

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 2nd 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.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

- Colossians 4:6

We will come straight away to *Questions & Answers*. Let us call Dr. Vanlalhlana to asked Starred Question No. 135.

DR. VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question to the hon. Minister of Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department is:

The amount of cess (Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess) collected by the Govt of Mizoram and the amount spent so far?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to answer the question.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu speaker, the answer is:

This new government with effect from December, 2018 to January, 2020 has collected cess of ₹27,13,29,389/-. The amount spent upto December, 2018 - January 2020 is ₹28,22,44,951/-.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. member Dr. Vannlalhlana to ask Supplementary Question.

DR. VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. The Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess is collected since long time back. I want to ask the hon. minister of how the distribution of funds is managed as of the workers, the keepers and if any selection to receive the fund (...*audio failure*...). They are often sponsored for concert and other things. If the utilization certificate is submitted for such sponsorships and if rules are followed?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, what is the qualification for availing cess and if it is given as a group or individual? How much is given and if it is done so as applied? What are the criteria? For what pupose the fund should be availed?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the Supplementary Questions of Dr. Vanlalhlana, we have rules for spending and receiving funds; one should be a registered member under Workers Welfare Board. There are guidelines for any trade to avail the funds. To also answer Pu Vanlalhlana's questions, one who registered himself under the welfare may claim for Children Education Assistance, Medical Assistance, Disability Benefit. Death Benefit and Funeral Assistance covers accidental death of the worker; Marriage Assistance may

be claimed when a family member is getting married; Maternity Benefit cover women who deliver baby. Plus, one may receive pensions from Welfare Pension.

As of funds management for concerts etc., I think it is given from the administrative cost which may be made available. There is a separate format for recording income and expenditure. The funds may as well be used for awareness campaign by different Trade Unions covers by Workers Welfare.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I have a survey on my own in this regard and came to learn that Trade Union provides funds for awareness campaign to each participant. So, I ask the hon. minister if we may apply for the said to the department concern. Pu Speaker, I have learned as a member of the Assembly Committee that funds under Trade Union is misused but wrong account is shown in the record of the committee. Thus, this need to be investigated properly. Is there any documents or record through which the expenditure could be traced the amount allegedly not less than 28 crores? Will the hon. minister show us documents or record of such expenditure?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I myself think it is of an important matter. We are very careful in dealing with this case for the old documents are allegedly lost during the previous ministry. As questioned by the hon. member from Aizawl North-I, the expenditure exceeds the sanction because the remaining funds from the previous year is spent as I have already mentioned in the previous session that we still had about 50 crores. Pu Speaker, anyone is welcomed to help us find the material so required. I inform the House that it is a must that the labourers receive their fair share as considered by the government.

SPEAKER : I recall from the light of the hon. Minister's speech and I know what is all about. So, I request the hon. Minister to carefully deal with the matter for it concerns the welfare of poor labourers.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is difficult for us to go and find the documents at the office. So, I request if the department furnishes any information which may be required by the members.

SPEAKER : The words of the hon. Minister is enough that it is under consideration of the government. I also request the hon. Minister himself to carefully look into it.

Let us call hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 136.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred Question No. 136 and answer to be given by the hon. Minister for Home Department.

My question concerns the new building of Police Headquarters, Khatla Aizawl which was opened on 28.1.2020.

- a) Who is the contractor?
- b) Who prepared the design and the estimate?
- c) What is the total floor area?
- d) Schedule of Rate (SOR) of which year is used to determine the estimate?
- e) In which year the construction is started?
- f) What is the funding source?

SPEAKER : To answer that, hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia.

PU LALCHAMLIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is:

- a) The contractor is North East Consultancy Service (NECS)
- b) The design and estimate are prepared by the North East Consultancy Service (NECS)
- c) The total floor area is 4431.84 sq.m.
- d) The estimate is determined as per Schedule of Rate (SOR) of PWD, Mizoram, 2013.
- e) The construction was started in 2015.
- f) It is funded by Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR)

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga to ask Supplementary Question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. It is not regarding the subject in question but of border issue which concern Home Department.

We spend a lot of time and money regarding this issue and we even set up Core Committee. Pu Speaker, my question is –

On the 22nd July, 2019, the hon. Chief Minister stated that he had a good strategy for the solution of our border disputes. Did our home minister, by any chance ask the hon. Chief Minister of the secret plan? Can this problem be resolved without Core Committee being set up?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana is next.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I have two questions. The first one is –

I heard that there are plans to improve 4th IR Headquarter at Mamit. If so, can that building be constructed on EPC mode? It is not only about the construction but we should consider the architectural structure as well which is much important for our infracture.

My second question is - When will construction of Lengpui Police Outpost be started? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte, hon. Member is next.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. As we have heard from the answer given, the design & estimate are of NECS. But it is learned from PWD rules that the contractor has never made the design & estimate. So, as per which rules such design & estimate was made?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the hon. Chief Minister might have a secret strategy for the solution of our border disputes but he said it is not appropriate to reveal it. Since, I was told it is not the time, I did not insist to know.

Regarding Pu H. Lalzirliana's question of improving the construction of Mamit 4th IR, there is no question as of now. As of Police Station at Lengpui airport, there is no decision being made as of Police Outpost or Police Station. It is very important that our leaders made such two proposals but is impossible to grant both. Approval of GAD has already been obtained that Police Outpost should be set up at Lengpui and necessary step will be taken for the success.

Regarding Pu Rindika's question of CPWD Manual, it is possible and I didn't read the manual. As of construction of Police Headquarter, the Govt of Mizoram empanelled it on the 3rd December, 2014 which includes 34 firms. With your permission, Pu Speaker, I will read it out the the conditions of 2014 which says, "further the empanel firms besides preparation of Detailed Project Report may be entrusted for execution and monitoring of works without separate bid. If they have requisite expertise subject to following of the codal formalities issued by the government from time to time on turnkey or BDC basis." I do not know if this condition violates PWD Manual but is approved by the government. That is all I could answer.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask Starred Question No. 137.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred Question 137. Will the Hon. Minister in charge of Horticulture Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Is there any plan for construction Bamboo Processing industry?
- b) Is there any precise marketing place for selling our bamboo products?
- c) Did the government sign MoU with any company or individuals for supply of *Brandisii* bamboos or other species?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister in-charge Horticulture Department to give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu C. Lalsawivunga's questions are: -

- a) Yes, there are plans for setting up Bamboo Processing Industry.
- b) No, there are no significant plans for marketing the products of bamboo.
- c) nno MoU is signed with any company or individuals for supply of Brandisii bamboo or other species.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga, owner of the main questions to ask.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, the hon. Chief Minister announced in this august House last year that Dr. Batria will ship Brandisii bamboo every month. So, I ask if Horticulture Department receive any seeds or sprouts of brandisii bamboo. If there is a plan for Bamboo Processing Industry, will it be taken up under a company? May I know the name of the company or individual? And, how many hectares of land is required for such plantation and what kinds of species are proposed?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I have learned from the answer to my Un-starred Question that Horticulture Department did not have any research or give any department for research regarding this issue and we are now trying to plant it. I do not think it is a good idea and very risky to do so. I think it is good to at least have a survey specially as of its marketing prospect.

Not long ago, our hon. Chief Minister stated that we will plant brandisii, latiflorus gigantic which can be used for tissue culture. So, my question is – Did he meant that bamboo variety we had here like *Chiho* is not included for tissue culture? Is this correct? If so, who investigated it and from which source he had learned?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu BD Chakma is next.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there any intention to allocate a separate fund of SEDP to ADC? If so, will it be allocated from Horticulture Department as well?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister, also the concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will start answering from Pu BD Chakma's question.

There is a plan of bamboo plantation for ADC area and the entire Mizoram but allocation of funds for districts have not been initiated. Regarding tissue culture, we concluded that *Brandisi* and *Latiflorus* species may be selected. Pu Speaker, we are very cautious about what to plant and it will also be carefully examined in the

laboratory. The supply of seeds will not be done through the department but by individuals.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: We have seen in the newspapers that bamboo plantation has already been started in Lengpui, Hmunpui etc as funds for the purpose had also been given. And, the hon. Dy. Chief Minister too has said that suppliers had also been selected. So, can this be clarified?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: As mentioned earlier, the department will not be involved in the supply of the seeds but will be taken up by the private suppliers on the advice of experts from the department. As of selection of the supplier, it has not yet been done as tender had not been floated. Regarding the establishment of industries, we have numbers of private industries which may be used for processing.

Regarding our border dispute with Assam, we do have a strategy but it is not wise to reveal openly. I assume the hon. members will have their opinion to what I said.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer provided by the hon. Chief Minister does not clash with his statement on tissue culture during the tour.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Er. Lalzirliana to ask starred Question No.138

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state –

- a) In which villages slaughter house is established?
- b) If there is a plan to do the same in other villages as well?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) Slaughter House is established by AH & Vety Department in the following villages -
 - i) Modern Slaughter House, Bung Bangla (Near Tuirial)
 - ii) Mualpui, Salem Veng, Aizawl
 - iii) Brigade, Bawngkawn
 - iv) Champhai (Near Khankawn)
 - v) Lunglei (Electric Veng)
 - vi) Serchhip (Mualvawm)
- b) No, there is no plan to establish more as of now.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, Supplementary Questions please –
 i) Slaughter House of Lunglei which has been constructed in 2014 remain unfunctional. What is the reason and who is the contractor?
 ii) When will the hatchery plant at Lungpui Zawl, Lunglei will be functional? How many chicks will be hatched in one phase?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma is next.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before I ask my supplementary question, I would like to remind the House that despite approval made in the House on the 28th February, I have not yet received the rules and regulations for selection of retailers.

Pu Speaker, there are many abandoned slaughter houses within my constituency. Is it possible that some are constructed where slaughter house is not needed and some at inconvenient location? How is the government plan to utilize such slaughter houses?

SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia, hon. Member.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Speaker, we have many poultry farms within my constituency and such farms, to a large extent produce unhealthy smell which further increases flies in the surrounding areas. It is possible for the department to upgrade such farms in a more hygienic way so as to control the increase growth of flies? It is very annoying for those living in the areas around.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister will now answer the questions.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon. Members' questions are –

Most of the slaughter houses are built at the outskirts of villages or towns and some were being abandoned for its distance which might have been too far to increase transportation costs. So, it is impossible for the department to let the butchers forcefully use the slaughter houses.

Regarding hatchery plant at Lunglei Lungpuizawl, 90% of the construction has been completed; about 5000 nos. egg is expected in one phase that will be able to provide 90% of the demand of the Southern region.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma, I have already stated the reason which seem to be for the cost of transportation and we are unable to force them to use the slaughter houses.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the department knows whether butcher house of a place is utilized or not? Is it possible to come up with a solution to utilize these abandoned slaughter houses?

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, construction of slaughter house is initiative of the previous ministry. With the increase of population, some slaughter houses which were once at the outskirts become residential area and the waste becomes unhealthy and annoying to the neighbourhoods. Anyway, the department will determine the best for use of such houses.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, who is the contractor of Lunglei Slaughter house? The construction work was started in 2013 and was completed in 2015.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, till today, we are unable to trace its contractor. As mentioned, it was started in 2013. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** As stated by the hon. Minister, it was started in 2013. To whom the department issued fund provision for the work if there was no contractor?

SPEAKER : The matter will be discussed in *discussion on demands*.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as of the question raised by Prof. Lalnunmawia regarding modernization of poultry farming, it will be wise to study the instructions and guidelines provided to SEDP beneficiaries.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask starred question No.139.

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

The initiative taken regarding the Indigenous People's Right, 2007 which was passed on the 15th March, 2019.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Private Resolution regarding the Indigenous People's Right, 2007 which was passed on the 15th March, 2019 was sent to Ministry of Home Affairs on the 23rd May, 2019 for necessary action.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, during our discussion on this resolution, the hon. Chief Minister said that delegates from NGOs and political parties should be sent to Delhi to pursue this matter. So, is there any step being taken as stated by the hon. Chief Minister?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga is next.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –
 i) When will construction of settlement of Thingkah 5th IR Battalion be completed?
 ii) Will the 5th IR Battalion move in as soon as it is completed?
 iii) If ₹50 crore allocated for Brus repatriation being spent up? If not, how will the balance be utilized or should be returned?
 iv) Vehicle Registration No. MZ-01-6996 which is supposed to be of Home Department is used by PWD Project Division-II. If it is lent by PWD or is kept illegally?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. SP Office Siaha is deteriorating and is no longer safe for the staffs to stay inside specially during monsoon. Will the hon. Minister take the step to reconstruct this office?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of Pu Vanlalhlana, there is no plan to send delegates to Delhi to pursue the resolution on the Indigenous People's Rights, 2007. I am not even confident that it has been adopted by the Parliament of India and so is wise for me to acquire more informations about this issue.

Regarding settlement of IR Batallion at Thingkah, it will surely be occupied after it is completed. As of vehicle No. MZ-01-6996, we will look into the matter. Regarding reconstruction of Siaha SP Office, most of our buildings needs reconstruction. We have even discussed the matter with Shri Amit Shah during his visit as so a project amounting to ₹400 crores is initiated. If it is approved, the project for its reconstruction will be initiated. Thank you.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: As it is learned from the newspapers, Pu Speaker, ₹20.4 is spent for repatriation of 60 nos. of families whereas the total amount sanction is ₹50 crores. For what purpose the balance is ulitized or the amount is returned in full?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 129 Nos. families were repatriated and the balance amount of fund is still with us. We have discussed with CS of how to utilize it. Special Development Package is assured to the first batch of the repatriated families but since number of returnees is lesser than expected, the central government issued an order not to proceed with this special package; we are discussing as to how the balance will be utilized.

SPEAKER : From today, our session will be observed by a new Commissioner & Secretary, Pu H. Lalrinawma, an efficient officer.

We will now move on to *Financial Business*. Today, we will take up the Demands of three hon. Ministers such as Pu Lalruatkima, Dr. K. Beichhua and Pu Lalchamliana. First, I call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to lay his Demands such as –

- Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement,
- Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations,
- Demand No. 38 - Rural Development in the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, Sir, I lay the following Demands-

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	39,9404,000.00.00
26	Information & Public Relations	16,28,52,000.00
38	38 Rural Development	4,24,32,12,000.00
TOTAL		4,24,32,12,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, the hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua, to lay on the table of the House his Demands such as –

- Demand No. 7 - Excise & narcotics;
- Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare;
- Demand No. 34 - Animal Husbandry & Veterinary;
- Demand No. 41 - Sericulture Department.

DR. K. BEICHHUA MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the following Demands -

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
7	Excise & Narcotics	46,16,62,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,41,85,22,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	81,21,44,000.00
41	Sericulture	20,54,39,000
TOTAL		2,89,77,67,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliaana may now submit his Demands on the table of the House.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, before I move my Demands, I congratulate our new Commissioner & Secretary, Pu H. Lalrinawma who is very sincere in his work; also, Pu Lalmahruaia Zote and Pi Matlingi who are as well promoted to the post of Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively. I hope that they all will be able to serve till superannuation pension.

Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I lay the following Demands -

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
8	Taxation	21,61,72,000.00
16	Home	8,01,81,79,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	59,23,75,000
TOTAL		8,82,67,26,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now start our discussion. As usual, each member will be allotted 10 minutes and 15 minutes to the Opposition Group Leader.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, I do not find in our Demands any plan for developments yet, the revise estimate will show the amount utilized. It is exhausting that no fund is allocated for development work in many departments. Anyway, I will start from Pu Lalruatkima's Demands. Before that, I express my gratitude towards the hon. Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluaia and Pu K. Lalrinliana the hon. Minister for allowing to resume the work started in the previous ministry.

In Land Revenue & Settlement Department, vertical constructions of building are inevitable with the growing population and many people started buying flats within Aizawl. So, it is wise for the government to make a proper regulation to deal with these matters.

Under I & PR Department, it is sad that enough fund is not allocated whereas in the previous ministry, there was fund being allotted for construction of the office building which is now in progress. I wonder if this government considers initiatives of the previous government to be enough for this department? Also, I request the hon. minister to consider pension allowance for journalists.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, there are Implementing Agencies being appointed for MNREGS the appointment for which intensive pressure is given to favour party workers. I opine is wise for the government to follow the rules

and regulations in the process. So, I urge the hon. minister to assure that rules are strictly followed in the implementation of MNREGS.

Pu Speaker, it is kind of difficult to implement law and order particularly for departments like Excise & Narcotics since enough fund is not made available to enforce such law & order effectively where as shortage of manpower is intensive. It is a deep concern that Ministers of such departments have to rely only on central schemes for development works. This indicates government does not have proper vision for development of our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Coming up is, hon. member Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement.

We have discussed about maintaining proper land records and I thank the hon. Minister for the steps he has taken so far. I also express my gratitude towards Information & Public Relation Department for their hardwork and dedications.

Under Rural Development Department, I am glad that progress is made through Urban Development in the areas Kawlkulh, Puilo, Vankal and Chawrtui and Puilo to Tuichawng road of 6 kms through by Rural Development. Under DRDA Champhai, there is a road which will be named after the late RD Minister, Pu Aichhinga as 'Aichhinga Road'. Under my constituency two new villages such as North Khawdungsei and Khawkawn will be included under BADP which is very gratifying for us.

It is pleasing to learn that there is a plan of setting up check post at Rangvamual, District Excise Office at Lawngtlai and the same at Zokhawthar. At the same time, I suggest setting up check post in my constituency as well so as to stop import of liquor and drugs through this route.

It is appreciative that old age pension amount is increased and so is Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme. Also, Eklavya Model Residential School at Ngopa will soon be inaugurated and that step is taken for setting up the same in various RD Blocks. Approval has also been obtained from the central ministry for construction of staff quarters for teachers amounting to ₹1400 lakhs, ₹500 lakhs for construction of Tribal Girls Hostel, ₹800 for Chhingchhip and ₹350 lakhs for Sakawrdai. I express my gratitude for all the achievements under social rehabilitation.

Under Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, it is indeed a great progress that beneficiaries are able to start project under SEDP; also, there is a plan to inaugurate Veterinary Hospital at Kolasib, Mamit, Serchhip, Champhai, Lunglei and Lawngtlai. At the same time, it will be much beneficial if veterinary check gate is established at Lengteng since it is located at the border of Manipur and Myanmar.

It is gratifying that we are expecting a harvest of 140 metric tons of silk and that two-wheeler vehicle is allotted to Ngopa Police Station. While this is the case, the need of Police Out Post at Kawlkulh is intensive. Also, it is wise for the department to provide sufficient amount of POL to the police for efficiency in their duty.

Lastly, on Demand No. 30, it is pleasing to know that ₹500 lakh is allocated for freedom fighters, ₹5,200 lakhs for State Disaster Response and ₹1,040 lakhs for maintenance of immigrants. So, having said, I am very eager to pass all these demands. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. At the outset, I congratulate our new Commissioner & Secretary Pu H. Lalrinmawa who is very sincere and God fearing. I wish him all the best for his future.

First, to stress on our border dispute, and in the SEDP book, it is written in SEDP guidelines that MNF Party accepts the Mizoram State boundary based on the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, but this is not a boundary document. So, we often raised a question regarding our boundary and the answer given is that “*The government will establish a core committee to collect documents and will be submitted to the government.*” On the 8th of July, 2019, the Cabinet meeting concluded that Mizoram boundary is based on 1875 Cachar Inner Line boundary. Last year, in November session, the Govt. of Mizoram officially concluded that the boundary of Mizoram is BFER 1873 Inner Line Notification 20 August, (1875.2) and Mizoram-Tripura-Manipur-Myanmar and Bangladesh BERF 1873 Inner Line Notification 9th March, 1933. During 1875, Mizoram had not been connected or visited by the Englishmen and BEFR is only used after 2nd September, 1930. So, on 28th September, 1830, a notification was issued based on BEFR regarding the boundary of Cachar and Lushai Hills District. It was revised and a new notification came out on 1833. Anyway, we cannot accept both the notification of 1875 and 1933. Thus, it is clear that this ministry is not even clearly understand our actual boundary.

Under Home Department, there are more than 3000 posts lying vacant and I suggest the government should fill up such posts for more efficiency. While this is the case, the traffic polices are working hard so that we somehow manage to move freely in the narrow roads of our city. At the same time, I request the hon. Minister to clarify the reason for not allocating budget fund for POL this year. Also, I urge the government to pursue the suggestion of Shri Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister regarding recruitment of Mizo youths in CRPF.

I express my gratitude to the hon. Minister for the initiatives he had taken for my constituency under Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. Under Sericulture, it is wise for the government to give more attentions to Muga plantation under SEDP so as to increase the production of silk.

Under Social Welfare Department, we have often provided financial assistance for construction of Anganwadi from our MLA funds. I hope this time that the government will allocate sufficient funds so that it is constructed in different areas. And, I suggest honorariums for Anganwadi workers and the amount of old age pension should be increased.

Besides, Selesih Vety Farm is in need of renovation as the the approached road needs repairing.

On I & PR Department, I thank the concerned Minister for his efficiency and his service towards others and without any political influence being involved. Regarding Printing & Stationery, it is wise for the government to make the best use of our printing press so that it contributes more revenues for the government.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement, I request the hon. Minister to clarify validity of VC pass? Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I believe we will maintain a calm peaceful discussion under the guidance of our new Commissioner & Secretary, Pu H. Lalrinawma.

Pu Speaker, to start with Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, I have inspected border Out Post of BSF within Chakma District Council being setup on the land so acquired as per the pass given by the land owners. I request the hon. Minister to endorse the case to the concerned DC. Under I & PR I request that periodical information bulletin be provided to all the legislators; and, we will be delighted if sufficient number calendar is provided to the members.

On Demand No. 38, I thank the hon. RD Minister for providing us with tarpaulin but we prefer silpauline since it last longer. Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if it is possible to repair Chawngte BDO office and RD Block office is set up at Lungpuighat. I also request that PMAY is provided according to the priority list.

On Social Welfare Department, it is a deep concern that budget allocation to this department is falling down immensely despite the need for setting up Anganwadi centre in many villages; Pu Speaker, I will submit the list of such villages later on. Also, I suggest increasing the amount of old age pension.

On Demand No. 34, it is sad that funds allocated for this department decreases from ₹9,969.77 lakhs to ₹6,900.82 lakhs and so may be very difficult for the department to achieve much progresses. Till today, our State is free from PRRS which is due to the effort of the hon. minister concerned and of the staff; yet, we still need to take much precautionary measures. Pu Speaker, I request that Animal Rural Health Centre be established also at Lungpuighat and Borapansury.

Under Home department, the police staff quarters, the office building at Chawngte and the female lock-up needs repairing and, we will be grateful if two more villages are put under the jurisdiction of Chawngte Police Station. Also, this police station is lack of enough manpower. So, I request the points I have mentioned are noted. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga, the hon. Member.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, I, at the outset congratulate the new Commissioner & Secretary, Pu H. Lalrinawma.

To start with Demand No. 38, we have only one village under BADP i.e. Vairawkai. I, therefore request the hon. Minister to determine for inclusion of more villages. I believe the problems with jobs cards have also been resolved to a great extent. At the same time, I ask if it is possible to revise SECC, 2011. Also, I request the hon. Minister to explain the pervading rumour that 87 employees under DRDA as being confirmed. Also, Pu Speaker, may a separate RD Block be setup for Tawipui and the surrounding villages to achieve more development in our area?

We are grateful that Bolero vehicle is allotted to our Police Station of Hrangchalkawn and we further hope that the Outpost building is renovated. I also thank the Traffic Police for their smart and well polished conduct and it is gratifying to know that our ministry is planning to have trained dogs to assist the police forces in their investigating works. It important that we assist our police forces in their duty so as to maintain a better environment for our children to grow up.

Moving on to Demand No. 34, it is important for the government to provide more RAH and post more staffs in different rural areas as they will contribute a great deal in maintaining the health of our domestic animals.

Under Social Welfare Department, 20 nos. of Anganwadi have been constructed and it is the on-going project to construct 20 nos. community hall which had also been approved. We are grateful to Excise department for making our environment peaceful by maintaining law & order on which we cannot miss out the service rendered by NGOs, YMA and VDPs by cooperating the excise forces.

It is also worth-mentioning the advantage we have on muga silk production. Thus, I am very enthusiastic regarding the steps taken by the concerned hon. Minister and Sericulture Department. At the same time, I suggest we, the members encourage the farmers to be tenacious and move forward to achieve success. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 8, Taxation Department. it is a deep concern that budget allocation of the most expected

revenue earning department is decreased by 12.45 %. So, I think we need to revise the allocation. It is wise to fulfill the wish of creating an appellate authority as it will be of a good agency for the government for revenue generation. And, the appellate authority, on the other hand will also deal with all the problems of the tax payers and will take all the necessary steps. I also once again request for posting of a Deputy Commissioner at Siaha. If we equip this department as requirement, we will have more chance of generating more revenue for our state.

Under Vety Department, I think it is important to have a better collaboration with Societies State Level Federation in order to be more sufficient in the supply of meat. And, regarding the manufacturing of animal feeds, I suggest we outsource it and hand over to private corporation.

Like Taxation Department, Land Revenue & Settlement is one of the most important department for generating revenue for our State but the budget allocation to this department also decreased to 2.21%. I am glad that LSCs will be cancelled for those who do not want to surrender their LSC within the Assam Rifles settlement. It will be grateful if answer is provided regarding their new settlement as there is a rumor that injustice issue as being involved in the process. I also suggest that the government enforce proper penalty regarding illegal construction of houses within the government properties as in Govt. Complex and other areas like Zemabawk H/S areas etc. At the same time, the department need more technical staffs and surveyors for more efficiency in their works. Also, will the government take the step for determining land ceiling? And, it is high time that we introduce a simplified process of tax payment. It is also wise to introduce family card on payment taxes so as to determine number of LSCs owned by one family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga is next.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I congratulate Pu Rina and Pu Hruaia for their promotion.

I will start with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. It is gratifying to know that the government will allot land to the less privileged and that the government is introducing better ways to provide LSC to land owners.

Under Demand No. 38, it is graetul that roofing material is provided to the needy. And, Pu Speaker, I request the hon. Minister to provide more silpaulines the material which is widely used by the less privileged families as for roofing, for drying husks and for preventing their land-holdings from landslide etc.

It is reassuring to know that the government creates more than 550 posts under Home department, Demand No.7 in order to maintain law and order more effectively and to bring about peaceful environment in our state. I suggest they should also be supplied with more arms.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is important to consider the renovation of Anganwadi buildings and we are also grateful that proposal for construction of Girls' hostel is approved by the Central Tribal welfare.

Under Veterinary Department, I suggest we subsidize the price of cattle feeds in order to encourage cattle farming for it may help in the production of organic milk; we may even be able to export it as the market is very good outside. It will be of a progressive step if we encourage goat farming like poultry and pig farming for Mizoram is a potential region for farming variety of animals.

I am grateful to the service rendered by our Homeguards and it is gratifying that there is a demand for filling up half of the vacant posts, i.e. 184 posts which we expected to be a success. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

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

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu H. Biakzaua, hon. Member.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you. Pu Dy. Speaker. I will start with Demand No.38, Rural Development. in order to make progress, it is important to develop rural areas as more than half of the population are of rural areas. The concerned Minister is praiseworthy for the progress he has achieved with MGNREGA which is implemented in rural areas through village councils. Pu Dy. Speaker, many employees under DRDA and RD Blocks does not have a proper dwelling and so is necessary to construct staff quarters. I also request that roofing material may be distributed as the need is intensive particularly in rural areas. It is also important to allocate funds for Social Education for areas which are not covered by BADP.

On Demand No. 7, Excise Department, I express my gratitude for the establishment of Excise office in Lawngtlai. I believe prohibition of liquor prevents the growing rate of HIV/AIDS and also decreases rate of crimes. In order to achieve more progresses, it is important that enough manpower is provided to the concerned departments.

Social Welfare Department concerns with the well-being of infants and old-aged. Apart form this, the department is taking care of drug abuses in the process of which various de-addiction centres are being set up. So, it is important that we give attention to their needs and the steps taken by the concerned Minister to this concern is well-appreciated. Also, it pleasing to learn that there is a proposal for setting up Eklavya Model Residential School in different RD Blocks.

At the same time, it is important that we give more attention to AH & Vety Department due to the spread of PRRS which killed 19 nos. of pigs a few days back.

Coming now to the demands of Home Department, I request upgrading Bualpui 'NG' Police Outpost for it is located in the border. Pu Dy. Speaker, the people of Lawngtlai had suffered a lot due to landslides as even some families living near the National Highway-54 had left their homes due to landslides. So, it is pleasing to learn that mitigation fund will be increased this year. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 6 for I believe this department will be very important for land base project under SEDP.

The department is actively taking land reforms system with the help of cadastral survey. Stretches of land lay wasted and un-used land will thus be developed. This performance is indeed, a sign of development. Any lands which are recorded as *un-attended* should be allotted to the homeless as per the Mizoram Land Revenue Amendment Act. This is notable and will be of real achievement when it is materialized.

I also thank the government and the department concerned for measures laid down for reservation of government land which will be of much beneficial when the Assam Rifles vacates their present settlement.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding I & PR Department, Demand No. 26, I am favoured to be one of the members of Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society and so opine the facilities provided to our journalists should be enhanced from time to time considering the important role of the journalists. It is appreciative that advertisement rate is increased recently and pension scheme is said to be in process. It may not be right to compare ourselves with the central journalists but attention should be given to our journalists and media persons.

Coming now to Demand No. 39, Rural development, performance of the department through NREGS is worth-mentioning as it is greatly benefitted particularly in rural areas. I hope the scheme is continues.

Water supply scheme is proposed for Melriat Village under SPMRM. This convergence scheme is set for joint-finance of PHE and RD Department. I request the Minister to kindly pursue it as the fund is not yet received from RD Department and the people are eagerly waiting for its implementation.

Regarding Demand No. 7 and 29 which are Excise & Narcotics Department and Social Welfare Department, they both are of important departments for successful implementation of social development policy. While this is the case, fund

allocations for Social Welfare Department decreases this year. However, we hope to get more from various centrally sponsored schemes.

On Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department, I thank the hon. Chief Minister and the Minister concerned for increase in the budget in an attempt to be self-sufficient in meat and poultry production. At this juncture, my constituency has problems in buying poultry feeds and the government thus should provide on subsidized rate. With the initiative of the Minister, it is pleasing to hear that a good breed pigs will be imported from the UK; I hope this plan is materialized.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is also improvement in Sericulture which I hope will continue to get us farther.

Under Demand No. 8, Taxation, it is an achievement for our state to have increased earning through taxes. I think the people are willing to give taxes if the government offer a good job to create their income.

There is increase in the budget for DM&R Department. I request the Minister to vote for action before rainy season starts. There is a large sinking area at Hualngohmun as well.

At this juncture, I also want to point out that Police staff Quarter at Sialsuk needs reconstruction and thus may be attended as soon as possible. Thus, I support passing of the Demands we are discussing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will now call upon Pu H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, we have discussed a variety of subjects in the general discussion and today we go by demand-wise. What is most important, as I have often said is management, and not only financing.

To start with Pu Lalruatkima's demand, Land Revenue & Settlement, Mizoram is said to be around 21,000 sq. kms. As per latest data collected, the area covered by LSC and periodic patta is more than two-folds of the entire Mizoram. If this is a fact, we can imagine how complicate it is for the department to work on it.

Online and digital registration has now been introduced; hence, shortage of staff is immensely felt and I want the Minister to note this. My constituency does not have a revenue officer despite revenue the earning department. Thus, it should be strengthened.

I&PR is an important department which needs to be equipped with more staff, machineries and infrastructure.

Rural Development is also important as there are many rural villages in Mizoram; even my constituency comprises 30 villages but there is no RD Block. Some

villages are under Tlangnuam RD Block, some under Reiek RD Block as some under West Phaileng and Zawlnuam RD Block. I therefore request the hon. RD Minister to consider creation of at least one RD Block within my constituency.

Under AH & Veterinary Department, some of slaughter houses constructed remain unused in many places whereas there is none in Mamit district. Priority should therefore be given to our district; they will make use of it surely.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, under New Education policy, Aganwadi centres or pre-schools are run for children below 6 years of age. Improvement in efforts is continued and qualified teachers and better facilities thus should be provided. I request that PMRS is placed in any place within my constituency.

Taxation Department, as we know is a revenue earning department. I think our tax earnings will rise further if border trade is fully and systematically functional.

As assurance given, 4th IR Bn. Based at Mamit would not be shifted to Rengdil; hence, the headquarters should be well-equipped. Land nearby can also be acquired for extension of the battalion area/headquarters. I request the Members and Minister in-charge to visit us on the spot.

Under DM&R Department, Mizoram as we know is a monsoon region and natural calamities occur in various places every year. I therefore urge the government to include my constituency under mitigation programme.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your time is up. Now, I call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today we have three demands for discussion.

First, the Home Department. Indo-Bangladesh border fencing has often been discussed but no action being taken till today.

The other day, Pu Lalduhoma raised a question regarding dumping of soil by the NE Frontier Railway. I appreciate the reply given by the hon. Minister Pu T.J. Lalnunluanga. Contrary to this, the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing of 318 Kms has not been attended properly; I regret that no monitoring is there from the government; despite 80% of the work being completed.

Pu Deputy Speaker, kindly allow me to read out the Assembly report and comment made there-on that "Due to the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing, many agricultural lands were destroyed. Water logging problems, communication problems and even livelihood problems have arisen. I recommend that the Govt. of Mizoram should be associated in the implementation of the project. Enhancement should be realized for the implementation of the social impact assessment. Compensation and settlement package should be available to the people whose livelihoods are greatly

affected by the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing project. The people do not object to fencing, but the government should look into the heavy social impact of the fencing project.”

Large amounts of funds are used for border fencing, yet there is no corporate social responsibility for these areas. I request the Minister concerned to give his thoughts for necessary action.

Tlabung Police Station is the oldest in Mizoram whereas lock-up has now becoming a heritage and thus should be preserved carefully. So, it is now time to repair and renovate as necessary. Also, we need vehicle for SDPO and OC for better maintenance of law and order.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, some areas in my constituency are destroyed by floods every year and so relief fund is provided to some areas. I request the hon. Minister to note that the same has not yet been given some areas.

On Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, there is an acute shortage of staff in Lunglei as there are only 2 surveyors to cover the entire area of Lunglei. So, additional surveyor is needed here.

Under Demand No. 38, RD Department, no progress is seen in Tlabung. We are under Lungsen RD Block which covers vast area and a separate RD Block is necessary for Tlabung as the hon. Minister too had mentioned the need in his public meeting. When will this be implemented? (**Deputy Speaker:** You have one minute left)

The zoo has been shifted to Vengthar, hence Aganwadi centre may be set up in the place. And, we also need some wheel chairs for the aged. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now call upon Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSAंगा: Pu Deputy Speaker, today, we have 3 demands for discussion. Before I getting to the point, I have to bid farewell to the outgoing Principal Secretary, Assembly, Pu SR Zokhuma and at the sametime, congratulate Pu H. Lalrinawma and Pu Hruaia for their new promotion.

Under Demand No. 38, RD Department, it is an important department on which rural communities depends upon. Champhai is awarded with *Best Hill State Work Completion* in India Award which is a great inspiration for the people to move forwards. I thank the Minister for his commitment.

In my constituency, we have three villages under Rurban namely, Tualpui, Ngaizawl and Leidawn. Though closely situated, there is no link road in between. We will be very thankful if it is constructed under the scheme.

I truly desire that a community hall be constructed at Aiduzawl and Murlen village. And, I thank the government for including Selam under BADP.

Regarding Information & Public Relations, I am pleased to note that progressive facilities are provided to our journalists such as Press Tour in and outside Mizoram and their pension scheme being implemented.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Information & Public Relations Department do not have the office building at Champhai which may be set up soon. As of Land Revenue & Settlement, it has its own office building at Champhai but we need fencing for safety of the office properties. I will be thankful if fund is allotted for the purpose.

Under Pu Chama's Demands, Police station is located at Zokhawthar and Duntlang thanks to the concern of the hon. Minister himself. Whereas Hnahlan which also is located at the international border may also be equipped with a police station. Allegedly initiative has been made to this concern but I would like to know how far progress has been made.

We have only one SI at Champhai Police Station despite several posts which remain unfulfilled. Also, I suggest transfer of IR Battalion from Khawzawl to Champhai. Also, there are several landslide prone areas within Champhai District and safety measure may thus be taken by the department. Under Taxation Department, we do not have staff quarters at Champhai and I request the hon. Minister to kindly note this need.

There are only 24 nos. staff at Champhai Excise Department as shortage of staff is felt. Since we are at the border and have to deal with drugs related smuggling, more manpower is required to maintain efficiency.

It is remarkable that the Social Welfare Department received *Bhushan Abhyan Award* for the year 2018-2019 with incentive award in two categories and *Over-all Excellent Award* in the implementations which carries ₹250 lakhs. Apart from this, *Convergence Award* is also received by Aganwadi Centre of Champhai Vengthlang. I request the Minister to visit the centre.

Some claims revenue tax as excessive high and thus affected poorer sections of the people who are not in the government services. In this regard, I opine it is inevitably necessary to have high revenue expenditure.

During the Congress Ministry, our GSDP was 31.40% and is falling down to 30.01% after the implementation of NLUP. In the present ministry, our GSDP is expected to increase by 50%. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will call upon Pu Lalrindika Ralte and he will be followed by Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Under Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, the department is now pursuing massive cadastral survey which requires sufficient staff. Thus, it is wise for the government to solve the problem of shortage of staff.

On Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department, I request the government to cover more of rural areas under animal husbandry.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, the funds allotted is quite enormous. But when disaster strikes, large funds alone serve no significant purpose. Thus, preparation is important in which everyone is included. Mock drill is conducted every now and then and I think mitigation fund should be used for raising awareness in the public more actively. **(Deputy Speaker:** I would like to thank the Minister concerned for the arrangement concerning job card holders which greatly alleviates the burden of the under-privileged families.)

I also thank the hon. Chief Minister for financial availability to meet matching shares which further resulted in the availability of funds for NREGS. At the same time, implementation of PMRY scheme may also be expedited.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am pleased to note that confirmation of 87 staffs under DRDA is being processed. Hopefully, official order will soon be out.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I also request the hon. Finance Minister to please note that the fund allocations for social education is a must under RD Department.

On Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, it is undeniably evident that the death rate has decreased since enforced MLTP Act in the present ministry. While this is the case, we need to strengthen excise forces by recruiting more staff. It is also highly necessary to have Excise Check-gate at Saipum village of Cachar-Mizoram border.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is pleasing to note measure taken to improve various homes and de-addiction centres with aims to set up footholds for the inmates for their future living. I am also pleased to note that the government is taking care of persons with disabilities through Persons with Disabilities Commiserate under Social Welfare Department.

Under Demand No. 16, Home Department, I truly appreciate the dedication of the police staff at Vairengte Check Gate for seizing inflow of addictive and illegal drugs in large scale.

In the previous MNF Ministry, Fire Sub-Station and Sub-Jail were stationed at Vairengte but working staff are on contract basis. To deploy such staff as MR, file is being processed which may be expedited considering the importance of their work. And, Sub-Jail building is not taken care of and is now used as a cow-shed. If the

Sub-Jail is not needed, it may be used for IR Company Headquarters as Mualvum Headquarters is a little too far for immediate action when the need arises.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is highly necessary to strengthen our forces stationed at the border with better equipments and well-conditioned vehicles; we all know what happened last year. It is appreciative that IR forces, at the behest of our Chief Minister are now stationed at the site vacated by BRTF. (**Deputy Speaker:** Your time is up.)

One more thing; people and villages at the border are in need of developments in many aspects. I earnestly request the government to extent developmental works upto the border areas so as to help us safeguarding our borders.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, I will call upon hon. Member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia to be followed by Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Pu Speaker, I shall try to make it brief. Firstly, Demand No 38, RD Department. Many families particularly in rural areas greatly benefitted the *100 Days Employment Generation Scheme* and many had made assets through it. The government on its part did what it can for successful implementation of the scheme. On the other hand, it is apprehensive that such employment starts to pollute the work culture and mentality of the Mizos as a whole. It is very important that we the people set our minds fairly on our work culture which we have valued before such employment was introduced.

Pu Dy. Speaker, MLAs are provided with silpaulines before monsoon sets in thereby providing useful kits for our respective constituencies. Let us also hope for allocation of funds in the new budget for social education under RD Department.

On Demand No. 6, land reform is carried out actively and we hope to have better land reforms in the immediate future.

On Demand No 7, Excise & Narcotics; notable achievement is seen even at the national level. Yet, knowing acute shortage of staff in the department, the government is taking new steps for recruitment of staff. Hopefully, this will soon be materialized.

Under Demand No 34, AH & Vety Department, efforts are made to achieve self-sufficiency in food and meat. It is a notable achievement to have 18,690 lakhs under SEDP which is expected to help us achieving our target.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, it is an important department working for upliftment of the people in all spheres. It is papreciaitve that de-addiction centre at Sethawn is being revived. (**Deputy Speaker:** You have one minute left.)

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No 16, Taxation Department, achievement of the department is noteworthy. Mizoram stood first in India in collection of GST. It is

truly an achievement and the people also need to have a sense of ownership in this regard.

Under Demand No. 30, DM&R Department, it is a relief that collapse-proof retaining wall is under construction at landslide area of Hunthar Veng. Also, we are thankful that large amount of funds is set aside for mitigation funds. Though disaster occurs every now and then, we are in the hand of God but is a relief to have funds to use when such disasters occur. Then, I support the 3 demands to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will now call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga to be followed by Pu Andrew H Thangliana.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start with Rural Development, I thank the hon. Minister for corrugated roofing sheets provided to the newly elected MLAs.

I would also like to urge the government to give more priority to Rural Development and utilize the funds as planned.

Under I&PR, fund is allocated to several areas such as Dinthar and Ailawng for the development of film industry. What is the current progress of this project?

The Department of Land Revenue & Settlement is gravely understaffed considering the workloads; and, we do not have a land record despite several internal boundary issues. So the need of this department should be attended. I believe we could benefit more from Revenue Tribunal at this stage.

Moving on to AH & Veterinary Department, even after 33 years of our statehood, we still are unable to produce sustainable meat and eggs. Does this indicate negligence of our leaders on achieving this goal?

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have potential for revenue generation under Sericulture Department through silk products and priority should be given to this area.

Under Social Welfare Department, I opine we should give preference to disabled persons and increase the amount remunerated to Aganwadi workers even if it is not funded by the central government.

On Demand No 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, in view of many problems cropping up in the society, I opine the department should be strengthened with more staff and well-equipped check gates.

On Demand No 16, Home Department, a well-defined boundary map should be issued with proper record attached therein. The central government repeatedly pressurized our government to settle the case of illegal immigrants dwelling in our state. What action has been taken so far in this regard? If no action is taken despite

pressure from the central government, we need to examine ourselves and our government.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will now call upon Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, the hon. Member.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, progressive action taken by the government under Home Department, Taxation and DM&R are remarkable. I would however like to remind the government that a police station at Bukpui or Serkhan to Bagha highway is truly necessary and I think we have to be more active in enforcement.

On Demand No. 38, Rural Development, I thank the Minister concerned Pu Lalruatkima for various achievements being made under RD.

Under Land Revenue & Settlement, there is a proposal to submit DPR which concern development of economic corridor and international connectivity routes on Vairengte - Sairang highway. In this connection, village heads, MLAs and DFOs should be roped-in to ensure that lands along the highway are properly marked and surveyed to prevent excessive claim of compensation.

On Demand No. 29, what step has been taken so far for free supply of water to Aganwadi centres and the decision made by State Level Convergence Committee?

Under Excise & Narcotics Department, I would like to know how huge amount of liquor seized by the department is disposed of. Is it possible to send it back to other states where prohibition is not enforced?

What comes to mind regarding budget allocation is that we have high revenue expenditure whereas capital expenditure is not much. I think our government should determine means to have higher capital expenditure.

Under Animal Husbandry, I opine we should determine how to make alternative income for farmers from their poultry and cattle rearing. Organic cultivation also can be introduced and funds may be spent for purchasing organic manure instead of chemical fertilizers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, I call upon hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia and he will be followed by Pu Ramthanmawia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the hon. Minister for his performance on land reforms. The period of land lease to Armed Forces and Para Military Forces in various parts of Mizoram is too long. I think some arrangements should be made so that usable lands are returned when required. Revenue Department also needs proper file system for maintenance of land record.

Under Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, it is a deep concern that many youths are dying due to drug abuse. I opine strict action should be taken against drug peddlers and abusers for their own good.

Under Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, we have Article 275 (I) which covers almost every aspect of life. More active measures should be taken in terms of rehabilitation, counselling, distribution of hearing aids and wheelchairs and by providing career guidance.

I request the Minister to note that there is a proposal for setting up veterinary centre at Serkawn, Lunglei within the current financial year but no action has yet been taken. Also, Serkawn Indoor Stadium is used for office purposes on which immediate implementation is required. (**Deputy Speaker:** Shall we take a break at 5PM? What is the opinion of the members? Alright, we will now take a break)

Yes, Pu Deputy Speaker, the breed of pigs in Mizoram is more delicious than the others. To increase our production, a more scientific system on piggery is highly commendable. I also inform the hon. Minister that land is available at Zotlang if the department is willing to perform its part.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department, of all the silk varieties, *Muga* and *Eri* are potentially feasible in Mizoram, maybe our climatic conditions suit these varieties. More fund is needed under SEDP so as to boost up our economy. Pu Thanzara of Lunglei North made a record in Mizoram on Muga farming.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department, Covid-19 is spreading fast all over the world and is allegedly starting from China. Many of our youths who are working and seeking employment in Eastern countries are now coming. In view of the situation, good checking point is immediately required at Lengpui Airport. For persons entering from Burma, another screening of X-Ray machine should be installed at Zokhawthar as well. It is a serious issue. I also want to remind the Minister of the land which may be given for setting up the Police Outpost at Haulawng.

On Demand No. 8, Taxation Department, most of our state shares are met from taxes. Yet, better e-payment systems and good e-portal should be provided to enhance efficiency in the collection system.

Lastly, there is SIRD Extension Centre at Pukpuikawn the establishment of which is truly appreciated. At the sametime, I urge the government to expedite its regularization. While this is the case, Mizoram has the least RD Blocks in North Eastern states with only 26 blocks. It will be thankful if one is allotted to Pangzawl of my constituency.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now, I call upon the hon. member Pu Ramthanmawia and he will be followed by Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, RD Department is closely associated with rural progress. While there is massive progress in urban areas, there is not so much in rural areas because the requirements are not the same.

Within East Tuipui Constituency, there is only one RD Block which is shared by 26 villages. There will be more progresses if one is stationed at Farkawn and Khuangleng. I request the hon. Minister to take immediate step in this direction.

For rural areas, NREGS is truly important but we have to be careful in its implementation as it involves financial matters.

We are also thankful that 116 families received building assistance under Chief Minister's Rural Housing Scheme and for Mini Sport Complex at Khawbung from NLCPR Fund. There are still many places for new ventures within my constituency.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, the more I dig into the workings of the department, the more I appreciate their works and commitment. It is through them that ₹107 Crore was received from the central government from the head of Article 275 (I)

Fund is sanctioned for some villages in my constituency such as Sesih, Khawbung and Bungzung for construction of medical staff quarters and for other developmental works. We are truly thankful to the department. Pu Dy. Speaker, we need shifting of Aganwadi centre of Farkawn and Sesih to a more convenient site for which funds is required and also for the repair of Khuangleng and Leithum Anganwadi centre; we also need to build Khuangleng Anganwadi centre. The hon. Minister may note down all the requirements so that action is taken.

On Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department; my constituency has a good potential for silk farming as many families are engaged with cocoon rearing under Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project. It is desirable that more families are covered in the new financial year under this project.

Lastly, I express my support in passing of the three demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will now call upon Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 16, Home Department, it is learned that 3000 posts are lying vacant in the Police Department which I believe as a serious case to have such a number of vacant post due to alcohol related deaths. In the future, I suggest persons who are free from liquor and drugs should be recruited in the force.

As we are at the international boundary, we are often confronted with boundary issues. As is the case of many states, I think IR Battalion should be stationed along the boundary.

One thing I do not understand is the set-up of this department in which executive head is DGP whose entry post being IPS direct whereas an administrative head is Secretary who is of MPS. This may kindly be clarified.

On Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, I have some questions regarding land allotted to MZU and Assam Rifles which I opine as too large. Do we have upper land ceiling limits? Now, we are setting up MZU Southern Campus and so the hon. Minister will be pleased to clarify the exact size of the area allotted for such establishments.

On Demand No. 8, Taxation, the department is now becoming our main source of income for Mizoram and I opine it should be favoured by providing the requirements such as of vehicles for zonal staff.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, fund provision to NGOs has now been stopped and so may be revived as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary, I opine it is inevitable to import meat from outside but we need to enforcing a systematic procedure.

Under Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department, it is regretted that the department is being neglected even though many families earn their livelihoods through it. If the department is equipped with more staff and facilities, I opine it can become an economy booster for Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I now call upon our Hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana and he will be followed by Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

DR. VANLALHLANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. To start with the Demands of Pu Lalchamlana, he is popularly known figure to us for his diplomatic skills. He has 3 large demands under his portfolio which occupy 8.76% of our entire budget amount.

Budget allocation to Taxation Department increased by 12.45% this year whereas it was 55.84% last year. The expected target this year from GST is 4000 lakhs. The decline of India economy does not have much affect to our state's economy probably due to our consumption of goods and relatively for not producing any.

On Demand No. 16, Home Department, the budget allocation of last year increased by 33% whereas it is only 0.47% in the current financial year. It seems there will be a huge demand in the supplementary demand. Regarding police recruitment, it is desirable that we recruit persons with enthusiastic mindsets,

physically fit and free from drugs and alcohol. If favoritism rules, it is not possible to have good police personnel.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I suggest better quality for Police clothings and at the same time, I am concern about transfer availed by a police officer and non-officer in which chance for the latter is minimal the practice which I opine should be levelled. I also opine that Rifle allowance of only ₹40 is meagre considering the necessity of carrying their weapons day and night. Also, I inform the hon. Minister that police staff quarters in many places needs repairing and reconstruction.

It is a fact that crime detection largely depends on forensics. While this is the case, fund allocation to this respect comes down immensely probably *Nirbhaya Fund Scheme* sliced off the normal allocation. Pu Dy. Speaker, cyber-crime is on the rise with advancement in technology. This needs to be addressed. Training should be conducted for economic offences also. Our police personnel are praiseworthy, particularly the Traffic wing who are always polite and smart in their conduct. As a whole, various wings of the Forensics Department need more attentions for further development in this era of technology.

Under the Demand No 30, DM&R, it is pleasing to note the budget allocation increased by 15.82% as a result of 47 crores received from the 15th Finance Commission. We have 2 landslide prone areas within my constituency such as of Ramhlun Sports Complex and Ramthar Sihpui the check dam of which no longer in a good condition; repairing is done from my MLA funds but is less sufficient. I therefore ask the hon. Minister to consider this problem.

Coming now to the Demands of Pu Lalruatkima, fund allocation is 4.2% from the total budget. We are thankful for tarpauline, corrugated iron sheets and the like. They are used for a good purpose.

I&PR is a department that highlights achievements and programmes of the government. My question last year was left un-answered. I hope the same question I raised this year will be answered.

Regarding the Rural Development Department, fund allocation decreased by 7.43% this year and the hon. Minister may have to work harder. I am thankful for the proposal for regularisation of staffs under DRDA. As of MGNREGA, it is the same as before and nothing much to say. The actual implementation during 2018-2019 was 4,000 lakhs whereas it is 20,000 lakhs as of now and we are pleased for that. IWMP needs to be taken up more actively as water crisis is severe in rural areas.

Regarding Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement, it may not be pleasant to hear for the Minister concerned as there used to be many irregularities in the department. For example, land notification which is supposed to be settled in 2017 is done only by now whereas application submitted a week earlier is settled promptly. Such being the case, we need to have a good governance and a tribunal.

Moving to the Demands of Social Welfare, Demand No. 29, fund allocation last year was increased by 15.07% whereas it is down to almost 6% this year. Aganwadi centres under ICDS are truly helpful in the physical and mental development of children. Water connection is quite important and I think the hon. Minister would do well in approaching the PHE Department in this regard as the needs of children should always be of the highest priority.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we had spoken about de-addiction centres and camps for drug users. What I considered equally important is prevention of the younger generation from drug abuse which should be done from churches, schools as well as Social Welfare Department. I suggest that schemes should be made for this purpose.

Regarding Sericulture, it is learned that we are having three muga silk farms at present. I suggest this should be increased as it could become a good revenue source for the state.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on the Demands of Excise & Narcotics Department, it seems total prohibition to be the best solution we have at the moment. Meanwhile, I opine strict regulation is necessary within the department as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall now call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng after which Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo will follow.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 38 and No. 6 of the hon. Minister Pu Ruatkima, I thank him for providing us with roof sheets and silpauline to help the poor in urban as well as rural areas. The easier system introduced for issue of LSC as well as house pass is proven significant to the people concern.

MGNREGS also serves as an important assistance for the people. I hope its implementation could be more improved so that it is more beneficial for the people.

Regarding I&PR Department, being an information provider to the public, it is an important department in shaping the mindset of the people. So, careful consideration is necessary on what news has to be given to the people. I opine more improvements could be obtained by learning from more advanced countries.

Pu Dy. Speaker, on Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, I would like to express my gratitude for the implementation of total prohibition. This is an important move for the future of the state as well as the society. It appears that around ₹70 crores will be lose from the state revenue. However, it has invaluable worth in the form of many lives saved through this. It is overwhelming that many young people are saved from the menace of alcoholism and its related death.

Meanwhile, Excise & Narcotics Department at Lunglei district is badly in need of strengthening and reinforcement. Their jurisdiction includes a very wide area

including Tlabung, Bunglemun, Chawngte, Lawngtlai, Buarpui and Hnahthial. There are only 18 Constables with 4 Night Duties and so has a huge shortage of staff. Besides, the equipments and vehicles provided are also really old. I hope the hon. Minister could make arrangement for this matter also.

Regarding AH & Vety Department, poultry farming has been started in Lunglei under SEDP under which 10,000 layer chicks are distributed to beneficiaries at 100 Nos. each. The same has been undertaken by RD Department. I believe we could produce a considerable amount of egg in the near future. I beg the hon. Minister to remember us regarding allocation of fund for this initiative. Besides, animal feed plant is also an immediate need for the entire southern region.

Rehabilitation measures taken under Demand No. 29 is phenomenal. It is a step taken to save many lives. More and more efforts should be taken in this regard not only by the government, but also as society and as a family also

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No.16 – Home Department, we are starting to face traffic jam problem in Lunglei as a result of increasing vehicles. I hope this could be nipped in the bud. It is vital to appoint more traffic police for the town.

The Security Main Wall of District Jail is also very old. There is no major renovation of this prison from its inception as far as my knowledge. Therefore, I beg the hon. Minister to take necessary steps for its renovation. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us now call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 16 – Home Department. I would like to ask if the people who already receive compensation are allowed to stay outside BOP and if it is possible to continue development work in those areas. In addition, being situated at international border, will it possible to have relaxation in using foreign goods at the international border areas. This seems to be quite beneficial for the farmers and people of the border areas. Renovation and strengthening of police forces and their equipments is also vital for remote areas like my constituency.

Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department is a newly created one. It is really the backbone of the government as its main purpose is to collect revenue for the government. In this regard, I opined that collection of taxes should cover as many goods as possible. It seems there could be more improvement in this manner.

Next on Demand No. 38 - Rural Development, the vehicles provided to BDOs are too old and they face difficulty in visiting remote areas. I also hope the government could have relaxation regarding its outsourcing policy of vehicles for them as they need to visit many remote areas.

I also support the proposal of creating more RD Blocks as spoken by my fellow members. Other states of our size like Arunachal Pradesh are having 111 RD blocks. This needs to be considered as soon as possible. Giving priority to the field staffs and employment of more staff are other immediate needs of this department.

Regarding Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, I would like to mention the establishment of Adult Daycare center at Luangmual recently. This is very important for the welfare of the elderly. People above 55 years of age could be registered in this center. They will be provided with food, healthcare facilities and recreational services with a low monthly fee. Besides, I would like to mention that three sanctions during this session under Social Welfare Department, viz. Startup Entrepreneurship Development Programme in the Area/Block, Mamit District amounting ₹335 lakh, Reconstruction of Primary Health Centre at Reiek amounting ₹401 lakh and Establishment of Water Tanky at Ailawng, Mamit District which amounts to ₹400 lakh. We are very grateful for all these development through this department.

Regarding Excise & Narcotic Department, I am very happy with the implementation of total prohibition. Besides, Mizoram is situated at the route of drug trafficking. Reinforcement of this department is very important for checking this problem.

Lastly Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Sericulture, I felt that the seed supplied by the department is not yet sufficient. I beg the minister to take necessary steps to meet the need of the farmers, who are very enthusiastic. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We shall now take a break for 30 minutes and will start again at 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

DEPUTYSPEAKER : We continue with our discussion. Let us call upon Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I would like to kindly request the hon. Minister to react what we are saying during the demand discussion. Pu Deputy Speaker, starting from Rural Development Department - Demand No. 38, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for approving the prepared BADPR project for my constituency. Besides, it is provided now that the respective MLA should be consulted in the matter of development work to be done in a particular constituency. I was also consulted recently for the work within my constituency. Being situated in the Myanmar border, I further beg the hon. Minister to give us priority regarding developmental work from BADP, IWMP, PMAY and LGLREGA scheme. Establishment of RD Block in Phura, Tongkolong and Lopu MDC Constituency. I would also like to ask request the hon. Minister to react on my recommendation of 15 families to receive roof sheet from the government.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Revenue Demand No. 6, I would like to ask if the Mizoram Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2016 is implemented. Besides, did the government reduce the fee for dividing one LSC to more than one LSCs? Is it legal to sell and purchase separate floor or flat of building?

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Home Demand No. 16, I would like to request the hon. Minister to take necessary steps for upgradation of Tipa outpost to a SDPO post. This area is an important post as it is located at Myanmar border.

Pu Deputy Speaker, under AH & Vety. Department, reconstruction of Tipa Vety. staff quarters and Clinic Centre is the immediate need of the people. Upgradation of Rural Animal Health Centre (RAHC), Chakhei to Dispensary & Animal Check Post with a veterinary doctor is vital as the area is an important hub for animal husbandry. I also beg the hon. Minister to help Chakhei Mithun Breeder Association for their development under SEDP. Besides, Phura and Zyhno Rural Animal Health Centre is really old, reconstruction is badly needed. I beg the hon. Minister to take note of this also.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, we are happy with the construction of Tipa V Centenary Secondary School building. Meanwhile, most of Anganwadi centres within my constituency are in need of reconstruction.

Being located in Myanmar and Bangladesh border, reinforcement and strengthening of Excise department is necessary in Palak Constituency. I beg the hon. Minister to create an Excise Outpost at Phura. Besides, strengthening of Excise Department is a must with the implementation of total prohibition. I opined that more funds should be allotted to the department also. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, the hon. Member.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy Speaker. Firstly regarding, Demand No. 6 Land Revenue & Settlement Department, there is a huge shortfall in the number of staff in this department. This problem needs to be solved. I would like to ask if the Local Council has the authority to allot a plot of land in their area.

On Demand No. 26, I&PR Department, provision for staying only a day under Darshan Programme is too short. I would like to ask if it is possible to arrange so that they may stay for two or three days during their tour under this programme.

Thirdly on Demand No. 38, Rural Development, Pu Speaker, there is a huge inequality regarding distribution of fund between villages having ruling and opposition VC. This is simply lamentable and it is also against the principle of democracy.

Besides, PMAY Gramin were also appointed by the ruling party instead of election as per the norms. The BDO said that this was done as per instruction

received from higher authority. I would like to request the hon. Minister concerned to react on this matter.

Pu Speaker, I have a document to be submitted to House property in connection with construction of retaining wall at Nghalimlui. Asking who the construction was, they told me that it was done with instruction received from the BDO. I would like to submit the photograph copy of the retaining wall. The construction is very poor and was also done against the norms. In addition, the said BDO has done many constructions work under BADP. He just acted like a contractor in different works like construction of Primary school at Karlui I, construction of Community Hall at Vathuampui and T. Dumzau village. I implore the hon. Minister to take necessary steps so that the BDO would not take all the contractual work in that area.

Regarding Vety Department, I suggest outsourcing of feed plant at Ramrikawn. This has been established during the previous ministry under NABARD. Steps were taken for outsourcing but the ministry had changed.

Under Home Department, there is a police outpost at Vaseikai with a strength of an OC, a Driver and four constables. Thus, strengthening of this outpost is a must. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now call upon Pu Lalduhoma, Opposition Group Leader.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, even though I have many things to say about the need of my Constituency. However, I decided to speak about the need of our state as a whole. The matter falls under Demand No. 26 the formers leaders like Pu Ch. Chhunga and Brig. T. Sailo had a deep concern about the state border disputes. However, it is unfortunate that the coming ministries decided to maintain status quo in this regard rather than making any move for solving the real problem. This is just a 'problem postponed' instead of 'problem solved'.

When the Assam PWD constructed a road within Mizoram in 2008 April and destroyed the land of Pu Ch. Chhunga (L), Pi Roi w/o Pu Ch. Chhunga (L) applied for compensation to Mizoram Government. However, unfortunately enough, the suggestion she received was to apply to Assam government. This is severely lamentable for our state as it does weaken our stance regarding border dispute.

Another incident occurred in 2014 3rd July. A meeting was held at New Secretariat Conference Hall attended by delegates from all political parties, NGOs, prominent citizens and Revenue Director along with three ASOs. The resolutions made in that meeting were:

1. 'Let actions be taken against illegal immigrants within Inner Line Reserve Forest'

2. 'Let Assam Government pay, along with interest, the cumulative amount of 70% of tax collected by Assam from the 509 square mile Inner Line Reserved Forest within Lushai Territory, which Government failed to pay after the inception of UT of Mizoram.'
3. 'The Inner Line Reserve Forest used to be under Assam Forest Department. Let necessary steps be taken so that Mizoram Forest Department may take over the area.'
4. 'Let the Revenue Department create a map including the Inner Line Reserve Forest.'

However, there is ZERO steps taken for the success of these resolutions. This is just deplorable for the state. We may be still aware how disappointing we are regarding how the government handle Zophai incident in 2017 also.

On 9th March 2006, the then Revenue Minister Pu B. Lalthlengliana's moved an Official Resolution that 'The central government should immediately form Boundary Commission to solve border disputes between Mizoram and its neighbouring states.' However, the resolution did not yield any results. Joint Parliamentary Committee was formed to pursue the resolution in which I was also a member. A memorandum to be submitted to the central government was prepared and finalized on 30th July 2007. Unfortunately, this memorandum was not submitted. This is a serious matter. There are four theories for the reason why it is not submitted. Firstly, it is said that as the Committee could not travel to Delhi, the Chief Minister who was staying in Delhi at that moment was assigned to submit the memorandum to the Prime Minister Office. This theory is incorrect. The committee never decided if it would travel to Delhi or not.

Secondly, I personally asked the Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga if he submitted the memorandum, he said that he surely had submitted the memorandum to the Prime Minister Office while the Prime Minister was on tour.

Another theory said that it was Dr. Thangtea who submitted the memorandum while the fourth theory said that the memorandum was sent by post to the Prime Minister Office. This needs to be clarified.

During the Congress ministry, I asked a question which the then Revenue Minister Pu JH. Rothuama answered that he had no knowledge about the memorandum and no documents about its submission could be found. He suggests that the Home Minister during the previous MNF Ministry could answer the question. With the formation of new MNF Ministry, I once again asked about the same and received the same answer as the congress ministry. It is simply deplorable that this matter is not pursued. It is a sheer negligence of the official resolution passed in this assembly.

What is our present stance on the state border? 1875 Inner Line always used to be the agreed stance of all Mizoram political parties and NGOs. However, the

answer given by the Hon. Home Minister last year to Pu Vanlalhlana and Pu VL. Zaithanzama's question stated "Mizoram Government has not decided yet its stance regarding the extent of its boundary. Core Committee was formed to study the matter and decision will be made as per the report." Does this mean that this government did not know the extent of Mizoram also? I would like to once again made clear that 1875 Inner Line is always our stance regarding the extent of our boundary.

Lastly Pu Speaker, I have three suggestions to resolve border dispute. The first one is to settle it in the court. Serious preparation will be required for this. The second suggestion is by force. We need to consider if we are ready to adopt this measure in different aspects. The last one is compromise. I don't see any other reasonable measures for settlement of border dispute. I implore that we should be hurry to settle this boundary dispute. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to wind up and react to the discussion as necessary. He may also beg the House to pass his demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 1, Land Revenue & Settlement Department.

20 members had spoken about this department. Regarding the sale and purchase of flat or floor of house as mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte and Pu K.T. Rokhaw, a Bill in this connection is set to be introduced in the House the day after tomorrow.

Regarding the question if the Local Councils have the authority to issue house pass within Aizawl, they have the authority for this within their village perimeter. On the question of Pu B.D. Chakma in connection with acquisition of land for Border Outpost within CADC area, it is correct that CADC is the authority. However, the District Commissioners took responsibility as there are steps necessary to be taken as per acquisition law.

Regarding Pu Lalchhuanthanga's question, the government has a ceiling while allotment of private land was made. As per Revenue Law, the ceiling is 1 bigha i.e. 1337.80 Sq meter for House Site and upto 60 bigha which is equivalent to 80268 sq meter for Agriculture land. The allegation that there is an LSC covering an area bigger than Mizoram is due to some clerical mistakes. It arises because Sq. Metre and Sq. KM were mixed up while giving RTI answers.

The government is very careful regarding creation of new LSCs. It is done as per Registration Act, 1908. Creation fee of new LSC seems a little high but it should be noted that it is laid down by the law.

Revenue Department is the department which keeps records of all the lands owned by private as well as government departments. We do accept that there may

be some mistakes and shortcomings within the department. Meanwhile, it should also be noted that there is a huge shortfall of staff within the department. There are more than 50 vacant posts in Surveyor alone. Arrangements are being made for recruitment of new staff also.

Speaking about the main initiatives taken by the Department, Registration Act, 1908 is implemented in Mizoram regarding stamp and registration. This is recommended to be done separately under Inspector General of Registration. However, the IGR role is still taken by Revenue Director. Massive development in the system if we could have separate IGR.

Besides, registration of documents is planned to be done through National Generic Document System. This will bring huge significance to the people. It is planned to be first started in Kolasib and Serchhip District.

There are many improvements in Survey and Land Records equipments also. Most of the measurements are nowadays done using GPS under DILRMP. Steps are also taken to further improve the system.

Regarding Survey Training Institute as mentioned by Pu C. Lalsawivunga, DPR for the same at Hualngohmun was made. This plot of land was donated by Hualngohmun village back in 2007. Besides, necessary steps were also taken for Computerisation of Land Records using a software designed by NIC, Pune.

The Department is trying its level best for implementing Land Reforms through SEDP. Action plans were prepared by Land Revenue and Survey Board under SEDP. Amendments were also made in the Mizoram Land Revenue Act, 2013 to make it more applicable and effective for our state.

Regarding land acquisition, the Mizoram Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2016 is implemented in Mizoram. However, this act has been challenged in the court. Steps were taken to prevent the case to come in the way of development in the state.

Pu Speaker, I would like to make clarification about the authority of Village Council and Local Council to make allotment of lands. The Village Council are authorized to allot a plot of land for house site, but there are not authorized to make allotment for agriculture purpose. It is the same in the 23 notified towns also. On the other hand, Local Council in Aizawl Municipal area are not authorized to make allotment of land. Pu Speaker, there is no much development regarding Public Rights Act.

Moving to Demand No. 26, Information & Public Relations, I would like to state that the government has started to give Journalist Welfare fund through a notification issued on July 31st last year. Besides, study team was constituted who will make further plan for the welfare of journalists.

I&PR Department also take several steps regarding Art development. ₹65 lakh from NEDP was allotted for establishment of film city at Ailawng village. Mini Theatre was set to be established at Dinthar. Several plans for development of broadcasting network in Mizoram are also under process in the central government also. We are also happy to learn that some of those plans and suggestions are to be approved by the central government also.

The government gives great importance to the welfare of Journalist in the state. Press tour was conducted five times during this year. Advertisement bills are also revised as per the present inflation rate. Besides, Darshan Programme is created which is meant for organizing tour programme for elderly people from different constituencies.

Pu Speaker, another important project worth mentioning is the construction of Lianchhiari Multi Facilities Centre under NEC project of ₹1,000 lakh.

Pu Speaker, Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department is an important department having close connection with the people. 23 members had spoken about it. The department will try hard for the success of what have been mentioned. There is an opinion that this department depends too much on CSS which may correct. However, it is with the dedication and priority of the Hon. Chief Minister that State Matching Shares are given without difficulties. It is the same regarding distribution of roof sheets and silpaulines also. We are really grateful for these.

The scope of Rural Development Department is very wide. It covers nearly half of Mizoram population. One of the main initiatives is MGNREGS, the average wages given in Mizoram till date is 90 days at the moment. We expected to achieve the targeted 100 days wages very soon. There are 1,99,190 job card holders having a wage of ₹211 per day. Their wages are given to them directly through their bank account.

Pu Speaker, another important scheme under RD Department is PMAY Gramin. There are some complexities regarding this scheme. The scheme is based on SECC 2011 data which is very unreliable. It creates many discrepancies in selecting beneficiaries. Several correction works are done. The scheme is implemented since 2016-2017. 4,806 houses are constructed through this scheme till today.

Another important programme is BADP. Discrepancies tends to happen due to its system under this programme. We suggest that 2019 – 2020 BADP fund should be moved from capital head to revenue head which has been approved. State Implementing Agency, SLRA was created to monitor the implementation.

Pu Speaker, IWMP is now changed to PMKSY. 15 crores have been sanctioned under this programme recently. The PMKSY is planned to be scrubbed after this

month and a new scheme Water Shed Development will be introduced in its place. The PMKSY covers 57 villages at the moment.

Under SAGY, MPs choose their model village and its monitoring is done by RD Department. There are four ongoing projects under NLCPR viz. Mini Sports Complex Aibawk, Khawbung and East Lungdar. Multi Shopping Complex at Saitual is completed.

There are 5177 self-help groups under MzSLARM. Besides, there are 367 Village Organizations (VO. 62 villages has been covered under MzSLARM till today. It helps the people to achieve sustainable development in rural areas. Another notable mention under RD Department is SIRD. It is an institution that gives important trainings to government officials, NGOs and elected representatives. Research and plannings are also done through this institution.

The SPMRM (Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission) is a Govt. of India programme for the infrastructure development of villages through integrated project. It is implemented since 2016 covering four RD Blocks viz. Khawzawl, East Lungdar, Thingsulthliah and Aibawk. Steps are also taken for regularization of 91 staffs under DRDA as per order received from court.

Pu Speaker, it is overwhelming to learn that the Department has received several prizes in its functioning during last year. All these are the result of support and cooperation received from VEC, VC, BDO, department officials and the people.

Regarding approval of grants to VECs, Material Component was distributed at 90/10 during the previous ministry in which VEC receives 10%. The State Employment Guarantee Council under my Chairmanship has decided to do the distribution at 40/30/30 ratio giving larger share to VEC, the implementing agencies being VEC (Village Employment Council), Block Employment Council and District Employment Council. I would like to mention that it is the idea of this ministry to distribute available fund with impartiality between villages having Village Council of different political parties.

Regarding PMAY Gramin mentioned by Hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, beneficiaries under this scheme are selected through Gram Sabha. People who are not included in SECC data 2011 could not be selected for this time.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, Dungtlang BDO has directed the VCs to select beneficiaries for PMAY Gramin recently. It seems selection is going on at the moment.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, selection could not be done at the moment if they are not included in SECC data 2011. There may be some misunderstanding within the Department also. The matter will be pursued.

Pu Speaker, regarding VAGY which is simply known as model village, planning on how to implement the scheme in the selected villages is under consideration at the moment. The Hon. MLAs were also asked about their opinion in their respective model villages. Development works will be started under the guidance of Project Director in this villages in the near future.

Ending my speech, Pu Speaker I beg the august House to pass the demands of the following departments under my portfolio:

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	39,94,04,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	16,28,52,000.00
38	Rural Development	3,68,09,56,000.00
TOTAL		4,24,32,12,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now take votes on Pu Lalruatkima's Demands as follows:

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Any member who support the Demands may say "Aye" (**Members** : Aye) Any member who oppose may say "Nay." Thus, I declare the said demands passed.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to wind up the discussion regarding his Demands and to beg the House to pass his Demands.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to thank the 26 Hon. Member who took part in the discussion of my Demands.

Starting from Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department, discussions are mainly about gratitudes. Their suggestions are invaluable for the future of the department. There are 433 enforcement staff at the moment under this Department. As a reinforcement measures with the implementation of Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Act, the Hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister approved one new Inspector post,

four Group-D posts, two Drivers. Vacant posts within the Department are also set to be filled. Huge efforts are made for better functioning of the Department.

A new Outpost is proposed to be established at Zokhawthar. Besides, District Excise office was inaugurated on 8th November 2019 at Lawngtlai.

Highlighting the achievement of the Department Pu Speaker, seizures made during 2019-20 under Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Act are as follows:

Country liquor	-	84002.860 litres
Fermented rice	-	1,20,396½ litres
Yeast	-	536.518 kgs
IMFL (750 ml)	-	13373 nos. barrel 2 loose
IMFL (375 ml)	-	11724 nos. barrel and 2 loose
Beer 650 ml	-	4040
Beer 500 ml	-	9969
Foreign import liquor-		616 bottles
Canned beer	-	1349
2-wheeler vehicles	-	78
3-wheeler vehicle	-	11
LMV	-	93

The seizures made under NDPS Act are

Heroin	-	11.227 Kg
Opium	-	2.177 Kg
Ganja	-	315.239 Kg
Pseudoephedrine	-	90.692 Kg
Methamphetamine	-	134.841 Kg man a ni a, n
Nitrazepam	-	412
Alprazolam	-	5833
Diazepam	-	52
Tramadol	-	9264
Cough syrup	-	26550 phial
Dextropropoxyphene	-	65 capsules
Buprenorphine	-	48

There are many limitations in the works done by Excise Department as we do not have sufficient enforcement staff. We are sincerely thankful for all the support received from the churches as well as NGOs.

Moving to Demand No. 29 - Social Welfare Department, regarding Pu Andrew H. Thangliana's question if PHE Department could exempt water bill for Anganwadi Centres receiving less than 5000 litres, the question has been forwarded to PHE Department and the answer is not yet received.

Regarding Dr. Vanlaltanpuia's question to have trained Councillors, the MSW and Psychologist we have are trained councillors. The available posts are Case

workers, Councillors and Psychologist. They used to deal with psycho-social problems. Besides, we also have spiritual councillors.

Regarding Pu Ramthanmawia's question about shifting Anganwadi Centre at Farkawn and Sesih, grants have been received for this purpose and the said building were constructed recently. Therefore, it is not possible to shift them at the moment. However, it will be considered in the future.

Pu Speaker, Social Welfare Department was bifurcated last year to Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs, Directorate of Social Affairs, Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs Department and Woman and Child Development Department.

The works done under Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs Department includes raising the assistance given to Educated Unemployment Person with Disability from ₹250 to ₹650. The amount given through Disability Pension State Scheme is also increased from ₹250 to ₹350. Pu Speaker, we have received direction from the Supreme Court to established Rehabilitation Home for Person with Mental Illness. ₹148.79 lakh was approved by Cabinet Meeting for this purpose. Issuing of Unique Disability Identity Cardis also still continued.

Centre for Specially-abled Persons is running in Aizawl and Lunglei. NACP which is generally known as old age pension covers 25649 beneficiaries at the moment. Senior Citizen Identity Card is also being issued.

It is decided that beneficiaries of Old Age Pension Scheme should be from BPL families. The BPL list was made based on Economic & Statistics record. As a result of complaints received from some districts, baseline survey is planned to be held on in this connection.

Pu Speaker, we submitted 174 projects in the year 2019-2020 through Dead Person Schemes under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India in accordance to Article 275 and the approved amount is 6598.83 lakhs. The amount released is 6158.06 lakhs and there is a balance of 440.77 lakhs. Pu Speaker, we submitted another 33 projects under Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme where 12806.50 lakh is approved and the released amount is 1683.75 lakhs with a balance of 1402.75 lakhs. 10 projects are submitted in support to Tribal Research Institute and 880 lakhs is also released. Pu Speaker, it is overwhelming to have this achievement in our proposed projects.

Pu Speaker, we have a separate Director at Women & Child Development after we were bifurcated and several measures are taken. In response to Dr. B.D. Chakma regarding the unavailability of Anganwadi Centre in his constituency, we will look into it and we will do our best to take measures. We will also take measures in other constituencies where there are no Angawadi centers.

There are several schemes under ICDS. Anganwadi service, Supplementary Nutrition Programme, immunization, nutrition and health education, health checkup and referral service are expeditiously carried out under Women & Child Development. We have 2244 Anganwadi centers, 2244 workers and 2244 helpers in this present situation. There are 126880 children between the age of 6 months- 6 years, 29296 breastfed infants and 1113 school dropped out between the age of 11 – 14 years as well. Measures are also taken for dropped out female students between the age of 11-14 under Scheme for Adult Scheme and we currently have 1,113 of them. National Creche scheme is a scheme that provides daycare facilities to children (age group of 6 months to 6 years) and they are given good nutrition and day care. Pu Speaker, 16401 women benefitted under Pradhan Matru Vandhan Yojana (PMMVY) and the total of 73.17 crore is also disbursed. We are among the top 6 in India and the first among the North-East and Serchhip is awarded PMMVY Best District Award in 2019 in New Delhi.

Pu Speaker we worked functionally on POSHAN Abhyaan and we were awarded a total amount of 2.5 crore and this sum was spent on staff arrangement and repairing Anganwadi. Bhal Bhavan is still functioning today and there are 5 members in the State Commission for Women and measures are taken expeditiously.

The State Social Welfare Board, State Resource Centre for Women, Mahila Shakti Kendra at Siaha, Serchip and Mamit District, Bati Bachao Bati Padhao at Siaha and Serchip District, Mahila Police Volunteers at Lunglei and Aizawl are also currently implemented. One Stop Centres are also functioning at every district except for Mamit. We also have Universal Women Helpline in Aizawl and we have Swadhar Greh at every district run by NGOs. We also have Ujawala and Protective Home is currently carried out at Maumual. Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Prevention Prohibition & Redressal Act, 2013 are also strongly implemented. We have 1 Working Women Hostel in Aizawl and measures are taken at Residential Institute & Training Center (RITC) for protection, security training and self-employment for women. It is currently conducted at Durtlang and tailoring & embroidery are also taught. These are the works carried out by the Social Welfare Department under Women & Child Development.

Pu Speaker, there is not much to react on Demand no. 34- Animal Husbandry & Veterinary apart from the question raised by Dr. BD Chakma regarding construction of RAH centre at Borapansuri and Lawngpuighat. A proposal for construction is submitted under NABARD RIDF and we will do our best to achieve this.

Pu Speaker, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department is taking expedite measures to enhance poultry productivity, meat production and milk. Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development mainly covers improving of domestication, marketing infrastructure and it also includes educating people on better domestication. Several schemes and projects are also implemented under this.

Veterinary Service and Public Health mainly covers improving livestock population, producing clean and hygienic animal products, improving healthcare facilities in prevention and control of animal diseases. Several schemes and projects are also implemented under this. Pu Speaker, National Livestock Mission is implemented by the department and 41 pigs are imported from UK and we will be given 4 more for free. They are currently held at quarantine station and we hope to receive them by March.

Measures are taken on artificial insemination under The Dairy Development and Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) and Feed and Fodder development. Compact based farming is also currently carried out with NEIDA at several parts of Mizoram.

DRP Controlled Programme is an animal vaccination programme and it is currently undertaken along with Classical Swine Fever Controlled Programme. Rural Animal Health Centres are currently renovated at Muallianpui, Khuangleng and Thingsai. Projects are submitted under NABARD RIDF and measures are taken at District Veterinary Hospitals of Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Siaha, Serchhip, Mamit, Kolasib and Champhai Hospital. Several schemes are also received under RKVY.

Pu Speaker, the people also comply with us regarding animal imports and 448 PRRS positive animals were seized through District Magistrates and they were all destroyed. Pu Speaker, we are not self-sufficient on meat and we produce around 36% only. Healthy animals are important for self-sustenance and that is why we prohibit animal imports in order to avoid PRRS. On the other hand, animals were imported from disease-free states during Christmas festival and thorough examination was conducted again at Vairengte. Pu Speaker, as we are aware, AH & Vety has limited staffs and I request our leaders to keep this in mind. 34 RAH Centers are currently undertaken for dispensary and measures are also taken to upgrade unrecognized District Veterinary Hospitals to Hospitals. That will be all on AH & Vety.

Pu Speaker, Demand No. 41, Sericulture provides livelihood for many people and it is divided into 3 categories- 1) Mulberry cultivation 2) Cocoon production 3) yarn production. Mizoram is a potential area for Sericulture and all the projects made are under North Eastern Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS). Muga, Eri and Mulberry are now popularly carried out in Mizoram. Muga is carried out almost in every district except for Siaha and Lawngtlai and Eri is currently carried out at Serchhip. Pu Speaker, we produced 6.97 metric ton of Mulberry in 2015-2016, 18.85 metric ton in 2016-2017, 31.75 metric ton in 2017-2018, 40 metric ton in 2018-2019 and 147.06 metric ton in 2019-2020. So, it is clear that Sericulture is making a lot of process.

However, 18 staffs will retire this year and we have staff shortage and it would be appreciated if our leaders keep this in mind. We make progresses on post cocoon and we now have a reeling machine and our experts are taking measures on weaving training. Around 10 people are now running Small Cottage Industry and produce local garments. Silk production is a source to thrive our economy and our state is a

potential area for it. There are 600 beneficiaries under Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP) and NERTPS, 1000 beneficiaries under Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development Project and 500 beneficiaries under Integrated Muga Silk Development Project. There are also 53 beneficiaries under RKVA and around 600 are involved in Eri aspirational.

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass-

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
7	Excise & Narcotic	46,16,62,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,41,85,22,000.00
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TOTAL		2,89,77,67,000.00

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua has begged leave of the House to pass-

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All those members in favor may say 'yes' and those members not in favor may say 'No' (**Members:** Yes)

The House has unanimously passed the Demands of hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia to wind up the discussion and beg leave of the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALCHAMLIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned by some of the members, Vairengte police seized Meth worth ₹97,00,00,000/- (97 crore) and I would like to thank the DGP, his co-workers, and staffs of Vairengte Check Gate for their duty and rewards will be considered. Pu Speaker, the way we analyze our budget seems to be different.

Pu Speaker, 26 members shared their discussions and I would like to start with Police quarter and vehicles. We have no fund for Quarter renovation, police

outpost, police vehicles and therefore, we made 410 projects at Home Ministry and we hope to fix our problems if this succeeds. In response to Pu Vanlalhlana regarding state border, Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 does not make boundary and 1875 notification was made in accordance to this. The 1875 notification was amended in 1933 during the British rule and our border was shrunk with 1933 notification which we did not accept. On 1933 notification, our border near Manipur and Tripura were not changed and that is why we accepted it. So, we can also say that we accept 2 borders.

There are more than 3000 vacancy posts for Police and the department is taking extreme measures to fill these posts. In response to Dr. B.D. Chakma, as mentioned earlier it is not yet possible to take measures on quarter, lock up, police station building etc. We will also look into the 2 villages under Chawngte P.S. and we will take measures accordingly.

Traffic Police are working hard and it is impressive that they fulfill their duties despite heavy traffics. 3 Sniffer Dogs are currently trained in Madhya Pradesh and they should arrive by April. In response to Pu VL. Zaithanzama regarding Taxation, it is true that income taxes will increase if there is an Appellate Authority who is of Additional Commissioner rank. Therefore, the department is taking measures and we hope that we will soon be permitted. In response to Pu Zothantluanga regarding Home Guard, half of their salary is paid by the state and the other half is paid by the central govt. Unlike police, they receive salary when they were scheduled a duty at PSU, DC Bungalow and Jail and their target for this year is 325.3 lakhs. They had received 317.8 lakhs till February and 92 are currently trained at CTI Sesawng.

In response to Pu H. Biakzaua regarding Bualpui 'NG' police outpost, the Department is making 25 proposals for upgrading police station and constructing new outpost and we prioritized 8 out of them as ordered. Only the new outpost at Lengpui and Seling, upgrading Zokhawthar and Dungtlang and constructing outpost at North Kanghai are approved by GAD. In response to Er H. Lalzirliana regarding BOP building and 4th IR Battalion Headquarter at Mamit, no proposal is made to relocate 4th IR Battalion headquarter.

Regarding Indo-Bangladesh border fencing mentioned by Pu Nihar, I believe it was started in 2005 and the state Govt. is excluded till 2014. However, we were requested after the people faced problems and we established State Level Committee. Back in the day we did not pay these contractors nor give contracts and they were not under our authority and we cannot request their presence. However, a committee is now established and I hope we will be able to request their presence. In response to Dr. Thiamsanga regarding IR at Khawzawl, finance issue is our main problem and in response to Serlui constituency representative regarding IR company at Vairengte, we had inspected the location but we are not sure when the works will be carried out. In response to Dr. Thiamsanga regarding landslide at Champhai Kanaan and Vengthar, we submitted a memorandum at 15th Finance Commission and a project worth 1,000 lakh is made. However, we are not sure when it will be released and I

believe a few NDRF fund is in the hands of Champhai DC and we are taking measures so that PWD makes estimate from this. It is said that no staff quarters are available at Champhai but they are quite lucky unlike Serchhip and Lawngtlai who does not even own office. Anyway, we are doing our best and a proposal is made to construct Taxation office building at Serchhip and Lawngtlai.

Regarding PHQ building mentioned by Pu Lalrindika, 1107.96 lakhs was allotted in accordance to SOR, 2013 and that is only the plant area. This is only the civil works and apart from this civil work, approach road, parking, electrification, water tanky, sanitary fittings, retaining wall, lift and firefighting system are installed. So, apart from the plint area, 400 lakhs need to be added. Works are currently carried out at Rengdil and we first plan to keep 1 company naming it Battalion Advance Headquarters. **(Pu LalrindikaRalte:** Pu Speaker, we were hoping for a Battalion Headquarters) Pu Speaker, we have not call it a Battalion Headquarter but we do call it a Battalion Advanced Headquarter.

Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte mentioned that Assam has better vehicles. It is true because Assam is much older than Mizoram and they have much better resources.

Pu C. Lalmuanpuia mentioned that our CM is concerned about Hunthar sinking area and took measures under DM&R and this is quite true. In response to Pu C. Lalsawivunga, task force is established at 3 affected areas in district level and Sub-division level. DC and SP join the district level and their work report is not yet received. Anyway, according to our report, more than 300 foreigners- Burmese, Rohingya, Nepali were arrested and some of them were sent back home after finalizing their cases. However, some of them are still in detention centers.

In response to Pu Andrew H. Thangliana regarding Police sub-station, there is no sub-station in Police and Police has a Police Station and Police Outpost. We proposed to establish at Bukpui but it was rejected.

In response to Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, we have Police and I believe the Health Department also has them and Zokhawthar is well guarded. Construction of Haulawng Police Outpost is among the priority but it was rejected. 73% of Mizoram tax and non-tax revenue is collected by Taxation Department. In response to Pu Lalchhuanthanga regarding police post vacancies, some posts are not filled due to alcohol related death while some are not. According to 10 years statistics, many died from several illness and there are also who retired. We will perform careful measures when recruiting Police. MPS also have Secretary Posts. He was taking measures on the Bru issue and we appointed him in Home Department but with no full power on Police and Home Guard.

Taxation department face problems on vehicles. So, the Govt. is making vehicle outsourcing policy and a proposal is made so that who are entitled can hire vehicles. In response to Dr. Vanlalhlana regarding recruitment of substance abusers, they are always rejected if any indication is seen on their bodies and we will

still continue to do so. Besides, we also plan to provide quality uniforms and equipment. We are not yet able to take measures on increasing Ration allowance and rifle allowance. Cybercrime unit cell is currently under construction under SP Crime.

The Department will look into Sihpui and Ramhlun Sports Complex where landslide may soon to occur. In response to Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng regarding Security wall, Siaha jail also face similar problem and we will take measures if the Home Ministry approved the fund. Lunglei is starting to face tight traffics and we will provide police when recruitment is done. In response to Pu Rintluanga Sailo, we are taking measures to fulfill Kanghmun Outpost. In response to Pu K.T. Rokhaw regarding appointing SDPO at Tipa outpost, it is our desire to function it as it should be. Is there Civil SDO at Tipa? If it is, there should be an SDPO but this is not yet possible and we will keep this in mind. Regarding Chakhai police outpost, I had mentioned earlier that out of 25 proposals only 2 outposts are approved. In response to Pu Ngunlianchungga regarding only 3 police at Vaseikal outpost, IGP confirmed that there are 4 police. Anyway, Longpuighat is an extensive area and we will take measures as necessary.

Pu Lalduhoma is very concern about state border but we are all aware how difficult it is to settle land disputes. Anyway, I agree with the same thought of his on our border with Assam (*interruption*).

Firstly, India Govt. should establish Boundary Commission if we are to establish it and a retired Supreme Court judge or High Court judge will be appointed. Their defense will be the existing notifications and several documents and the 1875 notification was already superseded by 1933 notification. Also, would we agree or disagree if Boundary Commission comes to exist? Pu Duha questioned whether it could be settled by force and my answer is that- we currently have 8000 effective police and we do not know how much Assam has. If we apply force, we are still in the position where we will meet difficulties on ration, gas and other essential commodities. So, agreement is the only way and the dispute cannot be settled by a party alone. This is a land issue and we all need to work together. **(Pu Lalduhoma:** We talked about filing a case and we need to be sure where we are going. A PM Vision report is uploaded on <https://www.times8> which is submitted by S. Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary. Here, they proved that 98% of Hailakandi District are illegal migrants and we can use this as our defense. The NGOs and other parties are behind you if you genuinely take initiatives.)

Pu Speaker, Demand No. 8, Taxation collects taxes in accordance to 5 rules

- 1) The Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act and Rules, 2017.
- 2) The Mizoram Value Added Tax Amendment Act, Rules 2017.
- 3) The Mizoram Profession Trades, Carrying and Employment Act, 1995 and Rules, 1996.
- 4) The Mizoram Society Registration Act, 2005 Rules, 2006. 5) The Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

Offices are currently undertaken at 8 districts with the assistance of Deputy Commissioner of Taxes. An office building at Mamit is currently constructed and private land for constructing quarter is currently discussed. Office building at Siaha Meisatlapaw his also currently undertaken and Taxation department has a land at Lunglei and PWD is taking measures for staff quarters. The department also has a land at Serchhip and Lawngtlai and PWD is working on estimates.

GST is also instantly used in Mizoram and we established Data Collection Center at Vairengte and this can prevent a lot of tax evasion. Tax collection fortunately increases after GST and we collected 578.88 crore in 2018-2019 and our targeted amount for this financial year is 521.79 crore. The total amount of tax collected till February is 614,72,59,413 and the works carried out by the staffs are well appreciated.

Next is Home Department. There are 6 Establishment Directorates under Home Department such as, Mizoram Police, Fire and Emergency Service, Prisons, Forensic Science Laboratory, Mizoram Home Guard and Civil Defense and Sainik Welfare and Resettlement. 94.87% of works is completed at Thingkah for IR and PHQ building is also completed on 28th January. 176.65 lakh was also spent on repairing quarters.

Police Department is taking several new measures and establishing Tourist Police is one of them. All Women Police Station is also established next to Thana. Online portal for ILP is also completed but there are some areas without network. E-challan system is executed for traffic management and emergency response support system is also undertaken. Mizoram Safety Apps is also generated so that the people can contact police easily.

A Special Camp and rehabilitation are prepared at PTS for our Police who are facing addictions. We are approaching dry season and we should all be careful on wildfires. We currently have 14 Fire Stations- 5 in Aizawl, 2 in Lunglei, but the new districts do not yet have fire stations. Volunteered MRs are employed at Kolasib Fire Station, Vairengte Fire Station and ITI Fire Station but their contract is now over. Our Fire Service was on service for 101 times during April, 2019 – January, 2020 but furniture worth 2.05 crores were still burned to ashes.

We received a huge amount of fund to upgrade out Directorate of Forensic Science Laboratory and equipment and DNA testing is also now available. Forensic Science Laboratory has taken up 916 cases and 12399 exhibits this year and 306 expert testimonies are also given in court. Mizoram FSL carries on without any pending cases for the past 10 years and the department always complete their cases on rape and murder within 30 days.

Home Guards are important and they guarded public installations. They received 307.88 lakhs from this and basic training is also held at CTI Sesawng. Sainik Welfare & Resettlement is under a director and the aid benefits given to World War

II veterans and widows are increased. ₹91,22,400 is given to 440 widows during April, 2019 – December, 2019 and the pension of WW2 veterans has increased from ₹1,200 to ₹2,400 starting from 1st April, 2019. The pension given to the widows is also increased to ₹2000.

Pu Speaker, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation is a small department with only around 80 Officers and Group B. However, they truly fulfill their duties. The department takes measures on 3 categories- Preparedness & capacity building, response & relief and recovery, rehabilitation & reconstruction. Mitigation Fund is used when disaster occurs. Response & relief is carried out through SDRF fund and awareness is extremely brought wherever possible. Lightning sensor is also currently installed. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, Serchhip Leisekawt field will soon face landslide and it would be appreciated if the Govt. takes measures to avoid this.) We will keep that in mind. Measures will also be taken at Serchhip that is worth around more than 1 crore.

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

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
8	Taxation	21,61,72,000.00
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Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged leave of the House to pass his following Demands-

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All members in favor may say, 'Yes' (**Members:** Yes) and those not in favor may say, 'No'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Pu Lalchamlia, the hon. Minister.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is over and we will continue tomorrow i.e. on 03.03.2020 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (8:47 P.M.)