

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2020  
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**DISCUSSION ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC**

**INTEREST BY MOTIONS**

2. **PU LALDUHOMA** to raise a Discussion on a matter of Public interest by Motions under Rule 139 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly with regards to the Welfare of Red Oil Palm growers.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS**

3. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

***Bill for introduction, consideration and passing***

6. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2020-21) Bill, 2020."

**ALSO**

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

**AND**

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

H. LALRINAWMA  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves;*

- Philippians 2:3

We will begin with the questions and I request Pu Zodintluanga to ask Starred Question 155.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Health & Family Welfare Minister be pleased to state-

- a) The amount of MSHCS Corpus Fund in December, 2018
- b) The amount of MSHCS Corpus Fund in January, 2020
- c) The additional amount of Corpus Fund after December, 2018

**SPEAKER** : Health Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to answer the question.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) 1,55,56,71,000/-
- b) 2,05,56,71,000/-
- c) 50 crore is the additional amount and it is invested to these banks for interests- 20 crore in YES Bank on 4.9.2019, 15 crores in MRB, Khatla Branch on 11.9.2019 and 15 crores in MRB Chanmari Branch on 11.9.2019

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. A guest of mine from Myanmar said that there are no screening points at Zokhawthar and Champhai to prevent the spread of the deadly corona virus. Many Mizos return from China and how will the department take measures?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, the more the fund is invested in Banks the more the interests. So, why is the fund invested in different banks?

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Mizoram Health Care fund is deposited in YES Bank and so, is this a Saving account or Current account? Is it deposited under private name or department name?

**SPEAKER** : Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to answer the question.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** In response to Dr. Vanlalhlana, the Department established Task Force Committee under DC at every district by joining

forces with the CMO, Medical Superintendent, Health Department and other departments. Not only Zokhawthar, there are many routes to illegally cross Tiau and this stir a big problem. Though there are times when we cannot handle it all we are doing our best. The duty hour is between 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and we are not yet able to conduct 24 hours duty. However, the Task Forces at Champhai are also quite alert and we are doing our best.

Our CM is also incharge of Finance Department and I believe he would also like to add a few words since our Corpus Fund is handled by the Finance Department. The Department does not directly operate the banks and we only inform the Health care regarding the amount we needed and the Finance Department allotted the fund without any problem. It is a bit difficult to give specific answers to Pu Sawivunga and my answer is that the Finance Department carefully takes measures to have the largest profit interest as possible.

I thank the MLAs for their contribution on Healthcare and HIV/AIDS and our CM also approved 770 lakhs for fighting HIV/AIDS. If you please Pu Speaker, I believe our Hon' CM can add a few words on the Corpus fund.

**SPEAKER** : If he pleases.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am not much prepared but I would like to add that Healthcare was not much practiced before in India but Mizoram started to take measures with a loan from Asian Development Bank. The allotted fund was untouched for 10 years and when we formed the Ministry, around 150 crore was available in Corpus Fund. We deposited another 50 crores in the previous financial year and the total amount on Corpus Fund was more than 200 crores. Moreover, 20 crore is added again for future works and I am not sure of the total amount with interest. As far as we know, there is more than 205 crores on Corpus Fund. As mentioned earlier, 20 crore is deposited in YES Bank, 15 crores in MRB Khatla and 15 crores in MRB Chanmari and I am not sure by whose name it is deposited as I am not prepared. I believe it will be under the name of Health Care Society. Anyway, since we do not spend much last year, we deposited 10 crore and we plan to deposit more on Health Care Fund from untie fund according to the needs.

**SPEAKER** : MNF granted \$25 million in 2008 which was 162 crore and 50 lakhs in India currency. It was untouched and the MNF party is quite lucky today. I request Pu C. Lalsawivung to ask Question no. 156.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the UD&PA Minister be pleased to state -

- a) If a project is made for flyover, how many kilometers?
- b) If a company/firm is confirmed to construct flyover, the name of the company/firm?
- c) The location to construct flyover and will it be of steel structure or concrete structure?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Pu Tawnluia to answer the question.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) Measures are currently taken to construct Bawngkawn and Vaivakawn flyover and feasibility study is currently held as ordered by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs. The kilometer is yet unknown due to current Feasibility
- b) No.
- c) Flyover is to be constructed at Vaivakawn junction and Bawngkawn junction and the equipment is not known before Techno-feasibility report is ready.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu VL. Zaithanzama followed by Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

**Pu VL. ZAITHANZAMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. UD& PA constructed Table Tennis Training Centre cum Basketball Court at Mission Vengthlang and it was inaugurated in Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. However, a basketball ring and a carpet are not installed till today and there are no table tennis boards. So, when will they be provided?

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

**PU C. LALMUANPUIA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Flyover is proposed to decrease tight traffic and is there any other proposal to decrease traffic jams?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is - Is there a proposal to construct elevated road?

**SPEAKER** : Minister to answer the question.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in response to Pu VL. Zaithanzama, the construction of Mission Vengthlang Table Tennis Training Center cum Basketball Court is completed and the remaining works will be carried out after we received the final installment from DoNER Ministry. Pu Speaker, elevated road is somehow similar to a flyover and it also points to a road which is on top of another road. We still plan to construct Kulikawn to Bawngkawn elevated road. In response to Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, there are many proposals to decrease tight traffics. NITIAYOG approved 1993 crore for cable cars and this is one solution to decrease traffic jams. Regarding Vaivakawn and Bawngkawn fly over and Chaltlang inter-state Bus Terminal, our Hon' CM met the Urban Minister on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 and the Urban Ministry on March issued us 'in principle approval'. It was then handed over to AMC and they hired MPEC consultancy firm who gave reports on the works. However, the Urban Ministry did not approve this and the Chief Minister then again approached the Urban Ministry. We were told that we did not perform feasibility

reports and later on December, we were asked to make reports as soon as possible. We reviewed the reports and MPEC consultancy firm did not complete 3 feasibility reports and they were told to withdraw. We held a meeting on February and we decided to make UD&PA its nodal department but the executive department will be PWD. So, PWD carry out expedite works from February and they engaged with Telecommunication Consultant India Limited (TCIL). TCIL will complete feasibility reports before the end of June and we will hand down these 3 projects to Urban Ministry. So, we are hoping to receive the necessary sanction and approval as early as possible. **(Pu Zodintluanga:** Pu Speaker, our Chief Minister mentioned in Hnam Run that more than 1800 crore had arrived for UD&PA and why is this not reported) ...that is not included and I believe he would clear it up during the windup. We are talking about flyover and this is not related to the subject.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, can I add a few words? (*Speaker...yes*) I admit we made a little mistake. The authorities denied the feasibility report since it was not good enough and we lagged behind as we need to make a new feasibility report. The authorities were in a hurry and they instantly issued in-principle approval for Vaivakawn and Bawngkawn flyover and inter-state Bus Terminal. However, the feasibility report was accidentally made to reject and the firm also withdrew themselves. We already have in-principle approval and the works will be carried out when the report is complete. We make a new feasibility report as directed by the authorities and we are now quite careful

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, we have a stable guideline to hire Consultancy firm. Do we follow our guidelines or do we hire those we favor? We had mentioned earlier that we spent 2 crores at Thenzawl to hire consultancy firm but they did not perform any works. Could this be clarified?

**PU ZODINLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, while he still stands. Is the reporting about 1800 crore not true or was it misheard?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** It is easy to make a mistake and we also face difficulty on cable cars. The 2 nos. fly over is designed to connect elevated roads and since it will take a long time to construct long elevated roads, we plan to take measures first on Vaivakawn and Bawngkawn since it is more crowded.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the hon. member mentioned about the consultancy firm and I would like to say that he was called for a meeting under the guidance of Vice Chairman, Planning Board and he withdrew himself. TCIL stands for Telecommunication Consultant India Limited and they are a reputed firm. So, they can be trusted. They have experiences in flyovers and Guwahati fly over is also their production. PWD continue the works and they are a trusted Govt. of India Enterprise and work order is also given to them on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. We believe that they will perform excellent works. **(Pu Vanlalhlana:** A huge amount is spent for hiring the firm and their project is not feasible and was rejected. They

were dismissed and another firm is hired again. So, it is a waste of money and a trusted firm should have been hired in the first place)

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** We are fixing it

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No. 157 to be asked Pu Lalchhuanthanga

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, Will the hon. minister be pleased to state-

- a) If there is a proposal to start the works of Kolodyne Stage-II Hydro-Electric Project in accordance to the Memorandum of Agreement by Mizoram Govt. and NTPC
- b) If not, why?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) NTCP did not follow the Memorandum of Understanding and they are requested to submit a letter on why MoU should not be cancelled.
- b) NTCP did not fulfill the works in accordance to the agreement. This project will produce a power which is ₹11/- per unit and they claimed that they could not find a buyer. They also believe that this project will be impossible to succeed.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the govt. had also signed 9 MoU for big power projects and some are 10 years old. Their completion period of time has elapsed but no works were carried out. We could have produced enough power to trade if we proceeded according to the Agreement. So, is there a proposal to end these 9 projects and sign a news agreement? Should not we dismiss all those who could not perform their assigned jobs?

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Pu Speaker, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed with NTPC in 2008 for this project and it has already been more than 12 years. Mr. Speaker, with your permission, NTPC informed the Govt. saying "Since the present scheme is not viable on tariff, Government of Mizoram may look into review or abandoning the existing scheme in consultation with CWC/CEA". NTPC notified the state Govt. on May 2016 that they would not be able to perform the works and it has already been more than 3 ½ years that a show cause notice was given. So, should not we cancel the Memorandum of Agreement at the earliest since they clearly informed us that they would not be able to carry out the works and it also creates a problem for other companies to sign MoU if this isn't cancelled? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member is next.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker and my supplementary question is- What is our situation on Tuivai that can produce 210 mw where an agreement is already signed and a viability GOP funding facility is also given?

**SPEAKER :** Hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Lalduhoma and Pu H. Biakzaua, we proposed to discontinue all of it. It is easy to file a suit when MoU is already signed and we could be easily accused. So, we gave a show cause just in case to defend ourselves. The same answer also goes to Pu Vanlalhlana's question. MIFCO was ordered to take charge of Tuivai but no works were carried out. So, a show cause will be given to all those who did not carry out the works.

**SPEAKER :** Starred Question No. 158 to be asked by Pu KT Rokhaw.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW :** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister be pleased to state-

- a) The amount requirement for maintenance Zoram Medical College, Falkawn for the year 2019-2020?
- b) The amount granted for maintenance for the year, 2019-2020?
- c) The source of fund?
- d) Measures taken for the development of Zoram Medical College (ZMC) during the 2019-2020 Financial Year?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answers are as follows-

- a) The estimated amount is ₹8,727.46 lakhs.
- b) ₹8411.70 lakhs.
- c) ₹5117.28 lakh from the state Govt. and ₹3294.42 lakh from the Central Govt.
- d) Several measures are taken for the development of Zoram Medical College (ZMC) during the 2019-2020 Financial Year. The following are currently carried out –
  - 1) CT Scan room.
  - 2) MRI room.
  - 3) Surgical ICU and regular ICU.
  - 4) More Power supply.
  - 5) Fire fighting system.
  - 6) Construction of Medical College building.
  - 7) Construction of Boys/Girls Hostel.
  - 8) Paying Cabin.
  - 9) Dialysis room.
  - 10) Vertical extension of Hospital.
  - 11) CSSD.
  - 12) Construction of Mortuary building.
  - 13) Construction of Community.
  - 14) Construction of Animal House.

Construction of Post Office and Bank is currently carried out and it is almost complete. Several DPR are also submitted to DoNER Ministry and Tribal Affairs and faculty teaching and non-teaching recruitment is 25. Private lands are to be bought for ZMC territory and the estimated amount is around ₹600 lakhs and the extended land is estimated to be around 273 biga. The Medical Council of India heavily inspected ZMC for a developed Medical College and several measures are carried out for this preparation.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, we established a Medical College and this will be quite stressful. MZU can take charge and we need to make a lot of effort since we longed for seat quota. ₹316 lakh is not yet received and is it hopeful to receive the total amount by the end of this Financial Year? What is the specific source of funding from the state and the Central?

We heard that there are 15 major important works to be carried out at ZMC and I believe Blood Bank is not included. So, is it possible to include Blood Bank on the priority list?

**SPEAKER** : Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, is the fund from the Central for Medical College received under the name of MIMER or ZMC? Secondly, is this college undertaken by the society or the state Govt.?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** In response to Pu Lalduhoma, we currently have a blood bank and it is under the administration of Transfusion medicine specialist. Regarding the charge taken, our Vice Chancellor is also quite excited and he often mentioned that the Medical College can cooperate. However, I am not certain whether it will be tough in reality and also if MZU can handle everything in order to have a developed Medical College. Anyway, we should know that having a Medical College can get quite demanding. The fund from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was first received under MIMER but I believe it is not anymore since the name has been changed and the name ZMC is now always used.

In response to Pu Lalduhoma regarding the balance yet to be received during this financial year, we still have a month and let us hope to receive before the end. It is difficult to answer the specific state source fund and I would like to give the answer this way- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare approved us 189 crore and we currently utilize this and let us hope that other sources continue to arrive. Several things are not mentioned for example, the previous Govt. created 629 posts and there were some issues when inspected by the Medical Council of India and later we created additional 272 posts which we are not yet able to fill all of it. It is impossible



to beg the Central all the time to meet all the expenditure and that is why we request our CM to meet our needs. There are also times when posts were easily filled by single window clearance as being a society.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, it is not that we don't have, we face shortage. So, is there a way to include this in the priority list?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** It is quite true and we will do our best. Pu Speaker, (Speaker...our time is up) Falkawn Hospital is carried by ZMC and it is a research related hospital. It is also prepared for MBBS practical training and that is why the staffs differ from other hospital staffs. It is unfitting to go along as society and a proposal is made to review by law. We will have a follow up on the blood bank and I believe that measures will be taken to upgrade Aizawl Civil Hospital. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER :** We often asked our House Leader about unrelated subjects without any preparations but he often gave answers patiently. Pu Lalduhoma presented a motion in accordance to our Rule- 139 and though it shall be a matter of recent occurrence, we admit it as requested. I request Pu Lalduhoma to move his motion.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The previous MNF Ministry made agreements with 3 companies to buy Red Oil Palm- An agreement was made with Godrej Agrovat Ltd. Mumbai on 24.7.2009 and on 7 November, 2012 which covers Kolasib and Mamit District, an agreement was again made with Oil palm Agrotech Private Ltd. Hyderabad on 4.12.2009 and on 1.8.2012 which also covers Lawngtlai District and on 30.10.2006 an agreement was made again with Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd. Mumbai which covers Lunglei District. The last 2 companies did not install any machine for Red Oil Palm till today and the people already occupied themselves with its cultivation and the companies were already given a huge sum of money. It is clear that they did not intend to install machines and one of them addressed that they want to withdraw. This is quite frustrating for the people of Lawngtlai and Lunglei District who involved themselves in cultivating Red Oil Palm. Godrej Agrovat is the only company to establish a factory at Bukvannei and their machine can grind 5 metric ton in an hour but only 30% of the machine's capacity is utilized due to limited supply. The following are the problems faced by the company and the cultivators-

- 1) The supply seeds are not received on time.
- 2) Bacteria and wild boars often destroy them.
- 3) Sufficient Fertilizers are not met.
- 4) The supply is not regular.
- 5) Financial aid is always late.
- 6) Lack of utensils.
- 7) Link road is in bad condition.
- 8) Compact areas for cultivation are not prepared and cultivation is done everywhere under MIP and NLUP. They said that the fund for cultivation

will be given if they join their party but we all know that it is used to buy votes.

Since Red Oil Palm fruits when harvested need to be transported to the factories within 12 hours, else they rot and are wasted. Most of the farms are located where there are no factories and thus the farmers lose a lot of their products and are not provided any subsidy either. Many families have thus seen their labour go to waste and have incurred great loss.

According to the Oil Palm Production and Processing Act, 2004, Sec 13 the rate is supposed to be revised at regular intervals, which is never done on time and as such the farmers are unable to make a good profit. The plight of the farmers can be lessened if they are granted transport subsidy and support price. The processing plant at Bukvannei has the capacity to cater to other areas as well and as such can be utilized to support the nearby region like Saibual which has the potential for Red Oil Palm to be cultivated. This would in turn create livelihood for many of the locals.

It would be wise, if the Government does not plan to establish factories, to inform the farmers whose farms are not located near factories to abandon farming Red Oil Palm and instead help them by providing a different source of livelihood. As for the farms within the reach of factories should be supported and provided help by the Government to make it are liable source of livelihood.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga, if he has any thing to clarify.

**PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to add a few more details besides what the hon. member, opposition group leader Pu Lalduhoma mentioned in the motion regarding the plight of the Red Oil Palm farmers.

Pu Speaker, with your permission I would first like to explain how the agreements with different Companies were signed. An agreement with Godrej Agrovat Limited, Mumbai was signed on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 for Kolasib, Mamit and Lunglei District. But since Ruchi Soya Industry Limited requested Lunglei to be their project, to which Godrej Agrovat Limited agreed and allowed it to be so. This resulted in an agreement to be signed with Godrej Agrovat Limited, Mumbai for Kolasib and Mamit District on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. Information regarding the agreement signed with Oil Palm Agrovat Private Limited on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 is in correct. Infact it was the day when an agreement was signed with Ruchi Soya Industry Limited for Lawngtlai District. An agreement was also signed with Tin, Foods Fatsand Fertilizer Limited, Hyderabad on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 for Serchhip, Aizawl and Saiha District. The Company later changed their name to 3F Oil Palm Agrotech Pvt, Ltd, and as such a new agreement with them was signed on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012.

Agreement with Ruchi Soya Industry Ltd was not signed on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2006 but on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2006 for Lunglei District and on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 for Lawngtlai

District. As per the Oil palm Development Programme under the central scheme, ₹250 lakhs per Oil Palm Processing Mill with the capacity of 5 metric tons per hour has been sanctioned. The amount is to be sanctioned only to the companies with whom the agreements have been made and in turn have fully established the Oil Palm Processing Mill. Pu Speaker Godrej Agrovet Pvt Ltd is one such company that has established an oil palm processing mill with the capacity of 5 metric tons FFB per hour in Bukvannei, Kolasib District. As such ₹250 lakhs has been sanctioned to the company. The company has been buying oil palm fruits from the local farmers and have yet not completely been able to meet the capacity that the mill is able to process. Cultivation is being increased now.

The two other companies, 3F Agrotech and Ruchi Soya have not been granted any amount since they have not established their oil palm processing mill till date. The sanctions however have been placed in safekeeping.

Pu Speaker, it is noteworthy for me that the oil palm project has been the first agriculture programme to be taken up by me. In order to help the oil palm growers in Lunglei and Lawngtlai District with their problems, I along with the company heads of Ruchi Soya Industry, visited Phairuangkai. We discussed why the company had not yet set up a mill in the region. The major problem being lack of sufficient raw material required to run the mill to its capacity. Therefore, despite the Department pressuring the company to start a mill, they would not take any steps. Presently the company has gone bankrupt and has been taken over by the Patanjali Company.

I also visited Bukvannei factory last year to check its progress and how far the farmers benefitted. Price support and various problems faced were discussed and future undertakings explained.

On my visit to Delhi last year in October, I informed the Ministry that it was not possible for the companies to increase the price of the FFB and that there was an immediate need for a market intervention scheme. They were very supportive and encouraging. I therefore took upon myself to take copies of the various documents of market intervention schemes that had been made successful at the Ministry and Secretary levels. These are some of the steps that have been painstakingly taken keeping in mind to benefit the oil palm growers. We can only hope that these and the other initiatives taken will soon help us to emerge from our present problems.

Our respected member pointed out many problems and reacting to all of them would not be possible. Amongst them I would like to take up one of the important matters and that which I am presently undertaking. Oil palm growers and the companies have always been mentioning the need for link roads. This has been taken into consideration and various steps have been taken. Since last year under the NFSM rigid pavements, culverts and retaining walls have been constructed in the regions where oil palm is being cultivated. For the year 2019-2020, a budget of ₹202 lakhs has been kept aside for the maintenance of the already constructed oil palm link roads and for the construction of all-weather roads.

Fortunately, the areas where we are cultivating oil palm is under the area covered by FOCUS. We would therefore be privileged to receive provisions to have rigid pavements. A survey is also being made to have pavements on the roads above the growers. I would also like to add a few lines with regards to the compact area. In the present condition, initiatives will be taken only in the compact areas. Due to the fact that in the initial stage there were many who were eager to cultivate and thus the region expanded unexpectedly. As for now cultivation will be promoted only where the mills have been established or can be established.

The fact that once an oil palm starts to bear fruits, it continues to do so throughout the year. It is for this reason that we are always maintaining and constructing the oil palm link roads so that they are usable throughout the year.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention the reason why the FFB purchased by Ruchi Soya last year in Lunglei area was laid to waste. Despite the instructions given to the department to arrange transportation and provide transport subsidy, it was not possible, since there were no vehicles available to be hired. Fortunately, after a talk with the Godrej Company, they have agreed to buy the FFB from Lawngtlai and Lunglei at the rate of ₹20.5, provided they are delivered at their factory in Bukvannei.

Further the plight of the oil palm growers at Siaha and Serchhip is the worst since the company has given very less attention towards them and have largely been ignored. It is quite difficult to think of a solution for these areas at present, but the department has taken note of their plight. It is noteworthy to mention a young man named Lalremngheta Kawlni from Serchhip who has been collecting FFB from the region and transporting them to Bukvannei. He is also being given support by the department in his endeavour.

With that I would conclude my report on the development made by the department in the areas that even the companies are not able to cover. We have also tried to raise the rate and have had talks with the companies. Godrej Ltd, in particular have opined that it would not be able to raise the rate in the present situation. This has made it clear that setting an Oil Palm FFB price fixation committee will not make a difference at the moment.

The department, however, is of the opinion that having an Oil Palm FFB price fixation committee is of utmost importance. Suggestions and requests made by the CACP to raise the rate of palm FFB to ₹10.35 per Kg has also been submitted to the Central Government and response is still being awaited.

Lastly, to have an in-depth knowledge of the problems faced by the Oil palm Growers, AMFU have also been given the responsibility to make questionnaires and find out the plight of the farmers. The report is much awaited and from then on it would be possible to decide what steps are to be taken. I would also like to inform

the House that the government in all its capacity intends to help the growers, people involved and who depend on it for their livelihood.

Even though the mover of the motion had suggested to abandon all, we are of the opinion that a proper survey and assessment would give a clear picture of the situation. Accordingly, we would be able to take the necessary steps. Pu Speaker, this is all that I can answer and explain. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It's a pleasure.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, a few words please. The government always tries out new ventures expecting good results. Some of them turn out to be successful and sometimes the ones that are expected to be successful turns out to be a failure. However, we base our projects in the following ways. Firstly, will the production be good. Secondly, will it be transport oriented. Thirdly it's processing and lastly marketing. We need to view this from these four viewpoints. Development through subsidy is not feasible since it is not possible to be subsidized throughout. On the other hand, as mentioned by our respected member Pu Duha, we can cultivate in a compact area and provide the necessary requirements, and in spite of the provisions if it still fails, we can decide whether to abandon the project and think of something better.

**SPEAKER** : I am pleased that the House Leader added his views. The Subject Committee III has submitted its report twice, have visited Bukvannei and have taken major steps. Demands need to be discussed and so it is time we move over to Financial Business.

We shall now proceed with the Financial Business and discuss the demands of our three respected Ministers namely Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, Pu Robert Romawia Royte and our hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga.

I shall now call upon our hon. minister Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga to submit his demands: Demand No.4 Law and Judicial; Demand No.12 Parliamentary Affairs; Demand No.36 Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Demand No. 42 Transport Department.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the following Demands in this August House, such as -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>4</b>	Law and Judicial	27,39,82,000.00
<b>12</b>	Parliamentary Affairs	84,70,000.00
<b>36</b>	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	2,22,43,48,000.00
<b>42</b>	Transport	49,11,86,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,99,79,86,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I shall now call upon our hon. minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to submit his demands, such as, Demand No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services, Demand No. 43 - Tourism and Demand No. 48 - Information & Communication Technology.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I would like to move my demands-

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>22</b>	Sports and Youth Services	32,39,53,000.00
<b>43</b>	Tourism	10,95,57,000.00
<b>48</b>	Information and Communication Technology	4,69,20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48,04,30,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I shall now call upon our hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to submit his demands: Demand no.1 Legislative Assembly; Demand no.2 Governor; Demand no.3 Council of Ministers; Demand no.5 Vigilance; Demand no.9 Finance; Demand no.9 Finance; Demand no.11 Secretariat Administration; Demand no.14 Planning and Programme Implementation; Demand no.15 General Administration Department; Demand no.32 Horticulture; Demand no.45 Public Works Department.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I would like to move my demands in the House as follows:

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>1</b>	Legislative Assembly	32,48,48,000.00
<b>2</b>	Governor	30,60,000.00
<b>3</b>	Council of Ministers	7,67,03,000.00
<b>5</b>	Vigilance	8,56,15,000.00
<b>9</b>	Finance	21,97,76,45,000.00
<b>11</b>	Secretariat Administration	1,32,23,00,000.00
<b>14</b>	Planning and Programme Implementation	97,82,59,000.00
<b>15</b>	General Administration Department	1,02,43,93,000.00
<b>32</b>	Horticulture	91,33,19,000.00
<b>45</b>	Public Works Department	7,57,42,49,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34,28,03,91,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Our three hon. ministers headed by our hon. Chief Minister have submitted their demands. We shall now discuss the demands and the maximum time allotted for the members to speak would be 10 minutes only. Now let us start by calling upon Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand no.9. Finance. As we all know that we have had two Budget Sessions under the present ministry. Looking back at last year budget, we can make a note that there was none spared for any work. We set aside everything for/in the khawnpui. Only a few elite members had the power to scoop out from the khawnpui. Those who could not, were left with nothing. This year too we have kept a large portion in the khawnpui. The reason why I am mentioning these are due to the fact that even last year we had passed the budget not knowing what we were going to spend on. Just the other day a supplementary demand was passed without any discussions. I believe this kind of system would not do any good for the government and the state.

Even in this year's Budget, we have studied the various departments but have not found any work planned. This shows that the government does not have any vision with respect to how much and on what they plan to spend on. A big chunk has been kept for the 'Khawnpui' and whosoever is able to create a project gets a piece of it. The project is then considered to be a vision and scheme.

Pu Speaker, unlike in our state where the Chief Minister is also the Finance Minister, one would rarely come across such arrangement elsewhere. Looking at our budget it is clear that there is no planning and is without any outline. The government at the centre and the various other states plan their budget with how their economy would improve and development in mind. Whereas it seems we are going to pass a budget which only consists of the salary of the Govt employees and office expenditure. It is sad that we don't have any work to discuss upon.

It won't be wrong to compare running a family budget to that of a state. If the head of the household always assures that there is surplus of money when there is actually none. That household is eventually going to be caught in a huge debt. It is the same with our government which is always assuring the people that there is surplus of money or amounts that they would receive. It is unfortunate that there is actually no surplus.

Pu Speaker, we have finished discussing the various departments today. Development it seems is going to take a break this year. Unlike during the Congress Ministry the MNF Government's revenue expenditure in the budget has increased to a huge proportion since last year. If it goes on in this manner, we shall be left with nothing for development.

Pu Speaker, with your permission I would like to read a paragraph quoted from what our hon. Chief Minister said in the Hnam Run – "this is a period of blessing since we have received more than 100 crores for Tourism, more than 100 crores for Sport

Department, more than 1800 crore for UD&PA, Pu Speaker, they were not paying attention when you were speaking, they reported that they had received 1800 crores. They mentioned receiving for PHE and a total of more than 4000 was received. This is what was mentioned by our House Leader at the press release in writing. According to my knowledge the other departments under the UD & PA are externally aided projects which are allowed even by the finance ministry. But as of now DPR needs to be drafted and is at the DPR level. I would therefore request our hon. House leader to explain the amount that has been received in the wind up.

Pu Speaker, I would like to discuss Demand No. 32 once again. Even though in the budget speech, allocation and priority sectors were mentioned and huge amount set aside towards it, Horticulture was ignored. It is a pity that, it being a flagship programme was not given its due. The reason of my keen interest towards bamboo sprouts from the fact that my father had tried his best to make use of the plant. We have a land in Sethawn which my father converted to establish a mill. He used his own resources towards the mill and was able to run it and produce finished products which are still in demand from places such as Delhi. The factory has electricity, water, and machines but what it lacks is 'raw material'. Initially they were able to acquire from the banks of the rivers but then most of the bamboo growing alongside the roads/highways are privately owned. Pu Speaker I have a genuine interest towards the project, and I am afraid that it might fail. This is what makes me so inquisitive towards it. The hon. House Leader has been enthusiastically making us aware of planting the bamboo seedlings. All this while we thought it to be a government project but just yesterday, we came to learn that it was privatised. Having it privatised even before experiencing any failure is not wise. As a person having keen interest in the project, I am not convinced of the way in which it is being handled. I am afraid that if the beginning is not done right, it might not be successful. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We shall now call upon Pu L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. hon. member of Thorang constituency has been very supportive and I am thankful for that. I would like to mention that we shall strive to accomplish what they could not in ten years.

I would like to start with a note of thanks. People of my constituency have asked me to thank the house for giving them a district in respect to the Demand no. 15 GAD. I would also like to thank you for giving us a Development Officer, a competent MCS, for the Sialkal Range Development Council and a Civil SDO at Ngopa. I would like to add that it seems the Civil Administration in Mizoram was neglected in the previous ministry and so, needs to be strengthened and revived.

I would now like to discuss Demand No. 5, Finance. I had given thanks to the Finance Department during the General Discussion. Our hon. House Leader has been generous towards us and has always put our requirements before his. Thanks to him 14 posts were created in SRDC and also in the Health and Education



Departments. But on another note, just the other day I was helping a pensioner from my constituency with his pension and had to deal with it in the Account and Treasuries which as a matter of fact is under the Finance Department headed by our hon. Chief Minister. I was angry at first for the problem which was created but soon realised that there was no point in doing so. I also had a bill at the treasury which needed to be passed but was being delayed. I probed into the problem, and these were my findings. There are only 35 officers out of the 70 posts sanctioned for Assistant Audit and Accounts officer in the Directorate. At Lunglei, Accounts and Treasuries, Lunglei Southern Zone there are only two Assistant Audit and Accounts Officers out of the 5 posts. 60% is still lying vacant. Similarly, there are 38 posts out of 75 lying vacant at the District Treasury. Work Accounts in the PHE, PWD P&E and Irrigation have 56 posts vacant out of the 106 allotted. I was wondering if this is the situation, despite the fact that with new district being created, I was amazed at how they are still able to make payroll and conduct other functions. I could not dare to be angry anymore. I would therefore earnestly request our hon. House Leader to solve the problem of disproportionate lack of manpower in the Accounts and Treasuries.

I would now like to speak on Demand No. 14, Science & Technology Department. The Directorate has always been taking initiative in providing useful means. I too studied MSc with the scholarship provided by them. They have given us the Mizo Academy of Science, Science Teacher Association of Mizoram, Mizoram Mathematics Society, Science Centre and many other besides what has been mentioned. With your permission I would like to say that there might come a time when we govern ourselves and as such, we need to harness the knowledge of science for the coming days. I believe we need to do more research and take meaningful steps in this field.

Pu Speaker I would now like to speak on Demand No. 45, PWD. I would like to inform the House that the survey which was made not to reach Vankal - Lamzawl, the excavation work is now complete. I thank the hon. House Leader for fulfilling his assurance. I would also like to thank for black-topping of Ngopa - Mimbang road, Kawlkulh - Hliappui road, Chiahpui - Daido Road, Hliappui High School Road - Kawlkulh High School Road. I also express my thanks to the hon. Chief Minister through this House.

On Demand No. 43, I would like to request for PWD IB or a tourist lodge at Mimbang and Ngopa. On Demand No. 36, Environment & Forest, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for the Rest House at Hliappui and Kawlkulh. The manpower in forest department is insufficient. In Ngopa we have only one staff and RO. If the authority could look into the matter.

On Demand No. 42, Transport, I would like to thank the MST bus service plying to Khawkawn and also for the steps taken for inland waterways. On Demand No. 22, Sports, it is appreciative that the State Games was conducted successfully within a short span of time. The Minister is praise-worthy and also the staff of Sports Department and Sports Association. Pu Speaker, Ngopa has been associated

with Tennis since 1995 and this year, we shall be celebrating the Silver Jubilee. At present we have four players who are amongst the top 6 players of Mizoram. I would like to request the Department for a synthetic court and an indoor court. Lastly Pu Speaker Mawmrang Tlang and Lengteng Tlang is a well-known tourist site. We have constructed the approach road from my MLA fund. If the Tourism Department could take steps and make a project for this site, we would be very grateful. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon the hon. Member, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to inform the Environmental Forest Minister that within the National Area Park near old Pangrang Village, trees have been felled and kept in piles. I have photographs that I would like to submit for House property and a copy to the hon. Minister.

I am grateful for the performance of the Transport Department. But I would like to request for Lawngtlai MST bus. I have been requesting this since last year. If new buses are purchased in the coming financial year, I request authority to remember us.

Coming to Sports & Youth Services, my constituency was nil in medal in the recently concluded State Games. It was due to the fact that we do not have a proper playground and Hall. In Lawngtlai, National Highway 54 is broken since 19 July, 2019 and is the main road that leads to Saiha and Lawngtlai. The road is now bypass through private workshop. I request the hon. Chief Minister to react at the time of wind-up.

Pu Speaker, during question hour, hon. Health Minister mentioned that additional fund of 7 crores will be sanctioned for HIV/AIDS and I am very grateful. Yesterday's meeting was held and I learned that there was no fund allocation. Pu Speaker, steps have to be taken to fight vigorously to save the next generation.

A year has passed since the ministry was formed. Last year, I have mentioned that if posts are filled up in this manner next year, revenue expenditure will increase. Like I said, today, expenditure for this year is 84.20%, and 78% last year. There is only 15% for development. Pu Speaker, it is appropriate if vacant posts are filled up, but only if there is financial stability. The previous Congress Ministry during its tenure filled up vacant post only when it was absolutely necessary. At present, the financial situation of our state does not permit for recruitment. It is the same case with new district that have been created. We should question if the state financial position affords for such an act. Pu Speaker, I want to state that, we should govern our state according to the need of the state and not according to what we want. And we should give correct information to the people. Like there may be plenty of projects; 4000 crore projects but we should remember that these projects will not be finalized

all at once nor the fund will be sanction at once. It may take 5 or years. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 45. I would like to thank for Rawpuichhip South Sabual road which is 70 kms. The department have done repairing work after it has been neglected for many years. West Phaileng- Marpara road is 80 kms. The previous Ministry on 2011 floated tender and it was constructed for ₹4,800 lakhs and completed by September, 2017. However, by September, 2017, the road was damaged and was pliable. It is surprising how opposition members could speak of quality control when such was the quality of work implement during their tenure. I thank the hon. Chief Minister for the ongoing work at Marpara Mizo Veng to Chakma Veng which is 7 kms. Pu Speaker, I would request the hon. Chief Minister to please take note of Hnahua, Silsuri and Beghabegi road as well.

Demand No. 15 GAD. Pu Speaker, we do not have any rest house to host politicians or official in my constituency. I request to please take note of this. I accompanied hon. Chief Minister to Tripura in January as the Mizos there requested for Mizoram House in Tripura. If action could be taken in this regard.

Demand No. 32, Horticulture. There is not much horticulture developments in my constituency as the set-up in my constituency is not appropriate. District office is not at the district headquarter, so is civil Sub-Division. If the authorities could look into the matter.

Demand No. 36, Environmental Forest & Climate change. What I would like to highlight is village land which had been occupied since the time of our ancestors has been transferred to forest land, Kawnpui, Darngun and Serhmun have now fallen in the hands of Forest department through compensation whereas Zopui and West Phaileng are in negotiating state. If we do not prevent and save from falling into forest hand, in future, it could cause great problems.

On Demand No. 42, Transport, I would like to request for daily service of MST bus plying to my constituency.

Demand No. 22, Sport & Youth Services. Previously my constituency is not aware of this department, it is known only through this new Ministry. Since there is no playground in my constituency, I request if step could be taken in this regard.

Demand No. 43, Tourism. In my constituency at Phaileng, we have one Tourist cottage but renovation has not been done since its construction. It will be much grateful if steps could be taken for its renovation.

Lastly, Parliamentary Affairs Department is the department which look after us. Whatever bill that is being submitted takes 4/5 months unlike another secretariat. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : 5 minutes left; should we take a break? Alright; Pu Andrew H. Thangthiana.

**PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak about Tourism.

From the experience of the recently concluded para-gliding competition, it seems we have high potential. I opine Tourism and Forest Department should come together to protect ecology to further encourage thesports.

Thanks to our Sports Minister who takes keen interest in football is promoting football and we now have many youths who have earns their livelihood through football. I would like ask if the hon. Minister is also interested in futsal and if it is suitable for our society? Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will have recess. Meeting will resume at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Who is next? Dr. Vanlaltapuaia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 4, Law and Judicial. I ask if the hon. Minister could update the latest development in regard to Lunglei District & Session Judge Court. Also, Family Court.

Demand No. 36, Environment & Climate Change. there are two virgin lakes called 'Bualsen Dil' and 'Pang Dil' in my constituency and we will be very grateful if these could be developed into Wetland Conservation. And, there is 'Hui Sih' at Haulawng on which a variety of bird locally known as 'Vahui' are feed themselves. It is desirable if this could also be preserved.

In my constituency, these are important historical sites which needs to be preserved. I request if steps could be taken in this regard.

Demand No. 42, Transport. We need taxi service in my constituency at Haulawng and Pangzawl. I ask if Transport Department could arrange for these two villages.

Due to mobile checking in Aizawl, we often observe traffic jam and to avoid it, a scanner may be placed at busy junction. It is wise if Transport Department take initiative in this regard.

Demand No. 43, Tourism. I opine we need to promote local tourism and awareness should be given to the people. There is great potential in Mizoram in eco-Tourism and adventure tourism.

Since hon. Minister is not present, I move on to Demand No. 15. We have Pawan Hans helicopter service in Mizoram, a very old aircraft which is also known as 'Flying Coffin' due to its record of fatalities. It is wise to have the other airlines servicing in Mizoram.

There is one important work under Demand No. 45, Public Works. A very expensive re-surfacing work is being done between Tlawng and Haulawng. Pu Dy. Speaker, allow us to complete this work since it is of utmost importance.

Towards the end of the previous ministry, the road approaching Tlawng was constructed by the PCC which did not last even a year and eventually cracked. We are therefore repairing it now with a more expensive surface which is expected to last for at least another ten years. We also need to pay attention to the crack in cement blocks and the portion of landslide prone or else huge amount spent on resurfacing could be wasted. I would therefore like you to take note of what I have mentioned and kindly pass the demands that have been put forth.

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

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to start with the demand with the least amount that of Pu Robert Romawia Ralte. The demand for Sports and Youth Services was 27.60 crores last year and in the present year it is 32.39 crores which is not too much. Even though the demand is not so huge this year we trust that he is a Minister who knows how to make most of what is available. We hope that he acknowledges that the various constituencies are dependent on him.

As we all know, my constituency lacks anything. We are grateful that development is taking place under our Sports Minister. A huge indoor stadium is under construction and a District Sports Complex is being considered. We are thankful for the steps being taken by him. We also believe that in due time, UD&PA will equip our playfield, playground and the gallery etc. It is also a known fact that the State Games was a success due to his guidance and the cooperation of the department. I would also like to thank the department.

We all know that the Tourism Department has built several Tourist Lodges in various places but many of them are in very poor conditions since they not maintained properly. Our knowledge regarding tourism also is very limited but as for him, he has taken a lot of steps in developing tourism. Renovating and equipping various tourist centres and building tourist circuits are a few of his achievements. I am also pleased to know that there are plans on having proper tour operators.

The Dampa Sanctuary lies within my constituency and it is frequently visited by foreigners who expect to see tigers in the region. Even though they have never really been spotted, we still believe them to be in the region. I would also like to mention about 'Home Stay' which is really not applicable in my constituency. On a visit to my constituency, even Dampa Rengpui, which is the largest Bru town in Mizoram is unable to offer us proper accommodation. Hospitality here in the Mizo homes are able to provide us with just the floor to sleep on it. We would really appreciate if a tourist lodge be built in the region.

We are living in an IT world and are very much dependent on it. An important part of IT is perhaps connectivity. Connectivity in Aizawl and the other towns and cities have improved and anyone with a smartphone is able to tap into the internet and have access to various websites. Young people are thus free to access any site and those who are not responsible frequent the pornographic sites and others which are not at all beneficial for them. It would be of great help if restriction on such sites could be made like they are doing in many parts of the world.

I would now like to say a few things on Environment, Forest & Climate which are under the hon. Minister, Pu TJ Lalnunluanga. As mentioned earlier by the hon. MLA from Dampa constituency, the riverine forest reserve in Mizoram is a vast one which cover 1832 sq.km. River banks and beds are areas which are fertile and are good for plantation. If such areas come under the Forest Department, it would be a problem for those whose livelihood depends on such areas. So, it is wise to review our reserve area/riverine area and if possible, a separate bill be introduced.

Regarding Transport, I would like to mention the importance of inland water transport. We have many rivers which can be used for transporting people and goods. They would also provide us with alternative routes when roads are blocked or cannot be accessed.

I would also like to mention that MST service has never been provided to Mamit. If the condition of road is an issue, we are now having a good road as various department heads and the DC have already earmarked bus station for MST. So, I request him to take the step at the earliest possible.

I would like to thank our hon. Chief Minister for taking steps in improving the road condition within Dapchhuah, Tut and Dampui. The resurfacing work and construction of diverted road from Dampui is actively being carried out at present. This has given us a lot of confidence in facing the monsoon this year. I also request to place DHO in our District Headquarter so that the Dampa constituency will have an easy access and the problems faced by the people lessened.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us now call upon the hon. Member, Pu VL Zaithanzama.

**PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA:** Thank you, Deputy Speaker. Today, we are discussing 16 demands and I would like to start with a few words on Demand No. 36, Forest Department.

Although we consider Mizoram to have a large area of forest and a view from the satellite shows Mizoram almost covered in green the fact being that we have only 1% dense region. Development has certainly destroyed our forests. I would like the hon. Minister to explain the notice that the Govt. of Mizoram received from the National Green Tribunal in regard to the tourist complex within Chalfilh Tlang reserve forest.

On Demand No. 42, I ask if the government have any intention of placing MST Bus service under a corporation. Looking at the financial constraints, I opine is it not time to have it under a corporation. I would like to commend our hon. Minister for operating MST bus plying Aizawl to Churachanpur which would certainly be a milestone in bringing the Mizo descendants unity.

On Demand No. 22, the hon. Minister of Sports & Youth Services has taken many initiatives to his department concern. Last year, we had heard of plan for multi-storeyed Sport Stadium. It was however not possible to continue despite approval of 40 crores and was sanctioned on 2.9.2019. I ask how and where the sanctioned amount would be utilised. It is pleasing to learn that steps being taken for installation of artificial turfs in 16 places.

Pu Speaker, as assured by the hon. Sports Minister at the closing function of States Games, will priority be given to medalists in the recruitment of Excise and Police force?

On Demand No. 43, the hon. Minister mentioned 20 crores as being deposited in Yes Bank. Pu Speaker, CS ratio of Yes Bank is 5.77% and we should be careful with in which bank we deposit Government fund. Moreover, we should avoid depositing such in some private banks.

Demand No.11, Secretariat Administration. There is shortage of staff below the Assistant rank and so is desirable if staff could be pulled from the directorate as it affects file movement.

Demand No.15 is GAD. I was expecting for increase in the budget allocation for this department. However, there is 0.92% decrease in budget allocation.

On PWD, the House Leader gives the road a priority as so is seen an increase in the budget allocation. Various road construction works are going on and let us expect to be of a lasting construction are completed before monsoon season. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Let us now call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to speak on Demand No. 36.

I appreciate conservation of our forests. During the previous MNF ministry, Forest IB was constructed in Vairengte but was left in ruins. The present Ministry sanctioned funds for renovation and the work is completed and I thank for this renovation. I would also like to request for setting up IB in Saiphai and if DFO could be attached at Vairengte.

In Transport, I would like to thank for the option made in the lifetime tax payment which was previously fixed at 15 years. For the unification of Zofa, I am glad that MST Bus is set plying to Tripura. Besides, Pu Speaker, we need to purchase more MST buses. I would also like to request for setting up auto-rickshaw stand at Saiphai and Phaisen.

On Sports & Youth Services, I thank the hon. Minister for constituting the Sports Policy within a year of his tenure. I request the hon. Minister if swift action could be taken for sport training centre in my constituency at Vairengte.

On Demand No. 43 Tourism, Hawla Island in my constituency is now known as 'Chawngkhupa Island' as desired by the people of the constituency. I request the hon. Minister to renovate this island to be centre of tourist attraction.

Demand No. 1 is Legislative Assembly. In the previous session, I mentioned about the sound system of this house and I am grateful that the hon. Finance Minister took the step in this regard. Also, I would request for an additional fund allocation for Legislative Assembly for its administration and maintenance.

On Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, I suggest Serlui as the prime region to start with if at all the bamboo projects are implemented since it is known to be the best region for growing bamboos.

On Demand No. 45, PWD, I would first of all like to thank this ministry for improvement made in the condition of our roads. I would also like to thank for Buarchep near Saihapui V Road and PCC flooring at Vairengte Second Lane.

Next year, the YMA General Conference will be hosted at Bilkhawthlir. We would be grateful if a rest house could be constructed before the event. I would like the hon. Chief Minister to take note of the field which need to be improved as pandal will be installed here.

Lastly, I would like to thank for having an efficient Chief Minister who takes sincere care for the welfare of the rural people. Thank you, Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Let us now call upon the hon. member Pu BD Chakma.



**PU B.D. CHAKMA :** First of all, I would like to speak about Environment & Forest Deptt. We have submitted a complaint at CADC on 24.7.2019 in regard to Mass Felling Optic Plantation. A drone camera was flown to Southern Circle to inspect the area. It was found that there was no mishap but we are convinced that there is. So, may the department re-survey the area?

Under Transport Department, we used to have MST Bus service from Chawngte to Lunglei but it has now been stopped. I request if it is possible to ply at least two bus services to and fro Chawngte - Lunglei.

In Chawngte, we need at least 50 maxi-cab and taxi permits; we do not have auto-rickshaw permits as well as there are some which were bought prior to having permit. So, Pu Speaker, I request to take the steps in this regard.

On, Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I request swift action on construction of Kalamanagar playground which has been incomplete for a quite a long time.

On Tourism. In Borapansuri, I have constructed a rest house with my MLA fund which comprises of three VIP rooms, driver and PSO room designed by me. Pu Deputy Speaker, we need 4<sup>th</sup> grade here and so will be much appreciated if atleast one is placed on MR basis.

Demand No. 45, PWD. Chhotapansuri - Ugdasuri road of 25 kms is unpliable particularly during monsoon seasons. I request the hon. Chief Minister to please take note of this and at the same time to take note of the need to repair Phairuang Bridge. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Let us now call upon Pu Lallawawma Tochwawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** First of all, I would like to speak about Demand No. 45, PWD. It is noteworthy of the construction and repairing works of the roads under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister which cover the length and breadth of Mizoram within such a short span of time. After ten years, resurfacing work is done for Aizawl - Lunglei Road. Phairuang bridge which is more than 40 years old is in need of much attention. I would like the hon. Chief Minister to please take note of it.

Demand No. 9 and 10, Finance & Planning. The work of Finance Department is praiseworthy; yet, it is desirable if files movement is faster.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are, at present preparing ourselves for the coming Chapchar Kut. Each district has been sanctioned funds towards the festival but the amount sanctioned varies a lot for each district. I would like to request that in the future, the funds be of the same amount for all.

Pu Deputy Speaker, now, on Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services. Under the guidance of an efficient hon. Minister, State Games was organised with great success. With the initiative of our hon. Chief Minister and DP&AR, it is appreciative that 5% of government service is reserved for sports person. Our image in sports in and out the country is greatly change under our efficient Minister. While this is the case, I request the State Sports Academy at Zobawk be developed to full use as it was started long time back. Likewise, SAI Extension Centre at Electric Veng and Thuamluaia Mual needs proper care and upgrade.

Last, Demand No. 36 and 42, Forest and Transport Departments. I opine introduction of interstate and international bus service plying to Myanmar and Manipur will give us a chance to mizos unity and so is much appreciated. Besides, it would be of a great achievement for the government if Indo-Bangladesh Inland Water Transport through Khawthlangtuipui is completed during this term. It will certainly serve a great purpose for our state if is successful.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have made intensive efforts on afforestation by planting new sprout by spending lots of fund but in vain. It would be a great help if the hon. minister finds the reason and solution for this project. Also, bamboo mahal through Khawthlangtuipui cost us a lot as it involves illegal trade of teak logs in this process. It is a great loss and so would be appreciative if the hon. minister finds solution to this problem. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, the hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The presence of the hon. Chief Minister and the House Leader during question hour gives us important information we never know before. We have learned that Health Care Fund of 20 crore was deposited in YES Bank. I wonder if it is healthy to deposit government fund in some private banks. When we asked the question regarding this, we used to receive a negative answer as in the budget session last year. Is this approved by the law?

Next, it seems our definitions of *two-storey road* differs from one to another. Our House Leader has mentioned just as my assumption of two storeys. Construction of fly-over bridges from Bawngkawn to Vaivakawn is much necceary to avoid traffic jam as it is what the government is trying to implement. Regarding hiring a consultancy firm, I think we have to hire another firm as the project submitted previously was cancelled by the Central Govt. It means that have to use a lot of funds even before building the bridges. However, it would be of a great relief for me as well as the concern areas covered by heavy traffic.

We now have many roads in our state covering 8,000 kms as it connected many villages as well as our farmland through Agriculture Link Road. While this is the case, our roads condition is not good, it is usually not lasting and need repairing now and again. We do not know the detail of its construction as we are not expert.

However, we have to become aware of its process like the proposed thickness its black topping. We know that PWD is a huge department covering vast and wide. While maintenance of the building is in progress, the department on the other hand often has urgent works on road project and estimates which need to be done on time. It seems this Assembly building and the Legislators' Home too are under their maintenance; however, they are in short of manpower as proper maintenance could not be provided. I, therefore suggest handing over maintenance of Legislators' Home to the Secretariat.

On Tourism, I opine we need to concentrate on tourism, yet difficult to know where and now to start. In this connection, we have to consider the benefit of a golf course constructed at Thenzawl and if this will develop our tourism and be profitable. As per our statistic, about 1,81,007 tourists visit Mizoram in 2019 while in the Economic Handbook, it is recorded as 140,000 tourists and the difference is too much. This clearly shows that Economic handbook and Economic Survey we perform are not in tally. We do not know which one is more accurate.

I want to say a few words on Sports. We all know that football is one of the most popular games in the world as so in Mizoram. However, I opine should concentrate on combat sports considering our physique which will suite us physically and mentally. If we concentrate on this for five years, we will become known in the national and international level. Pu Dy. Speaker, the Mizoram State Games was conducted in haste and I think the merit and its demerit are the same. In order to discover our youth talents, it should not be done in a haste so that we introduce less discipline with more times for preparation.

On Transport, as mentioned by the other members, Mizoram state bus service will be introduced to Tripura, Manipur and Burma which certainly will be of great achievement. In doing so, I suggest bus service especially plying to Burma is taken with utmost care so that it will not debase the image of our state and our country.

On Environment & Climate Change, it has now become a global concern as many disasters are the result of climate change. We also need to take more cares and take necessary step to prevent its happening. Pu Deputy, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, I call upon Pu Lalrindika Ralte and then Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First, I will start with Demand No. 22, Secretariat Administration.

In Mizoram, our officers, Ministers and other VIPs are quite fortunate for being able work in a large space room and office building. On the other hand, we should know that a large building cost higher electricity bill. If we relate this standard with our economic condition, it costs a lot of our budget provisions. In the Secretariat, almost every room is equipped with Xerox machine and quality printers etc. on which

I suggest the system of sharing such equipments by some so as to reduce our expenditure.

On Demand No. 9, Finance, I am deeply concern with filing system of the department which on the other hands usually takes much times and money waiting for the process. Thus, we need to improve our filing system.

On Demand No. 36, Forest, many have expressed their appreciation to the department but I do not have any reason to be thankful for. I request the Minister to do some works in my constituency first in order to receive my thanks. The practice of illegal trade of teak logs is quite popular in my constituency which further incurs a huge loss for the government. Should we count such practice as of our advantage? The government should immediately check the process before we loss more of our funds for the benefit of the smugglers which pervades my constituency.

On Demand No. 32, Horticulture, it is under the Chief Minister's portfolio and I assume the department is busy with bamboo plantation. However, I am shocked that the department officials have no knowledge regarding this issue and so many others.

On Demand No. 45, PWD, I opine the road leading to Zodin Square can easily be rectified so that it become smooth and wide; I want our leaders to take not of this. Pu Dy Speaker, there are many departmental works within my constituency undertaken by some privates. Can we reduce this kind of work allotment which hamper the quality of works in my constituency? If we insisted of favoring one relative, let us at least inspect their performance and the progress of work. Let us not destroy our land for nepotism. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, let us call upon the hon. member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. We are discussing the demands of three Ministers and I have few requests to make as well.

Due to the efforts of our CM and the department, we have seen improvement in our roads condition and we now spend only 6 hours on travelling to Champhai while in the past, it took about 12 hours. Yet, Champhai - Khawzawl road is not up to the marks and so is Champhai - Seling road which is scheduled for double-lane. While this is the case, villages such as Tualpui, Neihdawn and Ngaizawl remain without roads being constructed. So, I request the hon. CM to pay special attention to these areas.

Speaking of double-lane road, we need by-pass road plying Rabung-Hnahlan road and Rabung-Champhai road as these routes could be shortened and also to evade blockade due to landslide. I also request the hon. CM to expedite the work such as Tualpui, Neihdawn, Ngaizawl, Selam and Lungphunlian roads of PMGSY.

Now, moving to GAD which is rarely discussed, we now have 31 days of air services in a week which barely had 7 days thanks to the efforts of the hon. CM on upgrading our airport. I opine he truly deserve a credit for this achievement.

Next to GAD is Finance department. This Government has revamped the healthcare system which the previous government had neglected and this is a blessing in general because it covers a wide spectrum of the society especially for those who are less fortunate. This government has also prioritized the Health Department and so allocated a large portion of fund. At the same time, I request the Finance department to have more leniencies in releasing funds for filling the vacant posts.

Next is Horticulture Department. Mizoram is selected as the *Best Agriculture State* among the small states in 2019 thanks to the efforts of the hon. concerned Minister and the department. For example, Tuipui village of Champhai District comprising only of 60 households collected about 163 lakhs during a three-year period. One problem that I want to rise is the case of Hnahlan and the surrounding villages. We have learned that the hon. CM had allocated 300 lakhs under the Market Intervention Scheme for grapes plantation which later is affected by the govt. decision to relaxed liquor permit. The concerned families are in deep concern for their products as the govt decision destroy their market. So, I earnestly call the government to solve the problem.

Concerning the Environment & Forest Department, Mizoram is selected as *the Best Performer in Small States Environment* by India Today in 2010 thanks to the vigorous efforts of the then Minister. This department further set up a *Home Stay* at the Murlen National Park and potential efforts are made to further develop the area.

Pu Dy. Speaker, establishment of Inter-State Bus Service and International Bus service to Myanmar undertaken by the hon. Transport Minister are worth-mentioning. For it is expected to help us in uniting the mizos living in different places. Another point is the used of *125 Bike* and action undertaken to make this a source of revenue for the State.

To conclude my speech, Pu Deputy Speaker, I am proud to mention that Tourism Department, Mizoram is named as *the Most Improved Small State in Tourism* in December, 2019 by India Today publication. The recent surge in tourist is a very good thing for our state as eco-tourism is very popular nowadays, the prospect and potential is good especially in Champhai District.

Lastly, I want to make a short remark regarding the Sports & Youth Services on Mizoram State Games which was concluded in a very short period of time. Despite criticism, I opine it is appreciative as many youths from all corners had the chance to show their talents and potentiality that we have in sports. At Champhai, we still have a constituency level committee as the district is known for our sporting talents. We are glad to hear that plan are underway to establish SAI centre at Champhai.

Lastly, I endorse passing of the three demands that we are discussing today. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** We will invite the hon. member Pu Zothantluang and then Pu C. Lalsawivunga, hon. member.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANG :** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today we are taking up demands which concern 17 departments within 10 minutes which makes our time very limited.

First, I will go to Demand No. 45, PWD. I must say that the quality of roads in the previous Ministry was poor due to rainy season. However, the MNF Ministry came into power and it improved tremendously with the effort of our able CM and PWD. This performance shows that our engineer does not lose their touch but merely needs the right leader to guide them. The hon. CM of the previous ministry travels mainly by Helicopter and the department thus ignored whatever was the condition of our roads. I often accompany our Chief Minister in his tour and he always travels by road. This maybe the reason for him to know the actual condition of our roads and what is needed to be done. While discussing road, I want the CM to take note that Ramrikawn -Vaivakawn road which need widening and formation cutting which is in progress on Sihhmui - Ramrikawn road. Likewise, Capital Complex Road need widening as Councillors of Ward No. 11 & 10 rendered a join effort in constructing the Govt. Complex - Lawipu Bridge. I would like the department officials to take a look at what had been done.

On Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the department preserve our teak plantations but some were cut down without permission. I think the best teak plantation we have in Mizoram is of Kawrthah in which most of the mature trees are all gone. However, it is regretted that the department haven't received any revenue out of this plantation. Also, we should give important to riverine forest which a good source of manure and essential for plantation and for afforestation. However, all the riverside are of riverine reserve areas and plantation cannot be done. With climate change, I opine we need to reexamine our riverine reserve areas.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department. There are numbers of mizo family who resides beyond international boundary. So, in order to create *Greater Mizoram*, the hon. CM and Transport Minister take initiative by organising bus services with our neighbouring State as well as international. I hope this will attract many of our fellow mizos to come in and occupy our free lands.

Regarding motor vehicle tax, one had to pay for 15 years in advance as in the previous system which caused great problem for many of us. However, the system is now improved by this government so that we can pay the amount at an instalment for 5, 10, and 15 years. This new system will certainly alleviate much problems. While this is the case, I opine the department needs to regulate strict rules on taxi, two-

wheeler and auto fares as many drivers charges as per their individual comfort. Likewise, I suggest that permit of two-wheeler taxi and Auto-rickshaw be issued occasionally as it is the source of income for many of our youth.

On the demands of Sports Department, I am thankful to the hon. Sports Minister for his initiative on artificialgrass turf to be laid at Tuivami playground. And, I thank the hon. Minister of UD&PA for the plan of Smart City. My constituency is less fortunate for being in the opposition for a decade and there are many step yet to be taken for development. Phunchawng community though small in number contribute fund for purchase of land for playground and I want the government to take note of this. I also request the hon. Minister to set up futsal ground at Luangmual to prevent our youth from going astray.

Thank you for giving me an extra time, Pu Dy. Speaker. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, I call upon the hon. member Pu C. Lalsawivunga and then Pu H. Biakzaua, hon. Member.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

To start with Demand No. 42, Transports Department, the budget decreases by 2.37% this year and is regretted. I appreciate the plan for MST Bus service to the neighboring country. At the sametime, I suggest increasing the service of MST Bus to more areas so that it benefitted at the most; and, if possible, to the eastern part of the country. I am thankful for the decision of MST Bus plying to the neighbouring States such as Tripura and Manipur.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have a good potential of inland waterways the cost which is of the lowest in transportation. Is there any step being taken in this regard; and, if so, what is the current situation? Also, how many rivers are proposed for inland waterways?

On Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, it is true that preservation of forest is a must. Since shifting cultivation system destroys vast area of our forest, the government has in mind to change the system by using 3 lakhs which may be distributed under SEDP. Apart from this, I opine it is important that we take more effort on preservation of wild animals.

On Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, we have Smart City Project in which there is a proposal for setting up two-storey stadium for 40 crores. In due time, I request the hon. Minister not to concentrate the projects only on our CM's constituency but also give to others such as of my constituency Bethlehem Vengthlang for we are having a convenient site to build sports infrastructure.

On Tourism, we have a potential to make eco-tourism, adventure tourism, culture and ethnic tourism industry. If we have a master plan for this, if not, why

not prepare for this? I think it is important that we have a well-developed tourism industry.

On Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, the budget allocation is decreased by 40.66% and I wonder what is the reason? As we introduce E-governance and take the step for the wellbeing of our youth, it is sad to see our budget decreases. The government thus need to review the case so that more funds are allotted for this department.

Moving to Finance Department, it appears from the budget statement that 84.20% will got to revenue expenditure and 15.08% for capital expenditure. I am afraid that development is going in the reverse. As criticized by some members, it is wrong for the department to deposit government fund in some private banks. Also, I would like the hon. Minister to clarify in his wound up speech regarding increase of Council of Ministers budget by 44.19% this year.

Pu Deputy Speaker, next is PWD. I convey my thanks to PWD for blacktopping the roads in several places and, at the same time, I ask to continue with the service wherever it is needed.

Another point is that we have to start anew regarding Horticulture Department. In order to produce a genuine profit, we have to make use of our scientists and experts for several researches. We should find a way so that farmers are aware of crop rates and cultivate accordingly. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, the hon. member Pu H. Biakzaau.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA :** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To go straight to Demand No. 4, it is great that we have a law minister who is well verse in the field.

I would like to inform the hon. Minister that Lawngtlai District Court is in short of staff and without proper office building. Moreover, there is no District & Session Court in my district and the people have to depend upon the one at Lunglei District. I therefore request the hon. Minster to consider the case and if not, Lawngtlai District may be placed under Saiha Fast Track Court.

On Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, the management system and facilities of Phawngpui Tlang also known as 'Blue Mountain National Park' seems to be of less enough. It is the highest mountain of our state and inhabited by various species of animal. Thus, it is our utmost duty to preserve such livings. My suggestion in this regard is recruiting more Wildlife Guard and to fence the entire area.

On Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I am grateful that we have a Sports & Youth Service Minister who is perfectly suited for the job. With his guidance, several events and projects are successful including State Games. It is a perfect



strategy for creating something worthwhile to do for the youth who otherwise would indulge in drugs and its kind. At the same time, it is my request to provide artificial grass turfs in rural areas also so that opportunity is equally provided to every youth.

On Demand No. 43 Tourism, the standard of one community can be judged by how tourists are treated. So, we have to adopt proper etiquette in this field. Under the guidance of the hon. Minister, we even managed to organize *Zo Kutpui* in other parts of the world. As I have mentioned earlier, Phawngpui Tlang has played an important part in tourism department as well. So, we need better lodging for the tourists visiting the spot and it is my request to build a tourist lodge in Thaltlang, the nearest village to the mountain.

On Demand No. 45, I am grateful for improvement of the condition of our roads. At the same time, I would like the hon. Chief Minister to bear in mind several problems we are facing such as NEC road of Lungtin - Mamte via Thlengang which needs resurfacing and NH-54 which is currently unable to function due to landslide.

Lastly, regarding Demand No. 15, it has been twenty years since the opening of Civil Sub-Division in Sangau, but till date there is no proper SDO office or staff quarter. I request the hon. Chief Minister to consider the case so that the office is functioning regularly. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First, on demand No. 45, PWD, I am grateful for many things with regards to the performance of our hon. Chief Minister. With that being said, I would like to mention few things as well.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the pavement works of Champhai-Khawbung road upto R. Khawchhaktuipui is being undertaken by SLT Company in which only 25% is expected to be done within this year. I also want to inform the officials that Dungtlang - Tuipui road needs immediate repair.

I am grateful to hear about issue of work tender for BRO road of Dungtlang - Vaphai - Farkawn. With Myanmar as our neighbour, the road condition of our state is by far inferior to theirs and we therefore need much improvement. Whereas several roads including Vaphai - Tiau, Farkawn - Tiau, Lianpui - Vaphai via Vangchhia need improvement as it cannot withstand rainy seasons. And, with big trucks coming in from Myanmar, we need better road for the convenience of trade and for welfare of the people.

On Demand No. 15, GAD, Govt. quarters we have in Laipuitlang are quite old and occupants tend to face many problems. So, I would like now what plan that the government has in mind regarding these old quarters.

On Demand No. 42, Transport Department, we are grateful for the provision of MST Bus in several villages within my constituency such as Khuangthing and Farkawn. At the same time, I would like to request the hon. Minister that the same provision may be made to Khawbung and Vaphaite etc.

On Demand No. 43 Tourism, this department holds an important place for the development of our land. It is pleasing to hear that proposal is made for setting up *East Mizoram Cultural & Heritage Circuit* in East Tuipui Constituency which happened to be one of best places in our state for tourist attraction.

Regarding Sports, I request the hon. Minister to provide artificial grass turfs at the playground of Farkawn and Khawbung so as to promote sports among youths who otherwise would be engaged in evil deeds.

Regarding Horticulture, there are several schemes and projects like NABARD, MIDH, RKVY, PMSKY and NEDP which increased the quantity and quality of the production of the farmers. We need more schemes like cultivation of off-season cabbage which is done under Mission for Integrated Development. With sufficient supply of water storage and high-quality seeds, I am sure that East Tuipui will contribute a great deal on crop productions. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Now, Pu Lalchhuanthanga, hon. Member.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To begin with Demand No. 44, PWD, I would like to mention that with 26.77% budget increase from last year, we now have 757 crores budget for the department. There is a speculation that post reshuffling may be done by the end of the year. My question is, do we need reshuffling in that time of year and, if is it necessary?

It is a deep concern that roads within the city are often dugged up by PHE, SIPMIU or BSNL etc, in pursuing their respective works the practice of which on the other hand indicates lack of co-operation between the head of the concerned departments. What we need is a good co-operation for smooth operation.

I have never heard of 'Road Fund Board' which is found in our budget speech in which 40 crore is allocated. May I know more about this fund board? Who is the Chairman and if it is functioning under Engineering Chief?

On Demand No. 9, Finance, we often receive grand-in-aid from the central for different purposes. The problem is that there is always a delay in releasing the funds and as a result, we often have to pay the interest. So, I urge the hon. Minister to look into the matter.

On Demand No. 43, Tourism, we have a lot of construction which have not been utilized for the purpose. The so-called 'Tourist Lodge' we have in many places are wasteful as no revenue is contributed.

On Demand No. 42, Transport, we rarely see profit from Transport Department on bus service and so is suggestive to privatize the service in order to create job opportunities and that such buses may be used at a cheaper rate comparing to maxi-cab service the fare which is of quite expensive.

On Demand No. 39, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, I urge the concerned authority to recruit more field staffs so as to solve the problem in the department.

On Demand No. 22, Sport & Youth Services, it is my request to have an artificial turf in my constituency.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Dr. K. Pachhunga, hon. Member is next.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First, On Demand No. 42 Transport Department, I would like to request provision of MST Bus service plying to Chawngte. As of proposal for inland waterway, it is the cheapest means of transportation and concentration thus should be made by the government for the success.

On Demand No. 43, I think we have a potential to improve our revenue with the increase of tourists visiting our state. Within my constituency, we have several places like Sairep, Bak Puk and Lung Ding etc., which would prove a reliable source of income if we put some investments in it.

On Demand No.14, we have Science & Technology Department functioning under Planning & Programme Implementation. With plenty of resourceful persons and experts in their fields, it is imperative that the Gov't finds a way to make use of them.

On Demand No. 45, I request immediate completion of PMGSY road project of Luangmual - Vaisam and extension of Lungtian - Kolodyne River and be resurfaced as well.

On Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department, i express my gratitude toward NGOs, YMA and VCs for their services and co-operation to this department. We must protect our forest at all cost as we are getting better compared to the past. The majority of rural people utilize forests for their living; we must, therefore educate them so that they have sense of stewardship of our forests.

We all are aware of the increasing value of bamboos and woods which brings us to Demand No. 32, on Horticulture. The most abundant resource we have in our state is woods and bamboos; woods take 40 to 50 years for maturity whereas bamboos take only 4 to 5 years. So, we have to determine the most profit out of it.

Within the realm of Science, Carbon Chemistry is the answer for progressive future. And bamboo is made of 60% carbohydrate therefore it is imperative to save the world's economy. To make real profit, it is crucial to have quality seeds. If we educate the local people, we can surely benefit within or outside the boundary of our land. Lastly, I would like to request *Brandisii* seeds for Hmunpui and Lengpui. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** We will recess and continue with our discussion at 5:30 PM.

**5:30 PM**

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

**PU C. LALMUANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. To begin with demand No. 45, Public Works Department, I express my sincere gratitude towards the hon. Chief Minister for funds which we received for reconstruction of Hunthar Veng landslide. This road is of the most important trade route we have and so is our duty to take utmost care of it.

Matters concerning the borders, we have heard of the importance of link roads and fortunately several link roads being tendered including New Vervek - Tuivalei of Manipur, and Vervek - Bagha Road.

On Horticulture Department, Demand No. 32, bamboo is the most beneficial tree which we can cultivate with a high rate of success. It is fortunate that many farmers receive funds from SEDP for this plantation.

On Demand No. 9, we are blessed with an able Finance Minister who knows how to handle the financial system. Under his guidance, we face no problems despite decreasing central funds. One question I would like to ask is - how many pensioners from outside the State receiving pension from our government and if it is reconciled?

Regarding Demand No.1. I express my gratitude to the Legislative Assembly for their determination, commitment and sacrifice. It is due to their services that we are here today.

On Demand No. 22, we are fortunate yet again to have a competent Sports Minister as we have witnesses various improvements under his guidance. Major projects under EAPA are underway and on that note, I request the hon. Minister to bear in his mind regarding renovation of Zarkawt field.

Lastly, on demand No. 42, I thank the hon. Minister for his tremendous work and for setting up bus service plying to border areas. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is next.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Pu Rina, Pu Hruaia and Pi Matlangi on their promotion. I will begin with Demand No. 45 on Public Works Department.

Drainage leakage on the road approaching Legislator Home may pleased be fixed as soon as possible. For Tlabung, Lunglei - Tlabung NH-30 is the lifeline. We now have faces problem due to weakening bridges on Phairuang to Tuichawng as big trucks could not cross over which automatically brings massive hike in goods not to mention labour charge on shopkeepers to maintain their business. The answer I have received to the question that if there was a plan to build a bridge on Khawthlangpuitui was 'no' which is deeply regretted. Pu Speaker, we really need help on the problem that we are facing. Tlabung is the oldest sub-division but we have no SDO till date. Moreover, we do not have IB and a helicopter service as well.

On Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Deptt., we plant trees so as to observe *Green Mizoram Day* but we usually neglected thereafter. It is suggestive that we spread this tradition among the students as well. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu KT Rokhaw is next.

**PU K. T. ROKHAW :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Coming straight to PWD, the project of construction of Niawhtlang - Chakhang road is allotted to the two contractors but the contract was terminated on June, 2018 due to poor performance. Thus, the work remains incomplete till today and I therefore request the concerned authority to retender the work.

Secondly, most of departments in Chhimtuipui District have no proper office. So, I request new buildings for EE, PWD office, EE, PHE office and Police SP office during this financial year. Siaha DC office, which has already been tendered remain unfinished till today. What is the reason? Also, I request execution of pavement work on Vahai - Laki road during this financial year.

On Transport Demand No. 42, we really need MST Bus service to Siaha and also plying to Siaha - Tipa road which may be considered by the concerned authority.

I also invite the hon. Forest Minister to have a personal inspection on Palak Dil to see the considerable work of the District Council on Palak Wetland.

On Demand No. 22, we are fortunate to have a capable Sports Minister who organizes several events and projects for promotion of youth. That being said, during the State Games, all participants from rural areas were taken care of by their respective MLAs which was a bit inconvenient though. The performance of most of the participants were beyond expectations and I think it is wise to organize the State games more often. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to provide us with

an artificial turf at Palak playground as I am positive of the benefit in producing great athletes from this area.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Dr. Vanlalhlana is next.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I will start with the Demand of our hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga who is taking care of 10 departments which takes up 34% of the entire budget. Anyway, refurbishing of roads is ongoing in my constituency and we are very grateful for this. Regarding the construction of National Highway 150 at Khawruhlian, I would like to know initiatives taken regarding compensation?

On Demand No. 9, I am glad that Entrepreneurship Development Schemes are initiated for our youths and for agriculture projects etc. We can see that larger portion of SEDP fund is allocated to the departments under the hon. Chief Minister.

Moving on to Horticulture, despite *Giganteus* which is the favorite, we have no experts for tissue culturing. In this regard, we have many experts in our University and departments who knows how to collect information from journals and internet and we somehow manage to go on with their helps. Regarding oil palm plantation, I am afraid we hurt the sentiment of the concerned people for our lack of proper plan for this cultivation. At the sametime, Pu Speaker, I also request the hon. Concerned Minister to clarify as of which department will be in charge of bamboo plantation under which ₹10,000/- is allotted to bamboo farmers; and, when will ₹3,00,000/- be distributed for the same. Also, what is the criteria for selection of such farmers? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. member Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I express my gratitude towards the Commissioner and the officials for their hardwork. And, at the sametime, I congratulate those officers who get promotion.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 9, 11 and 14, which concerns with administration of the entire departments, I believe there is a better way of file movement for more efficiency. I am glad that the hon. Chief Minister have enough courage to take Finance Department under his wing since it needs sincere dedication and hardwork.

Moving on to Demand No. 32, the Mizoram University is unable to conduct a study on tissue culture of bamboo for lack of laboratory for the purpose. So, the government decided privatization and outsourcing policy regarding bamboo projects. I am glad that the ripening chamber being established and also the plan to multiply organic farming.

On Demand No. 45, I request the repair of Samlukhai – Lungsei road. And, it is grateful that provision of artificial turf will be given under Sports & Youth Services to 16 different fields.

On Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, my constituency is a potential for eco-tourism which may also be developed as circuit areas. On Demand No.36, I suggest that third party monitoring and evaluation on different works should be conducted more carefully and that better co-operation with NGOs and concerned community should be encouraged. In the meantime, I request immediate sanction of compensation claimed by Pu Lalbiakkima who was bitten by a bear.

Pu Speaker, under Transport Department, I am glad that automated vehicle inspection & certification centre will be established at Hlimen and I request that Falkawn and Sialsuk will be identified as auto-rickshaw service since permits had also been issued for these areas.

I will conclude by expressing my support in passing these Demands. Thank you.

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

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 9, Finance, Lottery Department.

Lottery Department is provided with the Central Regulation Rules, 2010 which underlines that drawing machines and random technology may be used and should be transparent to viewers, but the regulation is not followed by the three agencies to whom contracts are given. Thus, there is a chance of mismanaging the results of the lottery drawn on the 17.2.2020. The Director, Institution of Finance & Lottery gave a notice to Teesta Distributors stating that they have to wait for the drawing machine to arrive, and why the process of drawing is done unfairly.

Moving on to Demand No. 32, the two species of bamboo which are selected, i.e. *Brandisi* and *Latiforus* are known to grow in Jeribam, Andaman, Myanmar and Thailand and *Latiforus* are known to grow in Taiwan, China and Myanmar. If we visit the website of Kerala State Bamboo Mission, these two varieties are not recommended for they are easily infected and attacked by dry rot, and they do not last even for a year unless treatment is given. No companies in the world have entertained raw materials of these two species and they are not even recognized by the Operational Guideline of National Bamboo Mission. However, the information we received may not be completely reliable, yet, so far, no remarkable achievements has been made by the agencies such as Bamboo Bazaar, Bamboo Technology Par etc. and all the projects seems to fail under BAFFACOS. Pu Speaker, it is sad that we have earned only ₹24,000/- from bamboo production with the collapse of Venus Bamboo Production Ltd. and for legal case against KK Shah.

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, loan is granted to MIP as *grant-in-aid* and the government does not have any loss in this regard.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, it is still an active court case.

**SPEAKER :** Active court case should not be discussed in the House.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, there are many reliable companies in the nearby states for bamboo projects and also representatives from foreign countries who established their office in Delhi. I am afraid we fail again as with the introduction of oranges from Israel, Jathropha, aloe vera and red oil.

Moving on to Vigilance, Demand No. 5, we are content with the establishment of Lok Ayukta which is expected to concern the case of Grade IV level to CM. While this is the case, it has only 27 employees out of which only the Chairman is of a regular post whereas the rest are of deputation, contractual and MR post. Apart from this, the budget had decreased immensely which will enable the department to function accordingly. So, Vigilance Department need to be enhanced with Directorate of Inquiry, Directorate of Prosecution and a lawyer in the place of one who had been shifted. Also, it is a deep concern that the budget has decreased by 20%.

Any of the corruption case is supposed to be transferred to Lok Ayukta; only refer cases from Lok Ayukta may be investigated by ACB; and, if ACB is not willing to delve in such cases, Lok Ayukta does not have any authority to control over it. It means supervision work will not be satisfactory and its budget is three times more than Lok Ayukta; thus, the status needs to be clarified. Under Section 13 of Lok Ayukta Act, 2014, it is necessary to have a special court but remain functioning without it. So, in order to enhance the power of Lok Ayukta, I suggest the budget increased from SEDP and that the government should take more progressive steps in this regard. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** We have come to the end of our discussion; and, I will now call upon the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga to wind up the discussion and move the House to pass his Demands.

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, at the outset thank the Almighty God for his guidance. I will try to react to as many questions as possible and even outside this session, we are open to queries which are permitted by the rules.

Starting with Demand No. 4, Law & Judicial Department, Office of the Advocate General Mizoram, Office of Registrar General of Marriage, Office of Mizoram State Law Commission, Office of the Govt. Advocate Public Prosecutor are directly under its wing and for Guwahati High Court, District Court and Mizoram State Legal Service Authority, Law & Judicial Department is the administrative department and all their budget are done through Law Department. At the moment, there are 50



Govt. Advocate Public Prosecutor in 8 Districts and 4 nos. Govt. Advocate Public Prosecutor and 1 Additional Advocate General at Guwahati High Court, 1 Additional Advocate General in Guwahati High Court Principal Seat and 1 standing council at Supreme Court. Notification regarding the establishment of District Court at Khawzawl, Hnahthial and Saitual had been given and 3 nos. of Fast track Court, Special Court, Rape will be established under POCSO Act and two will be established in Aizawl and 1 at Champhai as funds had also been received for this purpose. An amount of ₹254.9 lakh has been given to the victims under Mizoram Victim of Crime Compensation Scheme in different districts and ₹192.4 lakh in pending at Mizoram Treasury. Mizoram State Law Commission was re-established and Pu Lala Khawbung, MJS (Retd.) was appointed as its chairman. Trainings had also been conducted for Registrar of Marriage in every districts.

With the initiatives of the hon. Law Minister and the Chief Justice, refreshers' course training had been conducted for all Govt. Advocates and Public Prosecutors; and every year, training is conducted for North East Judicial Officers and ₹25 lakh has also been contributed for this purpose from Mizoram. Law & Judicial Department had conducted a meeting with Land Revenue & Settlement, Environment & Forest & Climate Change Department PHE, PWD and Higher & Technical Education Department concerning their respective subjects.

Plan has also been made to establish District Court in Lunglei and necessary steps being taken in this regard. As of opening of Lawngtlai District Court, I believe Lunglei District Session still serves the needs. Anyway, I will discuss the matter with High Court authority.

On Parliamentary Affairs, we are all aware of PAD taking care of the welfare of the legislators, their pensions, family pensions etc. And, I also congratulate the officers who have been promoted and our new Commissioner & Secretary Pu H. Lalrinawma, an efficient person who has experience of various trainings in the Indian Parliament as well as in foreign countries such as British Parliament of London, Japan Parliament, New South Wales Parliament, Sydney Australian, Seoul Metropolitan Council of S. Korea and Bangladesh Parliament. He also has attended CPA conference a couple of time.

Pu Speaker during 2019 - 2020, PAD had amended 5 different heads, such as –

1. The Mizoram Salaries & Allowances of Speaker & Deputy Speaker Amendment Act, 2019;
2. The Mizoram Salaries & Allowances of Ministers Amendment Act, 2019;
3. The Mizoram Salaries & Allowances Pension of members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 2019;
4. The Mizoram Salaries & Allowances of Govt. Chief Whip & Deputy Chief Whip Amendment Act, 2019;

5. The Mizoram Legislative Assembly Grants of Loans and Advances to members, Fourth Amendment Rules, 2020, and notification had also been given in this regard on 9.12.2019.

Moving on to Demand No. 36, E & FCC Department is taking measure to protect our environment in which it received a good cooperation from NGOs and the people. India is among the signatory countries for United Framework on Climate Change as initiative is taken on *Plant More Trees* programme and to establish more of eco-friendly park. The government is taking measures for State Action Plan on Climate Change 2018 - 2023 and on *Reduced Emission* from Deforestation & Degradation. Under Red Plus project in collaboration with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, IC mode initiative is taken so that Jhumming cultivation system may be changed for good and that studies are conducted on the vulnerability assessment of forest and bio-diversity sector due to climate change. As desired by the hon. Chief Minister, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority and State Expert Appraisal Committee are established in which 10 nos. vacant RO posts had also been filled. Check gates, quarter and offices had also been renovated as we have even exceeded our revenue target by a margin of 123.15%.

Mizoram has the best forest in the North Eastern region but we have lost huge areas of our forest as well. Yet, we are trying our best to rebuild as to spread awareness in fire prevention. Also, 76 nos. of inspection station for inspection of rivers and *The Chite Lui Prevention and Control of Water Pollution Rules* had also been set up. The Pollution Control Board had given it consent to establish 738 nos. of industry and those who do not abide by the rules are given a show cause notice and order had been issued to 5 industries to close down their business. Pollution control inspection station is established in different areas and *Continuous Ambian Monitoring Station* has also been established at Sikulpuikawn with plan for more station at Aizawl North.

Mizoram Pollution Control Board has a C-Grade laboratory which is utilized by research scholars inside and outside the State and we are expecting to have an accredited laboratory with the help of our hon. Chief Minister. As required by the Central Motor Vehicle Act, all vehicles should have Pollution Under Control Certificate which may be issued by Mizoram Pollution Control Board of Aizawl and Lunglei. Initiative is taken by the department so that it is conducted in every district. Apart from this, various projects are implemented through Green India Mission, Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger and National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-system.

As mentioned earlier, the progress of this department greatly depends on the amount of funds which may be obtained from CSS and we hope to receive more funds to achieve more progresses. Regarding the question from Pu L. Thangmawia, bearing in mind the amount of funds we have, we will try to consider extension of Rest House of Ngopa and Chhawrtui. As of posting DFO, we will have to consider this very carefully. Regarding the case of Pu Ngunchhuma who was employed as an MR and

then as a labour, he is no longer deployed due to non-availability of funds but not because he had cut down trees as alleged. concerned RO has also been summoned for explanation for this issue.

On the question raised by Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, the department is taking steps as desired by the people of Zopui and Phulpui to include their area as *wildlife reserved area*. Regarding Pu Andrew H. Thangliana's request, initiative has been made. As of pollution control, I believe I have answered the questions from the explanation I have given and we will continue with the programme. Regarding Pang Dil as mentioned by Pu Vanlaltanpuia, we will study the case and inspect it through State Wetland authority. Measure will be taken to on the reported flock of birds at Haulawng since they could be of nuisance to farmers in the area nearby. As of preservation of the chief house of Chhiphir, I believe this is a matter which concern Art & Culture Department. The question regarding riverine reserve forest, there is no review on provision and I believe PIL could be submitted. Regarding Chalfilh reserve forest, the matter has not been finalized. As of repairing Pualreng road, construction of Saiphai Forest IB and posting of more staffs, we will look into the matters. Regarding mass felling of teak plant questioned by Pu BD Chakma, they have a permit to do so and no rules had been broken.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA :** Pu Speaker, can this matter be inspected on the spot, please?

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will try to take necessary actions in this regard. On the question of Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng, as desired by the hon. Chief Minister, initiative is made on *Plant More Trees* as the rate of tree plantation has increased from ₹10/- to ₹60/-. I hope this will yield a great result in the future.

In order to prevent illegal transport of bamboo and teak, the Mizoram Wood Base Industry Establishment (Regulation) Rules and plan for setting up industry have been made so that we could use our bamboo and teak to generate revenue for our State. I hope this also answers the queries made by Pu Lalrindika Ralte. I also express my gratitude towards the statement made by Pu Vanlalhlana and we will try to take measure regarding Murlen National Park. Regarding the question by Pu Zothantluanga, we now have provision and rules for setting up industries and I hope my reaction earlier will provide answers to his questions. On the question raised by Pu Lalsawivunga of jhum cultivation, initiative is made by the State action plan on *Reduced Emission* of deforestation & degradation red plus and ICIMOD.

Regarding restriction of using air guns, owners of arms should produce their license to the District Magistrate as per notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India Notification, Arm Rules, 2016 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. Here, the order included use of air guns as well which is expected to be effective in protecting wild life. Regarding the request for providing better vigilance to Phawngpui sanctuary, we will try to take necessary steps after we review the scheme and fund allocation.

Regarding wildlife fencing, we will give attention by taking Wildlife Act, funds and guidelines into account. As of recruitment of frontline workers, we are applying for more posts at DP & AR and if approved, we will surely have more frontline workers under Environment, Forest & Climate Change department. I am regretted to hear confiscation of oil palm at forest check gate and we will try to verify the case. Apart from this, we will also try to conduct awareness campaign more often on *Green Mizoram Day* to Middle School and High School level. I hope one day to visit Palak Dil as requested by Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

Regarding *Third Party* Monitoring and protection of forest in collaboration with NGOs, we will try to make initiative for more progresses. As of the case of Pu Lalbiakthanga, necessary measure will be taken regarding compensation and as permitted by the rules and regulation.

Moving on to Demand No. 42, there are two important wings under Transport Department such as Motor Vehicle Wing and the Mizoram State Transport Wing. We have also achieved our revenue target through this department. There are 705 sanction posts in the department out of which 30% is lying vacant. If we are provided with more staffs, I believe we will be able to generate more revenue and more efficiency could be maintained in our works. We are also taking steps to promote a better Inland Water Transport in the rivers of Mizoram; we have high hopes from the correspondence we have with the Central Ministry. Likewise, we are also waiting for the approval and sanctions for Tuichawng river Inland Water Transport Project and we have also submitted application to conduct hydrological survey at Tuirial, Tuivawl, Tuirini, Chhimtuipui and Serlui to the Ministry of Shipping.

From the Mizoram State Transport Wing, 3 deluxe buses and 29 standard buses rendered their service in different areas within Mizoram as 5 new buses had been purchased with proposal for 14 more buses. We have also made a reciprocal agreement with the Govt. of Manipur for MST bus service from Alzawl – Churachandpur, Lamka, Manipur and the case is now in progress. The rate of *overtime allowance* has also been increased for enforcement and operation staff and they are all very grateful to the ministry.

Pu Speaker, necessary step has also been taken on the plan of conversion of consumers petrol pump into transport petrol pump and we are waiting for approval of IOC. During grace period of tax payment, an amount of ₹9,87,73,716 lakh has been received as measure has also been taken to eradicate vehicle registration which no longer are validated and also to invalid driving license by means of Vahan-IV and Sarathi-IV. Initiatives are made for accessing online payment on road tax, registration fees, goods and service taxes for the public. Selling of vehicle permit is against the rules and chance is given so that name of the actual owner of vehicle is inscribed in the permit. If this rule is broken, the permit of such vehicle may be cancelled.

Aizawl District Transport office is divided into two parts, such as - Aizawl Urban and Aizawl Rural. For the convenience of working of the department, it is again divided into DTO Aizawl East and DTO Aizawl West and registration under Aizawl East will be MZ-01 (A to Z) and registration under DTO Aizawl West will be MZ-01 (A1 - A9). The Ministry of Road Transport & Highway had sent a notice to the department that fixing high security registration plate should be stopped and should be processed at a dealer point registration. Also, high security registration plate should also be attached to the dealers assigned by the Transport Department.; unless a newly registered vehicle used HSRP, smart card registration cannot be processed. Also, for the convenience of the people, step has been taken for online application of registration of vehicles and driving license, etc.

Pollution control checking device will be installed at DTO Office of various district headquarters. Regarding the service of MST buses in Dampa constituency, necessary step will be taken as per available funds and the condition of our buses. Regarding taxi service for Haulawng, the concerned VCs or MLA may submit DA letter and necessary step will then be taken. Regarding installation of scanner as practiced in Singapore, the cost is expensive and may not be applicable for Aizawl. Anyway, we will try study the case. Regarding IWT for Dapchhuah - Bairabi, we will try conduct a technical survey. And, of MST Bus service, I think I have made my point clear in my earlier reactions; I hope it is more convenient if some individuals own the bus for the concerned area. We are also determining the case of auto-rickshaw service covering Saipum - Saiphai. As of MST bus service questioned by Pu BD Chakma, it is very difficult to purchase a bus but we will try our best to render our services more in rural areas. Regarding Maxi-cab and auto-rickshaw permit, we are waiting for the result of the initiatives taken. To Myanmar, as suggested the service of MST, we are planning to purchase some of export quality and the case could not be expedited as it need to go through the ministry of external affairs.

Regarding Bike-125 as questioned by the hon. member Pu ZR Thiamsanga, if they have a custom clearance as per Rules 47, registration may be applied as per clause 1 sub clause (h) Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 and by payment of all the requirements which is allegedly higher than the usual fees for imported vehicles. We have also taken actions on the practice of an exorbitant fares taken by some taxi drivers; so far, 51 were fined. Lawngtlai Transport Office will soon be ready for inauguration. Regarding our youths rendering bus service, we will be happy to support them in any possible way. As of auto-rickshaw service as mentioned by the hon. member Pu Lalnunmawia, if permits are given for auto-rickshaw, it means the areas had already been identified for the service.

We consider ourselves a public service department and I am grateful for the appreciation we received from various Members.

So, Pu Speaker, I move that the following Demands under my concerned departments may be passed by this august House, such as –

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>4</b>	Law & Judicial	27,39,82,000.00
<b>12</b>	Parliamentary Affairs	84,70,000.00
<b>36</b>	Envinronment, Forests& Climate Change	2,22,43,48,000.00
<b>42</b>	Transport	49,11,86,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,99,79,86,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga has now moved the House to pass his Demands such as -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>4</b>	Law & Judicial	27,39,82,000.00
<b>12</b>	Parliamentary Affairs	84,70,000.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,99,79,86,000.00</b>

So, those in favor to pass may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. Since there is no objection, the Demands of the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga is unanimously passed by the House.

**PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : I will now call upon the hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to wind up the discussion of his demands and to move that it is pass by the House.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. My concern departments are - ICT Department, Tourism Department and Sports & Youth Services Department. Though we have no extension in any of the district, I believe we should generate a good income for the state. I appreciate all the hardworks of my departments' Secretaries, Secretariat officers and all staffs of Field Offices. In my concern departments, I give importance to the allocation of business rules for each department and we continue to work on the projects and schemes initiated by the previous ministry.

In the event of State Games, 155 nos. of gold medal go to MNF, 8 nos. to Congress and BJP Nil. The Constituency of ZPM receives the highest percentage of gold medal and I express my congratulations. Anyway, we all seem to support the event and we do not have enough time to prepare for it but we have to know that

National Games will be held in the near future and so is Khelo Youth Games. So, we have to make use of the available time.

Regarding Pu L. Thangmawia's question, we are making plans for infrastructures development of Ngopa which is now in progress. As mentioned by Pu Andrew H. Thangliana regarding Para gliding World Championship, we will pursue the matter. And, regarding futsal, there are two association in Mizoram such Futsal Association of Mizoram and Mizoram Football Association and the leader have not met each other to resolve their differences and the Sports Council thus is unable to process a unified registration; hopefully, it will soon be settled.

I welcome the appreciations we received from my fellow Member Er. H. Lalzirliana on construction of Mamit hall. Apart from this, we also have submitted the project for Mamit District Sports Complex to the Central Ministry and EAP.

We have made several contingency plans to realize our projects. There are still 6 districts without district sports stadium and running track. We plan to cover as much as we can in terms of development.

To answer the question of Pu Zaithanzama, ₹40 crore is proposed for multiplex field as a project under Sports Department. We are doing everything we can for construction of Sports Training Centre at Vairengte. I would like Dr. BD Chakma to be at ease as the DPR for Chawngte football ground is under process. We also have introduced sports policy in which 5% job reservation for Group B, C and D will be implemented. As of other developments, Sports Department has also taken measure for renovation of SAI Centre Zobawk and promotion of Lunglei SYS football academy.

I do agree with the suggestion of Pu Vanlalhlana on promotion of combat games and weight category discipline. In the meantime, we will continue with our plan for promotion of football as it is a livelihood programme.

I admit that State Games was organized within a short time frame. Yet, we have reintroduced several disciplines during this State Games. Some members criticized the state games for inclusion of too many disciplines but it is necessary to do so as to promote other registered disciplines as well.

I have already reached out to Dr. Thiamsanga via letter and telephone and it is upto them to verify it themselves at Champhai.

There are several potential and existing sports areas that we are planning to develop or a possibility to develop such as Rangvamual futsal ground, laying of artificial turf at Bualpui NG, Farkawn, Khawbung, Tlangnuam and Vairengte football fields.

We are committed to our existing projects and will continue to do our utmost in the development of sports and infrastructure in Mizoram.

Moving on to Tourism department, it is a small department with a limited staff. In spite of this, I want to mention that development is ongoing under this department.

We are at the verge of having a functional Institute of Hotel Management. We have reintroduced Anthurium Festival after two years and hope that this will help in attracting tourists.

Our revenue receipt also increased by a tiny amount and we have exceeded our target that we have set out. Even though we could do with more revenue, we have achieved a lot with what we have. After careful consideration, we felt that entry fee for the golf course is not that expensive given the amount we have to spent on maintenance and the facilities it provides.

ICT department is a very small department and on top of that, our budget has decreased by 40%. However, we have achieved several projects and other notable programmes that have never been done before by this department and we are very proud of that.

Connectivity has improved a lot and we now have 170 functioning mobile towers out of 200.

Pu Speaker, I implore this House to pass the demands of the 3 departments which are-

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>22</b>	Sports and Youth Services	32,39,53,000.00
<b>43</b>	Tourism	10,95,57,000.00
<b>48</b>	Information & Communication Technology	4,69,20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48,04,30,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Our hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte has asked this House to pass his demands such as -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>22</b>	Sports and Youth Services	32,39,53,000.00
<b>43</b>	Tourism	10,95,57,000.00
<b>48</b>	Information & Communication Technology	4,69,20,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48,04,30,000.00</b>



Those who are in agreement, say, 'agree'. (**Members: Agree**). Those who do not agree say, 'disagree'.

This House has unanimously passed the demands presented by our hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister to wind up the discussion of his demands and ask the permission of the House to pass it.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Even though I have an extensive list of departments under my demands, there is not much to say.

Firstly, GPC has agreed to increase the pay for members of Legislative Assembly and have included and increased several facilities. However, as there can be grievances in fixation of pay, we would do well to not take advantage of what was said inside this House so that this will not be misconstrued.

Under Vigilance, Mizoram is one of the first states in the North East region to have Lok Ayukta in compliance with central directive. Under this, 35 posts were created of which 27 had been filled up.

Moving on to GAD, we have several houses under Mizoram State Government most of which were used by patients who were there for medical treatment. In light of this, most of our Houses at different cities is patient oriented and we are looking at more properties for this purpose.

In Aviation, whatever funds available are used for upgrading the Pavement Classification Number (PCN) at Lengpui to be able to qualify for a competent and applicable airport. (**Dr. Vanlalhlana:** Pu Speaker, is there a proposal to have a Mizoram House in Agartala?), (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, the majority of Chhipphir wanted to be under Serchhip District. Will this be entertained?).

Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. The same case is there in Saitual area.

As for Mizoram House in Agartala, it is a good thing to have one there. We will see what can be done. There is now ATR service between Agartala and Aizawl as a result of efforts by our Aviation Wing.

Experts are being roped in the Planning and Programme Implementation Department. Personally, it is an advantage in our dealings with Delhi Central Government.

In Horticulture, our target is self-sufficiency in food products which includes vegetables. Organic farming is also targeted. For this, various steps are being taken for seedlings, fertilizers, marketing and processing plants etc.

Bamboo plantation is also under Horticulture, questions are raised in this regard. Central Government placed it under Horticulture as such which is why we followed suit.

Much is being said of this bamboo project. We know not much but we have done exploring within and outside the country. However, a laboratory is needed to have large scale plantation. At present, Brandisii is the only variety we could acquire for plantation suitable for hardening. We have done our best for successful implementation of the said plantation.

PWD Phairuang - Kai Bridge mentioned by Pu Nihar is proposed to be repaired and the central government is also being approached.

The PWD Minister is the Chairman in the Road Fund Board, the C.S. is the Vice-Chairman and members are from Finance, Engineering, Transport, Taxation, stakeholders and NGOs. Funds are utilized only after approval by the board.

Of the many things to say about the PWD, construction of roads occupies wide attention. Our main problem is that the national authority does the work, whereas we, sons of the soil are owner of the land and roads. Some problems were there at the transitional period. In spite of that, the PWD has done its best. **(Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo:** Pu Speaker, only one point. I support placing of Horticulture Office in the District Headquarter, Mamit instead of placing at Tuidam).

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, there are quite a lot of things say in the PWD. I will now proceed to Finance. **(Pu KT Rokhaw:** Pu Speaker, will the construction of Niawhtlang - Chakhang be re-tendered within this current financial year?).

Pu Speaker, construction of Niawhtlang - Chakhang road first taken up by Swastik Enterprise was terminated ten years back; we do not know the reason. After much pressure, Pu Vaninmawia did the work which again, had stopped. We are not pressing him to continue the work.

Pu Thiamsanga and other members pointed out other issues. We are doing what we can. In my opinion, bamboo link road system can be introduced for village link roads as it will save money. We are waiting for the outcome of demand we made for additional funds for GAD. **(Pu KT Rokhaw:** Pu Speaker, is it possible to make provisions from the current budget for constructing a pavement of Laki - Vahai road?). Pu Speaker, we will do our best to have provisions for the same. **(Dr. Vanlalthlana:** Pu Speaker, has ECI been made for Khawruhlian road?). Pu Speaker,

the said road is to be taken up and the work is intended to start in March, the contractor has submitted the estimate to the NHIDCL.

Regarding Finance, Pu Muanpuia has raised a question as to the number of pensioners of outside state drawing pensions money from our Treasury. There are around 200 pensioners and financial involvement is around 102 lakhs, reconciliation used to be done with AG, Mizoram and re-imburement is done by AG from the concerned PAO.

It is criticized that the hon. Chief Minister holding the portfolio of Finance is inappropriate. In my opinion, finance in the hand of a family head is quite appropriate.

From the past experiences, our problem in steady flow of financial sanction has already been our failure to have a matching share. Now, we go by budgetary system, the same system is intended to be followed. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, many guidelines under CCS are not applicable to our state. Is it not possible to use the remaining funds under SEDP flagship programme?). Pu Speaker, we will study what can be done and central government will be approached for such implementation as suggested.

State debt is often mentioned. The present ministry is not the only ministry to have debt. It was there even before our party formed the ministry. When we formed the ministry, the state debt had reached around 3000 crores. In the NE States, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh have lesser debt amounts. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, I want to request our finance minister to state the figures in percentage-wise to GSDP, not in amounts). Pu Speaker, that is right. But I would also like to state that the public understands figures better in amounts rather than in percentages. **(Member:** The Finance Commission and Finance Department has stated that calculations are done percentage-wise) **(Member:** If so, please tell us the percentage?).

Mizoram has 41.15% debt in GSDP. We have heavy debts as do other states. Our total debt is around 7000 crores, which is lesser compared to other states. Anyway, we will have to repay the full amount which is why I have stated the figures rather than the percentage. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, our total state budget is lesser than the budget of Bangalore Municipal Corporation. There are financial terms used in financial management. If it is said in amounts, it can be misleading. So it is better to use percentages.)

Pu Speaker, I have stated the figures in both amounts and percentages. We make efforts to decrease our state debt, and this does not signify that our economy has crumbled totally.

Our current budget as a whole is not satisfactory. The expected target in tax collection is also not achieved at the central level. Financial allotment from the

central level and from other sources such as DONER has come down in a true sense. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, 10% of the capital should be matched by the ministry which is non-lapsable. Is it reusable for the next year?)

Pu Speaker, this is how it was supposed to be as far as I can tell. I would like to mention that we received several funding from Ministry of Tribal Affairs such as ₹107 crore for Social Welfare, Rs.1,000 crore for tourism, ₹1,250 crore for Sports and ₹1,800 crore for Asian Development Bank EAP.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg passing of my demands such as -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>1</b>	Legislative Assembly	32,48,48,000.00
<b>2</b>	Governor	30,60,000.00
<b>3</b>	Council of Ministers	7,67,03,000.00
<b>5</b>	Vigilance	8,56,15,000.00
<b>9</b>	Finance	21,97,76,45,000.00
<b>11</b>	Secretariat Administration	1,32,23,00,000.00
<b>14</b>	Planning & Programme Implementation	97,82,59,000.00
<b>15</b>	General Administration Department	1,02,82,59,000.00
<b>32</b>	Horticulture	91,33,19,000.00
<b>45</b>	Public Works	7,57,42,49,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34,28,03,91,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : Our hon. Chief Minister has asked the permission of this House to pass his demands such as -

<b>Demand No.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount (in ₹)</b>
<b>1</b>	Legislative Assembly	32,48,48,000.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34,28,03,91,000.00</b>

Those who are in agreement, say, 'Agree'. **(Members:** Agree). Those who are not, say 'Disagree'. This House has unanimously agreed to pass the demands presented by our hon. Chief Minister.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister to ask the permission of this House to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020'

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : Are we in agreement? This House has agreed. Let us invite our Hon. Chief Minister to introduce his Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of this House, I introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020'.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Let us now invite our hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister to move his Bill and ask this House to pass his Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you, I stand before this House to beg for the passing of 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020' amounting to ₹10,89,526.60 lakh.

**SPEAKER** : All those in favour of passing 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020' may say, 'Agree'. (**Members:** Agree). Those who are not, say, 'Not Agree'. There is no objection from the members.

This House has unanimously agreed to pass 'The Mizoram Appropriation Demand for Grants (2020-2021) Bill, 2020'.

We will continue our sitting tomorrow, 04.03.2020 at 10:30 AM.

*(Sitting is adjourned.)*