech, highlighted the government's target to increase agriculture production by 2030. This is too far away in the future. We would like to know the ways and means our Minister in charge intended to improve our agricultural products.

Under LAD, there was some mention about the terms of village councils. VC administration is the first step in the process of democracy. As stated earlier, the terms of members are 5 years which is too long and need to be amended. Reservation for women is not in line with our culture and I believe the best candidate irrespective of sex will stand out anyway and I would like this issue to be amended as well.

Notable improvement we have in the supply of gas is appreciated and our next step would be home delivery and we should work together for the success of it.

Several funds have been allocated to rural local body and our local bodies have never handled this much amount of funds. How is this going to be implemented or distributed? Is it going to be project based or in cash payment? Will the fund be distributed according to populace?

Our hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana is fortunate in a way that his name is constantly on every news these days. While all the other departments suffer from decreased budget, his demands have increased.

Under Demand No. 21, skill development is truly important. Two polytechnic institutions we have at Durtlang and Lunglei are without permanent post of Principal. There would have been better improvement if there is permanent post of Principal to administer these institutions. Whereas only two institutions do not meet our requirement. Construction of buildings for such institution in our district headquarters is not enough and they should be made functional.

Hindi Training College also needs repairing and renovation. Institutions we have are to be equipped with proper facilities.

Moving on to Demand No. 40, the hon. minister has given assurance in the budget session last year to look into what I said. Vertical extension could be done at Durtlang and Leitan. I hope the hon. Minister could take note of that also.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Demand No. 17, Food Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department, ₹28,322 lakhs has been allotted for this department. It seems there used to be is a huge loss of money in this department due to discrepancies regarding number of ration card, incorrect weighting scales and black marketing of gas supply. I implore the hon. Minister to solve this problem.

On Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, the amount allotted is ₹62,432 lakhs. The rate of increase from last year budget is 10.57%. We have Kulikawn Hospital within my constituency. This Hospital is much neglected by the government. Renovation of Health Worker Training Centre is also an immediate necessity as the buildings are quite old. There is huge need for Medical Specialist, ICTC, ART, Counselling Room, Medical Record Technician. I beg the hon. Minister to kindly pursue this matter.

On Demand No. 35, Fisheries Department, cold storage project at Rangvamuall has been terminated after a huge expenditure. I would like to ask if it could be restarted as it is an important subject for the state

On Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, it is unfortunate that we still could not be self sufficient even though it is a major department for a long time. Higher priority needs to be given to this department. Renovation of agriculture link roads is a must in this regard. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I shall now call upon hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, we need to be more vigilant towards rice suppliers to have better quality rice in the state. I beg the hon. Minister to take note of the problems express in this House regarding supply of poor quality rice. I am happy to learn that this ministry has been continuing the good work done by the previous ministry regarding gas and rice supplies.

With the initiative of the previous ministry, provision of rice, kerosene oil, sugar and gas to MDC, Ex-MDC, MLA and EX-MLA is terminated. Even if the present MDCs or MLAs does not have such quotas, it is very desirable that Ex-MDCs of Ex-MLAs are provided such quota. They may face difficulties in their livelihood after their term expired. I implore the hon. Minister concerned to react on this matter. Besides, there are many villages which could not be accessed by vehicle during monsoon. There is a huge expenditure incurred for rice supply for such villages. I requested that the retailers could avail carrying bill in these areas.

On Demand No.35, Fisheries Department, we have a Fisheries Officer at Lawngtlai for the whole district. With the implementation of SEDP and Blue Revolution by this ministry, 80% of the assistance available is given to Lawngtlai East. However, the real potential area for fishery development is within Lawngtlai West. It is desirable that better distribution of assistance could be made in this regard.

Regarding Demand No. 31, there is still nothing much to say about Agriculture during last budget session and this year. We are neighboring constituency with Pu BD Chakma's. We have huge potential area for wetland cultivation of rice. However, the assistance given by the government is still quite meager. I implore that the farmers could be helped in a higher degree. Besides, I also opined that initiative should be made within a particular concentrated area

Likewise in Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources Department also, we could have very good irrigation system if dams could be constructed in rivers like Tuichawng, Chikhurlui, Chinranglui and Mualbului. This will surely provide potential for farming in the area.

Regarding Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, it is necessary to check the practice of substitute teacher by Assistant Professors. I beg the hon. Minister to take note of this matter as we are facing some problems at Lawngtlai.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare, construction of hospital under NRHM at Lawngpuighat is completed and we are eagerly waiting to be inaugurated. Besides, most of the sub-centre buildings within my constituency are old and dilapidated. Renovation is badly needed. There is also a huge shortage of health workers. A single health worker needs to take care of like 10 villages. Construction of Bungtlang South PHC is another immediate need of the people in my constituency. I would also like to add that more advanced health equipments are needed at least in district capitals. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, starting from Irrigation & Water Resources Department. I would like to thank the hon. Minister concerned for visiting wetland cultivation sites within my constituency. We are having a vast agricultural land at Mat valley. There is a proposed irrigation project for this area. We are eagerly for its success as it will help many people to increase their production.

We have Saphai Lui for Chamdur farming area. There is a damaged valve in the irrigation line. This needs to be repaired as soon as possible. This area could have 84 hectares of farming land if proper irrigation system is provided. Dam project for Lumtui river for Zawlpui farming area and maintenance and renovation of agriculture link roads are a must for development in the area.

Moving to Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries Department, I found very unfortunate that several industries are discontinued in our state. The discontinued corn mill industry at Khawzawl and ginger processing industry at Sairang are quite lamentable. Besides, I really wish that projects like cluster based ginger processing industry at Muallianpui and Tarpho to become a success. I suggest this may be done in different other places also. The Lunglei Organic Ginger Producer Society functions under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region Scheme. They face problem to avail organic certification. I wish this society may be assisted in their future venture as they may be a blessing for the farmers.

The North-East Industrial Development Scheme was launched in 2017 which is meant for eight north eastern states. Awareness needs to be made in this regard so that our youth could be benefited under the scheme.

Serchhip district appears among top eight districts in India. We really wanted to introduce loose reed motion machine, fast reed and left off motion machine, cause loom and silk loom machine. I beg the hon. Minister to take necessary step to provide these machines to the farmers.

On Demand No. 17, Food & Civil Supplies, it seems inappropriate that we use Aadhar card as verification for creation of Ration Card. Even a foreigner can have Aadhar Card so, it will be better to use Voter as proof of citizenship

The amount incurred during April-December last year was ₹109 crore. The income collected from this was only ₹95 crore which means we had a loss of 14 crore only within that nine month. I opined that savings could be made from transportation cost and non-NSFA beneficiaries. It is possible that people who opted for cash instead of rice ration could be given in cash. In this way we can save a huge amount which we used to spend for transportation cost. Besides, more rice will be available for those who needed. Renovation of supply godown is also a must regarding this department.

We still have no oil depot till today. This is an important step to become self sufficient. It could save us from problems in time of disputes with neighbouring states also. I implore that the matter should be pursued as soon as possible.

Regarding Agriculture department, only 178 farmers enjoyed Farmers' Pension Scheme. This is due to lack of awareness among the farmers. It is desirable that all the farmers may enjoy the scheme. Awareness is needed to be given about this scheme.

Moving to Health & Family Welfare Department, Reliance General Insurance Company has a debt of ₹741 lakh towards the government as per the agreement made during the previous ministry. I hope they could pay soon.

Lastly, regarding LAD, we are speaking about Panchayati Raj under this department. The main reason why this system is discussed is due to lack of funding

for the present Village Council system. However, we have learned that ₹93 crore has been sanctioned by the 15th Finance Commission. In this case, what is the need for Panchayati Raj System. I opined the traditional system of Village Council is much better for our state. More considerations should be made in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We can now move to winding up of our discussion. We shall first have a recess till 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to wind up and react to discussion of his demands and also to beg the House to pass his demand.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad to hear our discussion regarding my demands. Most of them are gratitude for the work done by the departments. I also thank the Hon. Members for sincerely taking part in the discussion

On Demand No. 17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, the said retaining wall at Kawlkulh village has been heard of. It is proposed to done as soon as there is available fund. However, it could not be started yet as the amount needed is more than expected.

Regarding stale rice mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga, the case was witnessed at Lungpho and Kanghmun village. All possible efforts were made by the department in that regard. I also personally inspected the case. The suppliers and retailers all said that it is not theirs. It is not distributed to many families. They were told to return the rice and exchanged with good quality. There used to be rumors about this kind of cases in different places. However, official reports were not launched in many of them. Immediate actions were taken in every case that came to our knowledge. I would also like to reassure that we are trying our best to prevent this kind of problems.

I would also like to request the public to launch a complaint to the department in case of poor quality rice. In this way, we may be able to check the culprit for such cases.

Regarding the matter of Saipum godown mentioned by hon. Member Pu Rinsanga, unused godown may be due to changes in carrying routes. However, it will be pursued with better survey in the near future. Besides Saipum, there are also such godowns constructed at Saiphai and North Hlimen.

Hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo had spoken about Pukzing godown. We are preparing projects for Phuldungsei and Marpara. With the guidance and efforts of the Hon. Chief Minister 10 dilapidated godowns has been reconstructed. More

funds are applied at the moment. Let us hope Pukzing godown could also be included once this fund could be availed.

Regarding E-Pos Machine as mentioned by Pu VL. Zaithanzama, this new system is much more transparent and safe for the people. There can be no mismanagement of rice at any level. It has been recommended by the central government. It has been considered since the introduction of Food Security Act, 2013. Being a mammoth task to be implemented, the central government is also very happy that we can make around 55% of retailers use the E-Pos machine.

Regarding the matter mentioned by Pu Duhawma, Aadhar card is not used as proof for issuing ration card. It is just a requirement to link with the ration card. The proof document used is Voters ID. It is both important.

Pu Speaker, we used to have a huge stockpile of rice for monsoon season. However, this could create problem of stale rice in various places. Therefore, this needs to be reconsidered.

The matter regarding rice mill as mentioned by Pu Duhoma is an important subject. There are some parties who are running rice mill at this time also under the assistance of Agriculture Department. The 'local purchase rate' was also fixed at ₹27.50. However, there could be no sufficient supply for running a rice mill at full swing at the moment. We are planning to purchase local rice produce from Bilkhawthlir Agro Farmer Society. The amount expected is 300 qtl. Local purchase is desirable even if the rate of purchase is a little higher.

Pu Speaker, regarding gas supply, we are looking for a way to have gas depo. Mualkhang bottling plan could not be approved for this purpose. We made the matter known to the central government also. In spite of various limitations and difficulties, we are still pursuing the matter.

Moreover, with the efforts and guidance rendered by the Hon. Chief Minister, steps were taken to establish rail-fed oil depo and gas bottling plant. Direct purchase permission for this has already been availed. However, we still could not acquire the required land for the site. This has been a huge problem. This matter is also still under process.

The government is still trying hard to provide fair weigh and measures to the people. Besides, regarding alteration of oil also, we are taking all the possible efforts in collaboration with civil societies. The Home department also provided us with immense support. These efforts will be continued in the future also.

Regarding recreation of ration quota for Ex-MLAs and Ex-MDCs as mentioned by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, this needs to be reconsidered after action has to be taken. I could not assure amidst the governments policy of austerity measures.

Regarding migration of ration card, we used to have ERCMS under Food Security containing all the details about ration cards. This software is now shifted to RCMS. All the details about ration card could be availed from this software.

Regarding home delivery service of domestic gas, the system has been tried to be implemented more than 30 years in our state. However, it could not be a success till today. We are now trying in some selected localities. This is important for the safety of the people. It will prevent the people from keeping a number of cylinders at a time. It will also enable us to provide gas connection to many other household. Besides, it will enable the customer to receive unaltered cylinders at their own home.

Pu Speaker, I am glad to say that we have constructed ten godowns during this year and some others are yet to be constructed. Direct recruitment of five Sub-Inspectors and ten Inspectors was also completed. Shortage of staff was also solved to some extent through regularization and promotions.

Moving to Local Administration Department, the increase in this years budget amounts to ₹93 crores. No fund was received from 14th Finance Commission as we did not implement Panchayati Raj institution. It is provided that we may apply for additional fund according to which ₹45 crore was availed. The amount available was distributed to Village Councils irrespective of political parties. I would like to add how important it is to have a good functioning of Village Council. A village today will become a sub-town one day and a town the other day. Every development work and administration needs to be done with proper plan and vision for the future.

Regarding the question of how the available amount of ₹93 crore will be spent, arrangement is not yet met as it is only recently availed. Plan will be made with the guidance of the hon. Chief Minister on how it will be distributed.

First instalment of the amount given through First Mizoram Finance Commission Recommendation for 2015-2020 has been spent and second instalment is planned to be availed. RGSA (Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan) scheme is not a new scheme but it is not availed that much. Computers are planned to be given to each Village Council through this scheme. Around 100 villages had been given.

Projects were made for Economic Development and Income Enhancement and was approved by the central government. Production of disposable plate at Bilkhawthlir and Rural Homestay at Darzokai were undertaken through this project.

The LAD has several public parks. Besides newly opened parks which still have no revenue, we could make some revenue from this park. The total amount collected from these parks is ₹18,50,105. These parks were planned to be renovated so as to collect more and more revenue from them.

Regarding introduction of Panchayati Raj institution and continuation of Village Council, several considerations were already made in this regard. There may

be pros and cons for this matter. There may be three to four-fold amount of fund available if the PRI is introduced. However, it is opined that it will not be worth if it assimilates the cultures and traditional practices of our state. Therefore, the Council of Minister also decided that more consideration should be made in this regard.

On Fisheries Department, Pu Speaker, it is estimated that around 24,000 hectares of land could be used for fish farming in Mizoram. Around 5477.04 hectares has already been used for fish farming and there are 16,263 registered fish farmers under Fisheries Department. The fish farmers are quite active, sincere and hardworking and I do hope to be self sufficient in fish production in a shore time.

Even though huge amount could not be availed by Fisheries Department, we used to get some financial assistance through Blue Revolution. These are mainly for construction of fish ponds, construction of hatchery and nurseries and construction of farmhouses. Besides, some amount has been received from Agriculture Department through RKVY Scheme. There are several proposed projects schemes at the central government as well as the state government also. It is expected that there will be a great development if these proposals are approved and grants for the same were given.

Ending this my speech, Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Members for taking part in discussion of my demands. I beg this august House to pass my demands as follows:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2,83,22,61,000.00
19	Local Administration Department	1,25,18,32,000.00
35	Fisheries	10,70,74,000.00
TOTAL		4,19,11,67,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now we shall take votes on the Demands:

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Anyone who agree to pass the demands may say “Aye”. (**Members: Aye**) Anyone who oppose may say “Nay.” I hereby declare the said demands under Hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana passed.

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

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to wind-up the discussion and also to beg the House to pass his demands.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Starting from Pu L. Thangmawia’s suggestion that construction of Chhawrtui cost cultivation, I regret to say that this could not be done under FOCUS. All we can do is construction of pavement.

Hon. Member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte had spoken about reinforcement of SDAO. I hope he knew that a new Mizoram Agriculture Service (MAS) officer was appointed in his constituency. Reconstruction of Agri- Rest House in his constituency is also under process.

I would like to state that we are aware about the potential of Chawngte, Tlabung and its surrounding areas for wetland cultivation as mentioned by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma and Pu B.D. Chakma. We are considering this initiative for the future. Besides, the matter regarding Artetuidam as mentioned by Pu Rintluanga Sailo will also be considered.

Hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama had spoken about RCS. Being an IAS Cadre post, it seems we had used this post as a dumping post. I would like to state that I will not allow this in the future. We need to realize the importance of Cooperation Department for the people of Mizoram. Co-Operation Department has different branches like MULCO, MIZOFED, Zofish FED, etc. which all were development society, apex society and federation.

Lunglei East representative mentioned about Zawlpui land which is a great potential area and a proposal is made to excavate link road. In response to Pu KT Rokhaw, we provide staffs, tractors and 9 power tillers in his constituency.

Irrigation Department has a location at Mamit and I believe some members do not know that we have a Sub-Division at Zawlnuam. Pu Vanlalhlana asked about taking measures on self-reliant and we are planning on being independent on rice productions, cash crop, and purchasing power. We received revenues from Dragon-fruits through the hard-works of Horticulture Department and I would like to mention that rice production is not the only means to be independent. We made a proposal to report every potential area in every constituency and we will soon work on land reclamation and land leveling. It appears we can be independent and Agriculture Department is also taking measures on transplanter and harvester

mechanization. Our House Leader is also quite excited and we received 7.2 crore under NABARD RIDF Scheme for land development.

In response to Pu Lalduhoma regarding Saphailui valve, the valve is inside the dam and the waters need to be completely drained if we are to replace the valve which will then affect our farmers. We give importance to farmers pension scheme and we also requested the common service center to take expedite measures. We organized awareness as much as we could but the farmers need to pay for premium and it is somehow difficult to force them. Anyway, more than 80 farmers had enrolled themselves. 19 projects are prepared by Agriculture, Irrigation and Co-operation Departments and some concept papers and DPR are also submitted to the DoNER Ministry and Agriculture Ministry. Regarding SEDP, our department is granted 529 lakhs but not for disbursing 3 lakhs each to the beneficiaries and I would like to mention that SEDP is currently being disbursed for Infrastructure development, house construction, transformer for rice mill etc.

We will also be taking measures on corn cultivation as there is a high demand of animal feeds by Vety Department. We are also granted 1.25 crore for Bio-fertilizer Unit, OP 12 at Neibawih and works are currently carried out. Measures are also taken on WRC and a group of 10 youths formed Kanan Farming Society. They cultivated rice last year for the first time and they have now harvested. 27 tractors are supplied to the farmers for land development under SMAM (Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization) and 50 more will be supplied again. Several development works are also carried out through FOCUS, Agriculture Department and ATMA (Agriculture Technology Management Agency). FOCUS covers 272 villages that have 64500 families and it is impressive that these families received benefits.

GEF-6 (Global Environmental Facility) under FAO is executed in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Mizoram is on the 6th. So, development works will be carried out at the selected suburb areas near Thorang Wildlife Sanctuary and Dampa Tiger Reserve. Recruitment is also done recently and SPMU (State Project Management Unit) and Green Land scape Implementing Unit (GLIU) is also settled. Pu Speaker, it is a cent percent direct funding worth 293.4 crore and it is impressive that this will help the farmers in many ways.

New districts are born and we are also working on staff management. BAT (Basic Agriculture Training) at Hnahthial is upgraded to School of Agriculture Science and it will be a 2 years course. A DPR to reconstruct the building is also submitted to DoNER. ₹2.73 crores is also granted under NABARD for establishing Biological Control Laboratory. ICAR North Eastern Region Mizoram Centre and Director of Agriculture (Research & Extension) together planned to promote our crops especially the beans to state variety. The beans are named Zorin Bean and measures are taken to increase this beans production at Chemphai. GI is also done on our Bird's Eye Chilli. Champhai, Lunglei and Saitual need separate KVK since new districts are born and measures will soon be taken. The central Govt. gives

importance to Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North Eastern Region and measures are taken to export our vegetable productions to foreign countries.

Pu Speaker, I still have Irrigation and Co-Operation. The lands should be fertilizer pesticide and insecticide free in order to be certified and this can be quite troublesome. Measures like ground water irrigation projects and National Hydrology project are taken under Minor irrigation. Mizoram State Water Policy seems to be under PHE but it is under Irrigation Department. IORA Ecological Solutions is consulted for Mizoram State Water Policy and is now prepared.

Moving to Co-Operation, this is an important department and the funding they received from the central is also much more. We can also see the progress made by MCAB and their profit turn-over is also ₹10 crores. Being a credit society, measures are also taken to grant loans to the primary society. Primary Agriculture Credit Society under credit society always has achievements wherever they operate and MIZOFED also deposit a lot of tax to the state govt. MULCO, ZoFish Fed and MIZOFED apart from being profit earnings hired many employees and this provide livelihood for many families.

Pu Speaker, I haven't mention Agriculture Growth Centre. A proposal has been made to reconstruct Agriculture Directorate building and spots will be given to the farmers so that they can sell their vegetables inside this building.

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

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
31	Agriculture	1,76,85,17,000.00
37	Co-operation	15,93,75,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	39,66,87,000.00
TOTAL		2,32,45,79,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga has begged the House to pass his Demands and members in favor may say 'yes' (**Members:** Yes). Is there any objection? The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Pu C. Lalrinsanga, the hon. Minister.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Dr. R. Lalthangliana to windup and move the House to pass his Demands.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We all know how Covid-19, cancer and AIDS take over Mizoram and I appreciate the measures

taken by our Chief Minister. Parliamentary Forum on HIV AIDS is established in India and some Legislators also wished to establish the same. I believe there are many things to be grateful on the works carried out on HIV and AIDS. This subject was discussed with the Church denominations, Central YMA and MZP and we also have an upcoming program with Mizoram Journalist Association. This proves that the Health Department cannot take measures alone and it is impressive that the MLA's decided to make a contribution from their fund. The Mizoram Govt. Doctor Association and IMA are also quite determined and they also make a contribution.

Our Chief Minister is taking measures in every possible way and it is impressive that he is empathetic towards the measures we take on Health Care Scheme and ZMC. Expedite measures were also taken on liquor and blood processing during a short period. The Cabinet also decided to extend the Doctor services by 2 years and school timing is also rearranged. 3 new districts such as Khawzawl, Saitual and Hnahthial are also functioned during a very short period and Zoram University Southern Campus will soon be functioned.

We should know that there is a Mizoram scholarship board in Higher & Technical. 42,330 post-graduates received scholarships, 13,262 students received under pre-metric scholarship for schedule tribe studying in class IX and X, 5,877 students received under post-metric scholarship for student belonging to minority community, 4,036 students received under merit-cum-scholarship for student belonging to minority community and 78,230 students received under pre-metric scholarship for student belonging to minority community.

Regarding the salaries of RUSA's Asst. Professors mentioned by Dr. Mathlantea, the salary could not be given because the Planning and Finance departments made some queries and the review takes a lot of time. However, it is now settled and we hope to receive it next month. RUSA-II will be ended on 11th March but RUSA-III will begin on 1st April. Fortunately, RUSA-II will be extended till 31st March, 2021.

Regarding the Southern campus, we found a location but the Revenue needs to check if it is free from all incumbencies and it will soon be settled. A proposal is also made for the approach road, electrification, water and faculty quarters. We hardly had regular Principals in Mizoram Govt. Colleges and this affected the education. So, it is impressive that the MNF Ministry appointed regular Principals in many Govt. Colleges. In response to Pu Hlana regarding the MR Principal in Polytechnic, we will take measures step by step and we will also take measures on the Colleges without regular principals.

Regarding Commerce & Industries, we plan to excavate Border Haat at Sialkal, Saisih, Marpara and Bairabi when opportunity rises. Grocery shopping on a Saturday in Aizawl is quite problematic and our New Market is not safe anymore. It was to be demolished 2 years ago but we received a request not to demolish it before New Year and we accepted the request. Foreign lane is now evacuated and all the

shop owners will not fit in the new building and so some are sent to Bawngkawn and Industries Directorate opposite. The location is terrific and we plan to construct a modern market. The Industrial Board meeting will soon have a revision on Industry policies. Extreme measures on handloom are taken in Dr. Tanpuia's constituency and projects are also made. Lunglei-Aizawl seems to be a potential area (**Dr. Vanlaltanpuia:** Pu Speaker, we make a record on silk). In response to Pu Duha, we do not plan to pursue the Govt.'s Industrial Units that were abandoned. It is true that we do not have a big factory and industry. It may not be profitable to establish factories and industries but it can also generate employment

Moving to Health Department, many members mentioned their need for Sub-Centre, PHC and CHC in their constituency but only a few are qualified according to IPHS rules. The population should be at least 80000 for CHC and it is quite difficult to be qualified. The population should be at least 20000 to be qualified for PHC and at least 3000 for Sub-Centre. We have a funding source from World Bank to strengthen our Sub-Centre and PHC health infrastructure and we also received the approval from the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Internal Affairs. We will do our best and this will reach every corner of the constituency. Several measures need to be carried out on Health and Wellness Centre. We have more than 300 Sub-Centers and several PHCs that need equipment. B.Sc Nursing will be given 6 months training and will be posted in Sub-Centers when Health and Wellness is upgraded. Medical equipment will be provided and all the Sub-Centers will also be upgraded to Health and Wellness during this term. 50 Sub-Centers are also upgraded this year.

Regarding District Hospitals, Mamit is selected for aspirational district and the Power Finance Corporation will be granting us ₹13 crores. Siaha hospital is almost ready and other districts will also soon see progress this year.

SEDP Health Care Scheme is not the same as NLUP. SEDP is comprehensive and good roads are also included on SEDP book. Our Health Care Scheme is among our most important flagship programme and it is for the sick patients only. NLUP is for everyone but our Health Care Scheme grants ₹2,00,000 each year for every family. The Registration fee is ₹100 for BPL family ₹1,000 for non-BPL family but this facility is not for everyone. However, a regular patient who is sick for 5 years will be granted at least ₹10 lakhs by MNF ministry and that is the difference.

Many patients tried to apply for this card only after they became sick and this is a problem (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** No healthworker is available in my constituency for registration and it is expensive to approach Lawngtlai. So, it is appreciated for special treatment). We will try to carry out this week. We also need to work together with District Councils and we have great facilities but it is unfortunate that they are not availed.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, are over-aged people living under the same roof for whom we cannot billed be included? Maximum amount of ₹5 lakhs can be withdrawn under Prime Minister Health Care Scheme and why is this not mentioned?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: It is still in process. There can be an extreme case under State Health Care Scheme like the amount disbursed is not enough. I may not be able to give all the answers but I will enquire the Health Care office about the process. The facilities that the Govt. provided should be availed as much as possible. Regarding Corona Virus, (**Speaker:** You have not yet answer Pu Duhoma's question) They are all included. We have a leaflet and it is written clearly.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, a cancer patient's wife called me to say that they had exhausted their Health Care fund and is it possible that the fund can be exhausted after one week?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: We will look into it. In case of Covid-19, the total clinical case around the world is 82,152 with 2,799 deaths and 32,814 recoveries. India has 3 cases with no deaths and a state level and district level task forces are also implemented in Mizoram. ZMC prepares 32 beds in the isolation ward and 5 beds each in District hospitals. There are 3 ICUs and Laboratory Sample Collection Centers at Lengpui CHC, Civil Hospital Aizawl and ZMC; samples will be sent to Guwahati as well and we have no Covid-19 patients.

We need to take extreme measures on HIV. Pu Speaker, HIV estimation is done by National Working Group on HIV Estimate with the help of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), National Institute of Medical Statistic and National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). A spectrum software needs a lot of data for HIV estimation and this include state-wise and age-wise demographic data, sex group, total fertility rate, mortality, life expectancy, migration pattern, anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) data, prevention of mother to child transmission data and Under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) data is also quite important. HIV Sentinel Surveillance (HSS) data, Integrated Biological and Behavior Survey, community base survey to access risk behavior privilege on HIV, etc. population are also needed. So, it is not the works of Mizoram and the result should be quite accurate because the modeling tool spectrum version 5.63 calculates HIV estimation. HIV estimation 2017 is the last estimation and here, Mizoram is 2.04% on age range of 15-49.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am becoming more confused. The question is, how is the number of AIDS determined.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: It is confusing as it is quite complicated.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: We have the highest HIV rate in India.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: We should just agree that we have the highest rate and we need to take extreme measures. On the other hand, it is impressive that we hold the 1st rank in Healthy State Progressive India reports in list

of States and Union Territory, June 2019 under NITI Aayog. *India Today* on December selected Mizoram as *Most improved among small state in healthcare* and Mizoram is also on the lead on Infant Mortality Rate. In case of cancer, Chemotherapy pump in Zemabawk hospital is quite old and the new pump worth ₹10 crore will soon arrive. Works are carried out for establishing Cancer specialty hospital through JAICA funding (Japan International Funding Agency) and we had received an approval from Ministry of External Affairs and Economic Affairs as well.

RIPAN is functioned through central fund and they face many difficulties. So, a proposal is made for upgradation, post graduate with 7 course, professor post, administrative building and doctor and nurse quarters. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demands-

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TOTAL		9,86,16,61,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana has moved the House to pass his Demands-

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Members in favor may say 'yes' (**Members:** Yes) The House has unanimously passed the Demands of our Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today and we will continue tomorrow, the 28.2.2020, (Friday) at 10:30 AM

Sitting is adjourned (8:42 P.M.)