

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26th FEBRUARY, 2020
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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4. **PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
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6. **PU TAWNLUIA**, Deputy Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.*

- Proverbs 22: 11

To start with *Question Hours*, hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga may ask Starred Question No. 75.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. minister for PWD be pleased to state:

- a) The amount spent on construction of roads during 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 financial year from central (Central Road Fund etc.) and state fund?
- b) The amount spent on construction of roads during 2019-2020 till date from central (Central Road Fund etc.) and state fund?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga may give the answer.

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

- a) The amount spent on construction of roads during 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 financial year from central (Central Road Fund etc.) and state fund is-
 - (i) State Fund - ₹61,395. 24 lakh
 - (ii) Central Fund- ₹26,067. 86 lakh

Total - ₹87,463.10 lakh
- b) The amount being spent on construction of roads during 2019-2020 till date from central (Central Road Fund etc.) and state fund is -
 - (i) State Fund - ₹60449.75 lakh
 - (ii) Central Fund- ₹15703.47 lakh

Total - ₹76153.22 lakh

The overall expenditure on construction of roads during 2019 - 2020 is: -

- (i) State Fund - ₹26,595.80 lakh
 - (ii) Central Fund- ₹16,088.68 lakh
- Total- ₹42,684.48 lakh**

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary Questions are:

- i) We used to construct roads from our MLA Fund. There are certain times when retaining walls or culvert needs to be constructed in the course of road construction and the MLA Fund is quite limited for such purposes. In such cases, will the department provide assistance?
- ii) There were 29 construction works given through restricted tender last year. As per the law, restricted tender is meant for works if the “work is sacred nature”. It seems there is no proper consideration in the present practice. Does it mean that restricted tender is given to favour some particular parties?

SPEAKER : Now, Pu BD Chakma and will be followed by Supplementary Question from Pu Lachhuanthanga.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Formation cutting work of Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road under NABARD is completed way back in 2010. Is there any proposal for black topping work of this road?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga may now ask.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, inspection of bridges in our state was completed on May 8.2.2019. According to that inspection report, many of our bridges needs immediate reconstruction or renovation. What is the present status of such reconstruction or renovation works?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga may give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question about assistance in road construction through MLA Fund as raised by Pu Vanlalhlana, we will try our best for the same. I request the hon. MLAs to approach me if such cases arise.

Regarding restricted tender, it is done as per the need and nature of the work. Regarding Dr. B.D. Chakma's question about Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road, it is our objective to do black topping work of every road which is already constructed.

Regarding reconstruction of bridges, we are still trying our best to avail necessary funds from the central government as verification from the central government had also been done. However, construction of bridges is a difficult work as we continue to pursue the matter. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next is, Starred Question No. 76 to be asked by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Hon. Minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state -

- a) Is there a new plan for vegetable market in Aizawl?
- b) Is there a proposal for reconstruction of old bazaar shed in district capitals and other major towns?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Minister of Commerce & Industries, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Dr. Vanlaltanpuia's first question is-

- a) There is no new plan as of now; yet, there is ongoing work for the same.

- b) There is a proposal for reconstruction and renovation of bazaar shed in District capitals and other major towns. There are also some ongoing works.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary Questions are as follows –

- i) Does the government have any plan for marketing of vegetables produced by farmers within our state?
- ii) What is the present status of Saikhumphai Trade Centre?
- iii) Do we have any export towards Myanmar? If so, what are those items?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary Question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to ask the present status of the proposal for the construction of market building at Thenzawl. We are eagerly waiting for this as it is the immediate need of the people.

Secondly, I request the hon. minister about the problems involves in the selection of trainees at Thenzawl Handloom institution.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is a huge problem about vegetable market in Aizawl city. The farmers used to sell their vegetables on footpaths and other public places; it is the same regarding meat market. If the government have no plan to resolve this problem? Is there any proposal for establishment of standard meat shop? Besides, is there a plan for reconstruction of severely dilapidated structure of Serkawn bazar shed? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, i call upon hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana to give the answers as far as possible.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, the government is aware of the problems about places of selling vegetables as arrangements has been made to solve these problems.

The development regarding Border trade could not be as fast as expected; yet, necessary efforts have been made to materialize as soon as possible.

Regarding Thenzawl market shed building as mentioned by Lalduhoma, I think we could start the construction very soon. Besides, I have no detail knowledge about admission issue at Thenzawl handloom institution; we will look into the matter.

The subject of market building as mentioned by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is of important one which also is connected with Pu Sawivunga's question. Aizawl New Market building needs reconstructed and we wish the work be started immediately. However, we cannot start right away as Christmas is approaching as shopping season is at its peak. So, it is set to be started as soon as possible. It is also my opinion that we need a designated market outside Aizawl city which may be constructed with advanced infrastructure. Thank you.

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

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Finance Minister be pleased to state:

- a) When will the present term of Mizoram Finance Commission come to an end?
- b) Is Mizoram Finance Commission-II being constituted? If so, who are the members?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister Pu Zoramthanga to give the answer.

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

- a) The present term of Mizoram Finance Commission-I is ended on 31.3.2015.
- b) The Mizoram Finance Commission-II is not constituted as yet, thus, there are no members as of now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Questions from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. How much of fund being availed through *Ways and Means* Advance from RBI? Is there a plan to apply the same again? And, how far promotion of small savings has awareness among the public? What is the term of Government E-Market place?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we have learned from the hon. House Leader that we have no Finance Commission to function at the moment. If so, should the State Finance Commission make proposal for the state budget? Moreover, the Finance Commission last year created absolute share of individual Village Council last year. If the same Finance Commission had already expired, should it be constituted immediately? We are also informed by the House Leader that devolution of ₹93 crore of ULB should also be made by Finance Commission. If Finance Commission is expired, how to deal with the case?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, even though the Finance Commission had expired, its recommendation stands for five years which is still valid. State Finance Commission-II is not created as yet since it requires recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission which is not yet received.

Ways and means advance had been availed two times only for account adjustment measures. We are trying our best not to avail it once again.

Regarding Government E-Market/place, the government is trying its best for its improvement. Besides, we are also trying to improve promotion of small savings whereas there is a separate cell under Finance Department to that effect.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 78 to be asked by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, hon. member.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 78. Will the Hon. Minister for Local Administration Department be pleased to state—

- a) If Panchayati Raj system is planned to be introduced under LAD in the stead of Local Council?
- b) If so, what is the reason?
- c) What is the present status?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinliana, hon. Minister for Local Administration Department.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer is as follows:

- a) There is a proposal for this within the Department. Drafting Committee for the same was formed but final decision has not yet been taken.
- b) The main reason is that there are many shortcomings in the present Village council System wherea reforms for better administration system are the main objective.
- c) Drafting Committee was formed which already had it meeting for six times so far. Besides, a consultative meeting comprising all parties and NGOs had also been held. Study tour of Panchayati Raj institution of other states was also held and the matter had also been considered in the Cabinet Meeting. However, it was decided that the present system should be continued till April Election after which new consideration will be made.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary Questions.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I implore that Panchayati Raj institution should be introduced carefully. Our state does not fall under the provisions of Panchayati Raj as we are included in the 6th Schedule of the Constitution. Thus, Panchayati Raj System is not meant for our state. It is quite unbecoming to sacrifice

our traditional system for Panchayati Raj. I beg that more considerations should be made. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte may now ask his Supplementary Question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, we are facing certain problems regarding unauthorised village as there are some villages relocated for their village being unauthorised. May the assistance fund be given to such people since none is received in such case?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana may give the answer.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Panchayati Raj institution, it has not yet been implemented since we are aware of its importance to have serious consideration.

Regarding the case of unauthorized village, it was initiated during the previous ministry. It is considered to provide assistance to such people; yet verification should be made as of their citizenship or if they are of immigrants. It also takes the opinion of hon. CM and Council of Ministers to make the decision. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 79.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to answer Starred Question No. 79? And, Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Question to that respect is – It is mentioned that there is no good quality stone in the area of Saithah and beyond. May the Geology & Mineral Resources Development Department verify it?

SPEAKER : Hon. Commerce & Industries Department Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana will give the answer.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the government has taken initiative on this matter. There is a potential place for stone quarry in Bengmual of West Phaileng area. Verification has been prevailed as the work is now in progress.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over. Moving to *Laying of Papers*, let us call upon Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, Hon. Minister to lay, “The Mizoram Education (Transfer and Posting of School Teachers) (Amendment) Rules, 2020” on the table of the House.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the kind permission of this august House, I hereby lay ‘The Mizoram Education (Transfer and Posting of School Teachers) (Amendment) Rules, 2020’ on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us now call upon Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, hon. Minister to lay 'The Mizoram Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 on the table of the House.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: With your kind permission Pu Speaker, I hereby lay 'The Mizoram Wood Based Industries (Establishment & Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2020 on the table of this august House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We shall now move to *Financial Business*. I call upon Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, hon. Minister to submit his demands to the House, viz.

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

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move Demand Nos. 18, 20 and 28 for ₹16,02,54,57,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2020-2021 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
18	Printing & Stationery	15,79,94,000.00
20	School Education	15,54,64,28,000.00
28	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	32,10,35,000.00
TOTAL		16,02,54,57,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his demands to this House, viz.

Demand No. 23	-	Art & Culture
Demand No. 27	-	District Council & Minority Affairs
Demand No. 33	-	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation
Demand No. 39	-	Power & Electricity

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Thank you. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 23, 27, 33 and 39 for ₹10,31,61,28,000 only for meeting expenses during 2020-2021 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
23	Art and Culture	15,08,50,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,51,06,49,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	22,30,91,000.00
38	Power & Electricity	5,43,15,38,000.00
TOTAL		10,31,61,28,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Likewise, we shall now call upon Hon. Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to submit his demands to the House such as:

- Demand No. 13 - Personnel & Administrative Reforms
- Demand No. 25 - Public Health Engineering
- Demand No. 46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move Demand Nos.13, 25 & 46 for ₹436, 46, 35,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2020-2021 in respect of the following Departments.

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	4,29,39,000.00
25	Public Health Engineering	2,27,95,17,000.00
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department	2,04,21,79,000.00
TOTAL		4,36,46,35,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now have discussion regarding the demands submitted by the three hon. Ministers. Each member will be given 10 minutes and Group Leaders 15 minutes. To start the discussion, I call upon Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To Start from Demand No. 46, I congratulate the hon. Deputy Chief Minister for getting 246 million dollars under Sustainable Urban Transport for Aizawl city. I implore him to explain the same in his wind-up speech also.

Pu Speaker, we have spent a huge amount under PAHOSS scheme. There was a proposal for maxi-cab parking House at Chaltlang Lily Veng but it was cancelled and the allotted grant being diverted to another project. Similarly, the grant for construction for State Guest House has also been diverted to another project the decision of which I think was very unfortunate.

I implore the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to take necessary steps for the success of proposed State Convention Centre which is much needed especially for youth recreation. We need this kind of auditorium and halls for various functions and events.

The Hon. Sport Minister had stated last year of various sport projects being proposed for Aizawl; yet, we have learned that such projects are of UD & PA in the stead of Sport Department. I beg the Hon. Deputy Chief Minister to clarify the case.

Regarding Smart City Project which had been a mention yesterday, fund availed for the purpose was allegedly diverted to other projects. I, thus implore the Hon. Dy. Chief Minister to clarify the case.

Pu Speaker, I am glad to hear that the department could now cover some notified towns surrounding Aizawl. I would like to ask when the 37 NLD will be commissioned.

On Demand No. 25, it seems the budget this year for this department is much less than last year and so is necessary to give allot more on supplementary budget as the department deals with essential need of the people. Pu Speaker, I would also like to ask the present status of gravitational water pump of Tawi Mountain for Aizawl.

On Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, the hon. minister concerned for this department has outstandingly performance comparing the hon. concerned minister of Congress Ministry of 2008 as the people too seem to appreciate his performance. While this is the case, the people in the District Council areas are struggling to survive under the party holding this ministry.

Pu Speaker, on Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, the present hon. minister concerned is incidentally of the same minister in the previous ministry of Congress party and we used to receive a regular power supply under his ministership. However, the same supply under this ministry so far is very poor which I think is quite unfortunate.

On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, I would like to praise the hon. minister for his performance of filling up 900 vacant posts. We, the hon. members from remote constituencies are eagerly waiting for the implementation of "Education (Transfer and Posting of School Teachers) (Amendment) Rules, 2020" which he has been put forward.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if we could start Mara RMSA during this academic session. We are ready to help for its implementation through MLA Fund if necessary. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu Lalduhoma, the hon. member.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start from Education Department.

The most important resource is human resource. For this purpose, it seems that enough importance is not being given to education in our state. In this connection, I do hope that the “Transfer and Posting of School Teachers (Amendment) Rules, 2020” would be successfully implemented and I am ready to help for its success.

It is unfortunate to learn that many teaching staffs are posted at the office. Besides, I would like to reiterate the need of staff quarters for teachers posted in rural areas so as to resolve insufficiency of teaching staff.

Regarding SSA which was implemented in 2009, its objective is setting up schools in every village by the year 2017. It is further provided that the state govt. will take up maintenance of such schools from 2020; yet, this remains unimplemented.

There are 7 Primary Schools and 1 Middle School which had been terminated during 2019 despite the fact that increase of budget on education is due to Samagra and salary. This clearly indicates that this ministry does not give enough importance of education.

Besides, I believe the government should give its support to various unrecognized schools established by the local community out of the need for educating remote people as well. I am also eagerly waiting for the educational reforms which should be made by a committee of experts.

We are also facing huge problem because we adopt other languages as a medium of instruction; I believe we can impart better education by means of our mother tongue for better communication with concerned students. Apart from the importance of other languages for teaching, education should be imparted in one’s own language. We also need to prepare the syllabus based on the need of the people and vocational based education should also be imparted. Every sphere of vocation like farming, animal husbandry, carpentry, etc. requires proper training and education for which training should be provided through educational department.

Regarding Labour & Employment Department, we need to upgrade polytechnic institutions and ITI which happened to be of utmost necessity for our

development. We used to invest massive amount in private service providers; we need to consider if these investments pay off.

Regarding PHE Department, I opine we need to consider regarding water bill. The bill is same even if water is provided by gravity supply and non-gravity supply. So, I suggest bills be made as per the expenditure for supply.

Besides, it seems the government usually lose every court case regarding Aizawl Water Supply Phase-II. I would like to ask if the government will appeal such cases.

Lastly, in regard to DP&AR, we have learned about setting up of MSSSB. I opine reliabilty of the Board is doubtful as Adviser of the ruling party being appointed as its chairman. I implore necessary step should be taken so that this board is functioning with fairness. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs Department.

The Central Government has demarcated minority area. Thus, it is necessary to formulate a proper project for such areas so that more funds for development are availed from central government.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, I express my appreciation to the department for providing power supply 24 hrs. The staff work very hard despite many unforeseen problems and interruptions being evolved in their work. I thank the Department and the hon. minister concerned through this august house.

Regarding Demand No. 25, PHE Department works tirelessly to provide regular water supply to the people, they work even on Sundays and holidays for the public. I truly appreciate the dedication and hard work rendered by PHE Department. At the same time, I would like to mention that there are many old pipelines which needs immediate repairing for it often creates problem for the public as well as the department. While this is the case, water supply system is yet harder on hill-top settlement and thus is questionable if we need to change our tradition and lifestyle as a society.

UD & PA Department is also an important department. I appreciated their work for bringing infrastructure development in urban areas.

Regarding Demand No. 4, Education Department, it is my deep concern to maintain high quality education. In order to attain quality education, sincerity and dedication in important at the part of the teachers. While this is the case, we are

facing huge problem on transfer and posting of teachers. It is the desire of most of the teachers to serve in urban areas. I therefore express my gratitude to the hon. minister for his efforts to maintain rationality in this regard. Privatization of schools and amalgamation policy may also be considered for the solution apart from providing good school buildings and other infrastructures in rural areas.

As mentioned earlier by the hon. Opposition Group Leader, it is desirable that we adopt our mother tongue as a medium of instruction. We, Mizos are quite sharp in science subject; yet, our potential is limited as per our environment. We need to provide better opportunities and nurture the minds of the students to its highest level whereas job-oriented education and skill development are also an important aspect of this department.

Lastly, on behalf of my constituency, Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank this ministry for its performance during this short period of time. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 20, School Education is an important Department. There cannot be sustainable development without developing the people through Education. As we may aware, my constituency i.e. West Tuipui is educationally backward area in Mizoram having only a single matricualtion exam centre. I have made several approaches so that more exam centres may be created, but still in vain. This is just lamentable and I thus implore the hon. minister to take note of this immediate need of the public.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it should also be noted that huge portion of the population in my constituency are speaking dialect other than Mizo. Thus, we need to learn Mizo language also as it is a state language. Yet, we could not do at the moment due to lack of language teacher. I urge language teacher to be posted within my constituency for it creates many problems for the students for not being able to speak the state language.

A school at Tlabung which is named after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is one of the oldest schools in Mizoram; yet, there is a huge shortage of teacher. Thus, I implore the hon. minister to appoint teacher in this school. Apart from this, I believe more importance should be given towards *Girls Child Education* as it is an important policy of central government.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, most of the villages in my constituency are situated on the river bank which are frequented by massive soil erosion. So, I request the government to take preventive measure in this regard.

On Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, I would like to inform the House that power supply of Tlabung is pathetic which need immediate attention. Besides, there is no JE posted at Tlabung which may also be noted.

Lastly, on Demand No. 46, Urban Development, ₹50 lakh in total was sanctioned for construction of Tlabung Community Hall but is less sufficient. It will be pleasing if another ₹50 lakh be made available to complete the work. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Let us call hon. Member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 20, Education Department.

The efforts and achievement of this ministry within a year is quite remarkable. Recruitment of number of new staff for this department indicates the hon. Chief Minister is prioritizing education. Formulation of transfer and posting rules is another important move within this department. Pu Dy. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Serlui constituency, I sincerely thank the hon. Education Minister for starting Higher Secondary School of Science stream at Vairengte for 2020 session. There are many dilapidated school buildings in Mizoram and i hope the hon. minister will take necessary steps to solve the problem.

Hindi education is important for our state; yet, there are limitations due to financial reasons. It is thus desirable that the solution is found.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery, it is an important department which may yield good revenue for the government. I opine publication of Mizoram Calendar should be taken up by the department in the future.

Regarding Demnd No. 28, LESDE (Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship), skill development and entrepreneurship development are important aspects which also is necessary in view of our development trent. I hope all the initiatives of this department may be continued more significantly. Besides, establishment of LESDE office in every district is very important.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding Demand No. 33, Soil Department is essential for improvement of our farmers. It should work hand in hand with agriculture as well as horticulture department. At the same time, it is urgent need to fill the vacant posts in the department as well since the importance of this department tends to increase with the implementation of SEDP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, I would like to thank the hon. minister concerned for his efforts to provide power supply to Keicham locality of Bilkhawthlir. Pu Dy. Speaker, Serlui Hydel project as known to us all is an important asset of the state in which the effort of hon. Chief Minister on this projectis remarkable. Being one of the biggest assets of the state,

renovation and maintenance is a must as I beg the hon. minister to take note of this matter.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No. 46, UD & PA, I am overwhelmed that development works could now be done in notified towns under this ministry. I thank the hon. minister also for this initiative. Apart from this, better solid waste management for Vairengte is under construction which truly is appreciative.

Lastly, I believe that UD&PA is behind the success of Sport Department and I would like to mention that my constituency also needs infrastructures from UD&PA. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our time is over. We will have a recess and we will continue at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER: To continue with our discussion, I request Dr. B.D. Chakma to have his time.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am fortunate for having the chance to share my discussion under your chairmanship by sitting and you being a great Engineer and Parliamentarian, I hope you give me an extended time.

I support the budget of Demand No. 20, School Education Department, and it is impressive that the B.E has increased a lot compared to last year. However, no capital expenditure is seen on our budget and so would be appreciated if the hon. Education Minister points out whether it will be under SEDP or not.

Secondly, we had 1305 Hindi teachers during the previous ministry and I am asking how many are recruited and if there will be any recruitment. Borapansuri High School is the senior most within CADC but remain without science and mathematics teacher who had voluntarily pensioned last year on health ground. So, it would be appreciated if teachers for the said subjects are provided. At the same time, I urge to increase the salary of teacher under RMSA and SSA who has been working for a very long time and if possible, the appointment may be regularized?

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to make few proposals on Demand No. 20. We often had innovative programs such as providing laptop computer to the top 3 students of HSLC and HSSLC Board Examinations through MLA LAD Fund. So, will it be possible to continue with this scheme as it has raises sense of competition among the students themselves? It may as well be necessary to review the syllabus which is quite diversive and so is difficult for the students to buy each and every text book.

Moving to Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs Department, it is seen in para 41 of the budget speech that budget allocation for District Councils increases a lot comparing last year. However, as for LADC, 92.75% went to salary and only 7.25% remains for development work; as for MADC, 92.26% went to salary and only 7.74% for development and administrative expenditure and as for CADC, 93.66% went to salary and only 6.34% for development and administrative expenditure. So, how would the 3 District Councils manage themselves in this situation? Apart from this, any appointment is given on political base and without observing any formalities which further cause huge problem for the District Councils.

Moving to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, there are 7 villages in Tuichawng valley which remain without electricity and also 27 non-electrified villages at Theka valley which need immediate attention of the government. Likewise, under PHE, Demand No. 25, 18 villages of Tuichawng valley and 14 villages of Theka have no water connection and it would be appreciated if the hon. minister keeps these in mind. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next is, Pu Thangmawia, hon. Member.

PU L. THANGMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 20, School Education.

With the effort of our powerful Education Minister, more than 800 new teachers are recruited for Primary and Middle Schools. I thank the hon. minister for providing 33 teachers in my constituency as a relief of some teachers recruited through MLA fund. At the same time, I would like to stress the problem of english medium schools which takesover our state's education and is a deep concern that many Govt. schools lies without enough students. I hope that the new examination pattern of MBSE yields a positive outcome.

Moving to Art & Culture Department, Demand No. 23, it is necessary to preserve the Mizo languages and so is important that the Mizoram Board works on the correct use of the languages since it is quite important to unite all the Mizo people.

Next is Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department. Several works being carried out within my constituency such as Tuiching Project of 0.1 megawatt, Leiva Hydel Project of 4 megawatts and Vankalsawral Park of 20 megawatts. Leiva is almost completed but Nortec Company is not able to deliver the machinery as yet. It would be appreciated if it is commissioned before the end of this year. If Vankalsawral project of 20 megawatts is a success, my constituency will be able to obtain enough power as well. Thus, SDO is needed at Kawlkulh to supervise all the works.

Moving to Demand No. 25, PHE is certainly a blessing for my constituency as solar pump for Mimbung, Hliappui, khawdungsei, Chiahpui and Khawkawn are almost ready.

Lastly, it would be appreciated if UD&PA covers Ngopa and Kawkulh as well since these two towns are no longer a rural area. Lastly, it is impressive that we see a lot of development within this year. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next is, Pu K.T. Rokhaw, the hon. Member.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 20, School Education.

It is learned that 150 nos. High School teachers will be recruited and so would be appreciative if the hon. minister favors us since my constituency is of the least teacher among the 40 constituencies. The main drawback of education in rural constituencies is posting of qualified teachers from major towns who are reluctant to work in rural areas; thus, they hire substitute teachers belonging to local residents who are not qualified. This practice intensively jeopardizes the student's career and so would be appreciative if qualified local candidates are favored for such posts.

Moving to UD&PA, I would like to point out that we do not have any artificial grass turf playground within my constituency Palak and so would be appreciative if at least Tipa playground is upgraded with such material. At the same time, I would like to suggest handing over the maintenance of Siaha playground to District Council after its completion for better administration.

Next is PHE. It would be appreciated if the gravity line water pump of Siaha is fixed since the water supply are murky. If it is fixed, the department will also save a lot of energy bills. Likewise, Tuitlawk water pumped for Siaha too is quite murky during rainy season since it connects Baitai Lui. So, it would be appreciated if a proposal is made for diversion. Also, Tuisi Lui water pumping for Siatlai, Zyhno also is murky especially during rainy season that the problem which may also be attended. It would also be appreciated if Hryuva Lui which is 3 kms from Tuisi Lui is pumped for Tipa. Solar pump of Chakhei and Tokolo are completed but it has no supervisor to lookafter the project and thus would be appreciated if one is posted. The place *Zero Point* which happened to be the junction of Siaha, Lawngtlai and Tipa remain without appropriate source of water supply and have to depend on PHE's water supply by means of trucks during summer. It would be much appreciated if water pump is constructed at a favourable source of 6 kms from Zero point.

Moving to P&E, the previous ministry had taken measures on 33 kV line of Bualpui which was commissioned last year and covering Siachangkawn, Vawmbuk, Lungpher, Chhualung, Siata and Chakhei. Apart from this, 33 kV line for Phura again executed by the previous ministry was also commissioned last year and covering the western parts of my constituency. However, what we are in extreme need of Tuipang Hydel Project to repair the pipeline which was unfortunately destroyed by landslide. Though the government had sanctioned fund for the repair, the work is on halt since it is used up. The amount of proposal for the same is ₹51 lakh and so would be appreciated if this is cleared.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to make a supplement to the point raised by Pu BD Chakma. We have seen budget allocation the District Councils and we all know that allocation under *Salary Head* cannot be used for non-salary. We have shortage on staffs especially on teachers and thus is desirable if teachers are paid from salary head. I find no fault here if there is fund for salary to provide from salary head.

Lastly, elementary education is taken up by the District Council and I am not sure how SSA program would be conducted within the District Council whereas Samagra, SSA should also concern for elementary school of the District Council. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I request Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Education Department. Thousands of teachers were recruited in the beginning of this ministry without any political party inclusion and we also now have Teachers' Transfer Rules as a sign of world-class education.

In Demand No. 28, LESDE, we have numbers of students achieving high degrees but remains employed. Thus, it is appreciating that we are taking measures so that they can be employed.

Next is Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs. It is impressive that sufficient amount of fund is allotted for the development of the lesser developed districts.

Moving to Demand No. 33, I believe we have not shown enough to our farmers of how to harvest more and I request Soil Department to take measure in this regard. Plantation of *Paan* is quite a profitable and we make a lot of income from Hachhek, Bilkhawthlir and Vairengte. Bilkhawthlir and Zamuang alone make more than ₹4 crores this year on Paan trading. So, it would be impressive if it is covered by SEDP as well.

Moving on to Demand No. 46, UD&PA, I am glad that this department is quite functional and acts as a parent department to those constituencies with major rural towns.

Next is Demand No. 25, PHE. The department is laying a huge pipe at Zihngchalkawn in which widening of road is in full swing under PWD. However, there are issues on compensations despite the urgent need for installation of water pipe. This is one of the reasons that Tanhril Vengthar had no water supply for more than a month. I, thus request the Minister and concerned officials to keep this in mind and take necessary measures. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next is, Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with the Demands of our hon. Dy. Chief Minister.

Regarding PHE, Bethlehem has only one tanky which is barely enough and it would be appreciated if we are provided with another tanky. Gravitation water supply is constructed at Bethlehem area during the previous ministry but the problem is having a tanky constructed before a well.

Moving to UD&PA Department, I would like to mention that my constituency is located in the low-lying area and the sewers now need immediate repair which may be attended immediately.

I feel there is one thing we need to be careful on Personnel & Administrative Reforms. The Government decided to establish MSSSB by reducing job appointment authority of MPSC. I am afraid this will create nepotism and thus would be appreciated if political fitness of a candidate is kept aside so that only qualified ones are appointed.

Moving on to Demand No. 20, Transfer & Posting of School Teachers Amendment Rules, 2020 is introduced and I personally thank the hon. minister for recruiting more teachers. It is impressive that progress is made on School Education and it would be appreciated if the Govt. Central High School and Govt. Bethlehem Vengthlang High School of my constituency are renovated as they were of 1975-76 set-up. At the same time, I thank the hon. minister for a teacher at Govt. Bethlehem Vengthlang High School on time.

Moving on to LESDE Department, it is sad to learn our budget decreases by 32.54%. I am afraid we may not be able to develop any skills unless human development is operated. Step is taken for IAS Coaching Centers and we also need to take measure on MYC or else we will soon be ruled-over by non-natives; we should concern for the future of our youths.

Moving on to Demand No. 39 and 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, it is an important department in which we need to put more efforts on preserving our lands and soils.

Next is Power & Electricity Department. We need electricity in our everyday life and we therefore need to take extreme measures on power generation from our major rivers so as to be self-sufficient in power supply. The Central Govt. offers us loan of more than 74% for sustainable development and we need to make use of this to construct major dams. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Proff. Lalnunmawia is next.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 25, PHE.

PHE is an important department and I appreciate the works carried out in my constituency. The department provides several nos. tanky and we beginning to have sufficient water supply. Apart from this, we are also provided with 8 nos. community sanitary complex under Swachh Bharat and plastic baling machine being installed at Aibawk; I hope it will be functional. Not only the above-mentioned, household water connection is taken up under JJM and the work is now in full swing on water connection to the households of the less fortunate.

Moving to Demand No. 46, UD&PA, it is impressive that garbage is now classified accordingly and measure is taken on junction improvement. It is learned that the department has a plan of widening the road approaching Saikhamakawn and we are very excited about it. The road, as known to us all is quite congested with vehicles parking on the roadside which often caused accidents. It would also be of much appreciative if a parking house is provided under PAHOSS scheme for the community's safety.

Next is Demand No. 20, School Education. The increase of its budget to ₹226 crore indicates priority being given to education. Teachers are provided to several areas and hopefully several old school buildings will soon be renovated. Pu Speaker, we have Sialsuk Hr. Sec. School under the community maintenance and I hope that measure will be taken on teachers and school buildings. I am delighted to hear about Amendment Rules of Transfer and Posting of Teachers and I believe the other members as well feel the same. Again, it is also impressive that MBSE introduces a new examination pattern.

Moving to Demand No. 28, LESDE, we have many unemployed youths with high degrees and I hope that the department works with Education Department to help them achieve their livelihood.

Next is Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs Department. With a remarkable increase of its budget, I hope development will reach minority areas and I also hope that the District Councils utilize the fund wisely.

Moving to Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, there are several old cables and poles which the previous ministry failed to replace; it would be appreciated if our Minister keeps this in mind. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call upon Pu VL Zaithanzama and will be followed by Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU VL ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25, PHE Department. It is responsibility of the department to supply clean water and keeping in mind of this, there is a plan under SIPMIU for water supply to the northern part of Aizawl through the works taken up for 37 MLD at Laipuitlang. At the same time, i suggest safer means of garbage disposal or else our it will affect our health.

It is impressive that a new tanky is placed at Khatla. I also heard that step has been taken under PHE for setting up zonal tank at the land purchased from Pu Zosangliana of Mission Vengthlang for ₹65 lakh. So, I request the hon. minister to prioritize the case so that it is successful.

Moving on to Demand No. 46, the performance of UD&PA is well-appreciated particularly a large hall inaugurated by the hon. our Minister on the 26th November, 2019 at Mission Vengthlang. It is said to have been planned for Table Tennis training centre - Cum - Basketball court and so is desirable if it is completed soon.

On Demand No. 20, School Education, increase of the budget is appreciative and so is the Mizoram Education Transfer & Posting of School Teacher Amendment Rules, 2020. The hon. Group Leader Pu Lalduhoma had urged provision of staff quarters for teachers in rural areas and I support it. One big problem for the teachers posted in rural areas is unavailability of staff quarters or house for renting. If the said could not be provided, it is wise for the department to prioritize any local applicant for the teacher of such schools.

There is so much competition between English Medium Schools and Mizo Medium Schools and so in an effort, English Medium schools usually taught mathematics in mizo and rest of the subjects in English language. Whereas on the otherhand, the Mizo medium schools taught only a few subjects in English and mode of teaching as a whole does not make much differences. I hope this will help the students of English medium when it comes to mathematics.

Coming to P&E, BSUP in my constituency is facing a problem as consumers received consumption bill for 2 years in one time. Anyway, the case is now being settled and I am mentioning this for fear of repetition.

Last but not the least, I request the concerned minister to give more and more efforts so that we may have sufficient power supply. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo and he will be followed by Pu Lalrindika Ralte, hon. Member.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Pu Lalrammawia (rtd.) is appointed as Secretary of Mizoram Subordinate Service Selection Board but the members sitting on your left accused him of being an active politician. However, it is their party who appointed him as MPSC Chairman before. He is neither involved in politics, nor a candidate of Village Council and he even declined the appointment at MNF hqrs.

I would like to start with Demand No. 20, Education Department. Thanks to an able Minister, we now have accomplished Transfer & Posting Rules and even recruited thousand of teachers. However, it seems that there is unrighteousness on the part of the officials with entry of wrong data for recruitment of 800 MR teachers

and so is unbecoming to expect 4 teachers in 1 school. For example, there are only 2 Primary School teachers and 3 at UPS; only 2 teachers at Lokhisulador Primary School and only 1 teacher named Lalhmunsiami at Marpara Mizo Veng Primary School. There are 40 students at Ugugusuri UPS with only 1 teacher; we have 2 teachers at Zopui PS but without school building. We have no teacher at Marpara PS and only 1 Physical teacher due to allotment made as per old data. More teachers are now recruited and I therefore request the hon. minister to give more concerns to my constituency that 7 Middle School teachers are about to retire between January - August. I would also like to request him to consider the repair of school building and construction of new one of Parvatui which is now on the verge of collapse; likewise, Phaileng PS and Chungtlang faces a problem during rainy days. It would be appreciated if the Minister also reacts to RMSA School of Silsuri while winding up his Demands.

Moving on to Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, there is MSDP fund for Mamit and Lawngtlai Districts but the monitoring is not functioning properly. It would be appreciated if measures are taken on minority affairs.

Coming now to Demand No. 33, Forest Office is not functioning properly in my constituency and RO building at Phaileng which was built in 1997 is no longer fit for the office. Besides, coffee plantation which started in 1974 is no longer attended and it would be great if it is resumed.

Next is, Power & Electricity. Power supply is often stopped when the weather is gloomy and the person on duty instinctively thought to shut down the power on such situation; this practice has been going on for the past 47 years. We often talk about handing-off Power to Cooperation but I personally believe that our state could not afford to do so.

Demand No. 25, PHE. It is an important Department. (*I am almost done, Pu Deputy Speaker*). The hon. minister had taken up Greater Water Supply Scheme at West Phaileng in 2007 which helped us in receiving safe drinking water from Reiek tlang, since then, Dampa constituency is feeling relieved. But since our location at the top of the hill, we still face scarcity of water despite storage tanky allotted to 14 villages and our problem remain unresolved.

Next is Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Demand 46. Dampa constituency is not eligible for modified town under UD&PA. However, we are expecting to enter through recommendation especially for Reiek and West Phaileng by the upcoming census of 2021. So, I would like to request to utilize funds under UD&PA for the development of my constituency as well.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I request all the hon. members to support passing of these Demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Lalrindika Ralte is next; he will be followed by Er. H. Lalzirliana.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker, and I would like to start with Demand No. 25 - PHE.

At the outset, I ask the hon. minister to give his concern to irregular water supply of Zawlnuam. At the same time, I would like to ask the present status of Kawrtethawveng Water Supply Scheme which is currently being taken up.

Next is Demand No. 46, UD&PA. Many families who are living in rented house are facing various difficulties as rental charge seem to depends on a particular landlord as some were even ousted for failing to pay their rent. I believe we already have a stable rule to this concern and we need to exercise it accordingly so as to save such families.

Moving to Demand No. 20, School Education, SDEO in my constituency has been transferred to another place and I urge the hon. minister to make immediate replacement.

Pu Dy. Speaker, education is a wide subject and giving lecture in Mizo or English language can stir quite a debate. We need to fully understand the true meaning of *quality education* and we also need to upgrade the textbooks so that we can surpass other states. Education is quite important and the department should not be manipulated by political activities. Experts observed that CBSE course for CL-XI & XII are suitable for UPSC examination. So, I want to request the people to invest their children on education even if they have financial problem and the Govt. should also spend enough money on education. I hope the Minister remember the request I have made to him before. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: I request Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker, and I would like to start with Personal & Administrative Reforms.

We are the aspirational district as extreme measure is being taken for the achievement. However, we are quite limited on manpower and we do not have Additional DC today. Our Additional DC, Pu Jacob was transferred to Kolkata and no replacement has yet been made. Also, the Office Asst. was transferred to Aizawl five months ago and the post is still vacant today; we have SDO Civil at Kawrthah who could not provide much service. So, I beg the hon. minister to keep these in mind as it concerns development of our district.

Next is School Education. Though some sorts of improvements are seen in my constituency, there are still a lot of works ahead. We have one Hr. Sec. School of science stream in Mamit District but seriously lacking infrastructures and there are

many schools functioning with lone teacher. We also need SDEO to assist our DEO who is cancer patient who hardly available at his post. Regarding shortage of teachers (**Deputy Speaker:** *Your time is over and the House decision may be taken. Alright; you may continue.*)

Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Major students in the district capitals usually get their admission at English Medium Schools which consequently leaves Govt. Schools with only few students. So, it is wise to introduce amalgamation for better education.

It is learned that power & electricity of Thangva will be handed over to a corporate but I do not believe we afford to do so being a poor state.

I would like to combine UD&PA and PHE Departments. Mamit is known for scarcity of water supply and its bumpy roads. Yet, Mamit Water Supply Scheme which has been initiated in the previous Ministry is now in progress. So, it would be pleasing if the department officials take measures to expedite the process of works.

Labor & Employment is an important department as it concerns skill development. So, I opine we need to provide better training facilities to the trainees. Thank you, Pu. Dy. Speaker, for an extended time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Our time is 4:00 PM and we still have 10 more members to speak. So, the House decides to have a break at 5 PM. I request Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to inform the House that Pu Mathlana serves the members with a delicious pastry for his being honored with the *Ideal Youth MLA Award*. Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 20, School Education.

We all knows how the case of transfer & posting of teachers cause a headache to the members and it is all because we have not yet implemented the Mizoram Education Transfer & Posting of School Teachers Rules, 2003 in a proper manner; It is appreciated that we now have one. Regarding medium of teaching, the elementary level is quite important as our children often practice by-heart system. We all know how English language dominates the world and we should provide literal translations after every sentence in their textbooks for a better understanding.

Next is Demand No.25, PHE. The three major towns in my constituency such as Hortoki, Kawnpui and Thingdawl are sharing one pipeline; we face water scarcity for 2/3 weeks for lack of SDO to solve our problem. So, I request the hon. minister bears this in mind.

Next is P&E Department. I am not an expert on this subject and I am confused with how the fund is spent. Yet, I have a feeling that corruption is feasible unless

work transparency and accurate monitoring. It is sad to mention that the powerline cables are old and now becoming accident prone which even caused the life of a former Congress Block President of Lungdai who was shocked to death by an electric wire.

Next is Demand 23, Art & Culture... (**Deputy Speaker:** *You have 1 minute left*). I opine we need to give importance to indigenous music just as much as Western music. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next, Dr. Thiamsanga, followed by Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

DR. Z.R. THIAMSANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker and I would like to start with P&E Department.

This important department is taking extreme measures throughout the state. It is pleasing to learn that Hydro-electric project of 4 megawatts at Kawlbem will be completed in 2020-21 and Tlawva small hydel project of 5 megawatts production by 2020. Tuiching and Tuiriza hydel project were completed in 2019 and 70% works on Vankal Solar Park with 20 megawatts production being completed. A solar plant with 2 megawatts production at Tlungvel also is in progress and will be completed this year. It is learned that forest clearance has not yet been approved for Tuirini Hydel Project which is expected to produce 24 megawatts and thus necessary steps should be taken. New Development Bank approves the sanction of 300 crore with 1.25% interest after the project is completed and we need to accomplish this at all costs. Pu Dy. Speaker, Serlui Hydel Project should also be resumed to enhance our power production. PHE, though an important department have only a few linemen and we need to strengthen the staff. It is a risky job and some had even lost their lives while servicing.

Measures taken by Art & Culture Minister is well appreciated as so is the efforts of our hon. Chief Minister for *Zofa Unity*. I opine Art & Culture Department, in cooperation with Tourism Department need to organize *International Zo Cultural Meet* so as to achieve reunification of all the Mizos worldwide.

Next is PHE D epartment. Solar pumping work is currently carried out in 20 villages with more proposals for several villages. The work is now in progress for Sekhum, Tokalo and Molaicherra and ₹10 crore has also been sanctioned for Hnahlan.

I thank the hon. PHE Minister and the department officials for rendering their best despite shortage of staff. It is impressive that measure is taken under JJM for rural water connection. It is also impressive that measure has also been taken on cleanliness by providing Community Sanitary Complex at every village.

It is appreciating that UD&PA has taken measure on Solid Waste Management all over Mizoram and many more works to be thankful for. It is also

impressive that construction of truck terminal is proposed at Champhai Zotlang by accommodating parking area; also, ₹3 crore is allotted for construction of ring road at Zote.

Next is Education Department. It is impressive that 800 teachers are recruited on MR so as to relief shortage of teacher. Being the largest department, administrative works of the Education Department is quite a difficult job and Transfer & Posting Rules thus will be implemented to resolve the problems. Most of the teachers are working very hard knowing the needs of education in our state. It is worth-mentioning that one village manage to build school building through their own initiative and thanks to the support of one contractor. Some teachers in my constituency have even paid from their own pocket to help poor students who are unable to afford fees and school uniforms etc. While this is the case, it is regretted that there are teachers who are preoccupied with transfer and posting; I hope our leaders will take care of the situation and we need not to worry. It is a fact that we do not have a regular teachers and headmasters in Middle school and High School level and that education cannot be attained without proper administration. Thus, I opine it is wise if School Inspectors inspected our schools on regular basis.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the performance and responsibility of Printing & Stationary Department is rarely known despite the achievement with 157 works during April -December, 2019 out of which a revenue amounting to ₹185 lakh is received. The department targeted ₹164 lakh for the year 2019-2020 out of which ₹110 lakhs is achieved till this December. The department achievement is quite impressive considering the limited staff; only 143 posts out of 284 are filled and around 10 employees retire every year. The department office is usually crowded and our leaders are expected to take necessary measures.

On PHE, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have a reservoir at Keilungli, Champhai and we named it 'Reservoir & Development of Recreation Centre at Keilungli'; ₹19 crore is spent so far as the foundation has also been laid. I believe this will be of much important for economic resource as well as tourist attraction and so will be appreciative if our leaders take expedite measures. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Next is, Pu Lalchhuanthanga to be followed by Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 28.

Sailo Machinery Engineering Industry at Mualpui which was constructed in 1996 is still functional. The owner is Pu Lalpiangliana Sailo, a born-engineer and he manufactures more than 20 equipments which are practically used by the people as it provides livelihood to more than 1,000 families. His productions comprise a device to dress chicken, wild plants cutters, flour mixture, dog hair removal and a device to produce agarbati sticks. He was also rewarded by the President for Agarbati sticks

productions. Apart from this, he also manufactures betel-nut cutter, chilli grinder, etc. His products are long lasting; yet, he could not supply the whole demand due to lack of good tools. So, it will be much appreciated if the Govt. provides him a support by procuring his products as well.

Next is PHE, Demand No. 25. Despite the exhausting works, the department manage to carry out impressive works. A suggestion I would like to make is to preserve our rivers and springs by covering them for they can become quite useful for rain-water harvesting. Besides, Syntax water tanky should be sold on subsidized rate so that each household have one for storing rain-water.

Moving to Demand No. 46, UD&PA, the budget for this department decreased by 45.81% and it would be appreciated if priority is given to improvement of Kulikawn, Ngaizel road as the route concerns the southern areas including maxi-cab stand, bus terminal and a market place.

Next is Power Department. Despite having a great potential on power production, we have a very limited power supply and we could not even produce half of our requirement. We spend huge amount of fund every year and the surcharge of our late payment amounting to 11 crores. It would be appreciated if the hon. minister explains the situation when winding up his Demands. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Biakzaua, hon. Member is next.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 20, School Education department.

It is one of the most important departments and we need to prioritize education if we truly want development. I appreciate the works of our minister and it impressive that more than 900 teaching and non-teaching staffs were recruited. It is learned that Hr. Sec. School will be established through RMSA (Samagra) and we now also have Mizoram Education Transfer & Posting of School Teacher Rules. We have been facing the problem of transfer & posting of teacher for a very long time and I am glad that it will now be resolved through this Rule.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have 3 nos. Higher Secondary Schools in my constituency, one is Govt. and the other two are of Lumpsum Grant. There are 9 High Schools which all need more teachers; 4 nos. High Schools have headmaster yet, non have a regular Science and Mathematics teacher. While this is the case, there are some teachers who are about to retire and some about to resign and it would be appreciated if our minister keeps in mind of our shortage of teaching staffs.

Demand No. 27, DC&MA have a connection with Education. There are several middle Schools within LADC and MADC areas which are governed by the state government. Whether it is the state Govt. or the Council, it is desirable if such schools

are governed under the same authority to evade various problems in the system of education.

Next is Demand No. 28, LESDE. Lawngtlai District does not have a proper building for Employment Exchange Office and is now functioning in a rented building of Lawngtlai 'W' representative. Due to lack of Employment Officer and irregularity of this office, many youths face problem on employment registration. It would be appreciated if a District Employment Officer is posted at Lawngtlai as soon as possible.

Moving to Demand No. 25, PHE, Lawngtlai Supply Scheme, as a rural status was set with a capacity of 40 LPCD which now becoming less sufficient as urban township and thus needs to be augmented to 70 LPCD. Therefore, Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme should be augmented as soon as possible. I appreciate water supply is set to be drawn for Pangkhua with gravity under NABARD and I thank the Minister for this. It is also impressive that water connection will be provided to every household under JJM before 2024 and connection has already been given to every households of Vartek kai.

Next is Demand No. 46, UD&PA. It is impressive that Aizawl is taken up under Smart City programme. However, it is unfortunate that we only have one Smart City unlike the neighboring states Arunachal and Sikkim who have 2 Smart cities. Pu Dy. Speaker, there are a lot of work in Lawngtlai which may be taken up UD&PA and I request if the hon. minister noted down for earlier action.

Next is Power & Electricity, Demand No. 39. It is impressive that power sub-station at Bualpui 'NG' has now able to provide enough power supply. While this is the case, a new cable is needed at Siachangkawn-Vawmbuk powerline since it is no longer safe. Pu Deputy Speaker, I beg you to kindly extend my time. The powerline cable of Lungtian-Vartek which is above Lungtian village recently broke also need immediate repair. I think we need to send bill collector in remote villages so that payment is received on time.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the Congress Ministry had passed a resolution in the 6th Legislative Assembly 7th Session, dated 25th March, 2011 appreciating measures taken by the Govt. for self-sufficiency in power supply. However, our production hardly reaches 16 megawatts and it has been 9 years since passing the resolution and we still require 70 - 80 megawatts. Also, Pu Deputy Speaker, we had MoU signed for Tuivawl Hydel Project, Kaladan Phase-II, Tlawng, Bairabi, Tuivai, Chhimituipui, Mat, Tuirini, etc. But no works are carried out. So, we need to directly cancel the works which has not been carried out and sign a new to those works which can be carried out. Pu Dy. Speaker, if Kaladan Phase-II which is expected to produce 460 megawatts is achieved, we will be able to produce enough power supply even for export outside.

Next is Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. The DAO Office at Lawngtlai is becoming old and the staff quarters are on the verge of collapse. At the same time, measures should be taken on Soil Department to evade soil erosion which eventually worn down the soils and cause a problem to organic vegetables. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: We will have a short break and continue with our business at 5:30 PM

5:30 PM

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana, hon. Member.

DR. VANLALTHLANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25, Public Health Engineering.

The budget has decreased by 10% and the budget estimate for Swatch Bharat Missions amounting to ₹962 lakh is not shown on the revised estimate. PHE expected to receive 6,000 lakhs from water bill whereas the full budget is 22,795 lakhs that further indicate the government has spent a lot on water supply. A storage tanky constructed under SIPMIU near Hrangchhuana High School is opined to be less sufficienct and thus should be augmented so that it provides the supply to Ramhlun Vengthar, Ramhlun Sports Complex, Ramhlun Venglai, etc. At the same time, let me point out that Chite Lui is shrinking and the water is murky and dirty. So, we need to cover our drainages to keep our water clean.

Next is Demand No. 46, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department. ₹6,000 lakh is allotted for PAHOSS but only ₹1,000 lakh is seen on the new budget. It is appreciative for AMC that ₹45 crores will be allotted for Local Urban Body. The budget allocation to UD&PA is decreased by 45% and I believe many staff are not dissatisfied with it. We have AMRUT, Smart City Mission in which huge amount of funds is allotted under Swatchh Bharat Mission. So, we are now expecting a better sanitation system.

Next is Art & Culture Department. The budget has increased by 19.96% and it seems more development works could be taken up with it. We need to put more efforts on preserving our culture, history and antique objects.

Moving to Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, 99.39% of the budget covers salary, wages, office expenses and only 0.61% covers development works. So, we need to keep sincerity in spending our budget. It is increased by 13% while Power & Electricity decreased by 4.27% whereas the budget allocation for District Council has also increases. Regarding P&E, MoU is signed with *Uday*, a power energy company and we are moving towards corporatization. Our target revenue is ₹32,000 lakh and our targeted expenditure is

₹54,315 lakh. While this is the case, the transformers in Aizawl and Lunglei need to be upgraded at least to 500 kV.

Moving to the Demands of Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, the hon. minister, the budget allocation for Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery has decreased by 6.98% as so is for Demand No. 28, LESDE by 32%. I have submitted at least 30 questions concerning this department in which the poor laborers are depending on it. Apart from this, the youths depend on it for entrepreneurship and skill development. Pu Speaker, I beg to extend the time. Despite ITI which concern practical learning, it is unfortunate that only ₹1 lakh is allotted for procurement of machinery and equipment and the Finance Department thus needs to allot more funds. While this is the case, we are quite exciting that Manpower Development Policy under SEDP is shown on the Economic Survey.

Moving to Demand No. 20, School Education, the budget has increased to 17.03% (**SPEAKER:** Your time is over.) Pu Speaker, this is my last point. I hope we implement the Transfer & Posting Rules so as to evade many problems. It seems the department is still not recognizing the new districts and thus should be concerned. Pu Speaker, if we have to concern for the poor and less fortunate students, I opine we need to upgrade the Govt. Schools since it is the only school affordable to such students. We also need to change our education system and motivate the students to stand on their own feet. Regarding DIET, budget allocation to the salary head increases from 181 to 578.50 and only 3 lakh is allotted for office expenses. Last, but not least, allegedly there are several fake trainings at DIET but no action is taken so far. (**SPEAKER:** You may conclude your speech.) I think we should always concern for the welfare of our education system. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Ramthanmawia, hon. member is next.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 20.

It is impressive that 946 teaching staff and non-teaching staffs are recruited so as to resolve shortage of teachers; I expect this will relief the problem of my constituency as well. We have 3 teachers at Leisenzo Middle School, 3 at Sazep, 3 at Thek, 3 at Khuangleng, 3 at Govt. PS, 3 at Hruaikawn, 3 at Thiakpui, 3 at Vaphai PS-III, 3 at Vanzau High School and the community hires 2 more teachers. There are 79 Nos. Govt. schools in my constituency and the building of half of the such schools need renovations. We made a request to concerned authority to establish a high school at Khuangleng and Vaphai under Samagra Mission whereas Khuangleng does not even have a Hr. Sec. School in its surrounding and we need one. The 2 Higher Secondary Schools in my constituency are of a lumpsum schools in which 8 high schools out of 17 are of adhoc. Measures has been taken to establish PMRS through tribal Ministry in my constituency but it will take some times. Thus, I request the hon. minister to keep in mind that most of our school buildings need renovation and out need of more teachers is intensive.

Next is Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity. Initiative has been made for Tlawva, small hydel project in my constituency which is expected to provide 5 megawatts and will be started this year. This is expected to provide power supply to East Tuipui and Champhai as well. We are also looking forward for Tlawva, a small hydel project near Vaphai which is expected to produce 3 megawatts. Pu Speaker, we have control room at Farkawn, Khawbung and Khuangleng but of limited staffs. Since Farkawn-Khankawn of 11 kV line is lying on the the old road, it is necessary to move by the new road for better maintenance. Kawtchhuahropui which is of the main tourist attraction in the area around has not been electrified as yet and thus may be noted by the hon. minister for immediate action. We often have problem with LT lines of Farkawn for it remain single phase and thus would be appreciated if it is upgraded to 3rd phases. We also need line diversion at Khuangthing 11 kV line for it is too close to some houses and thus should be initiated before damage is done.

Moving on to Demand No. 25, PHE, scarcity of water supply is intensive in my constituency particularly in the villages such as Buang, Khuangthing, Leisenzo, Leithum, Vangzal, Sazep, and Farkawn and we are eagerly waiting for sanctioning of the projects that we have submitted. Apart from this, the areas such as Leisenzo, Leithum, Vanzau, Sazep will again be facing water problem this coming dry season and it would be appreciated if our minister keeps this in mind and take necessary step. Thank you and I support the demands.

SPEAKER : Coming up next is, Pu Vanlalhlana, the hon. Member.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with School Education, Demand 20.

Pu Speaker, it is quite impressive that more than 800 teachers are recruited without any political influence. Mizoram made a lot of progresses on education under the initiative of our missionaries but degrading as the Govt. took over its maintenance. It is a fact that schools such as of Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Seventh Day, Baptist and UPC are doing much better than Govt. Schools. Thus, careful measure should be made to this concern so that a new phase of education system is seen in Mizoram. At the same time, I request the hon. minister to consider immediate repair of most of the Govt. school buildings and other facilities.

Moving on to Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Deptt., it is grateful to learn that the department has now having it own building so that rest of the departments is able to acquire stationery materials from P&S alone. From now on, all the other departments should collect material requirements from this department.

Next is Labour & Employment. Skill Development is quite important and the DONeR Secretary has even given an advice on Tourism & Skill Development. Our

youths need skills to stand on their own feet and make a livelihood and that is why we need to equip our ITI as well.

Next is Demand No.32, Power Department. As on 5th February, power requirement is 125 mW during peak hour and 45 mW during off-peak. Thus, our claim as being a poor state in power supply seem to be wrong since we are able to produce 100 mW approximately. I believe this ministry is not much interested on improvement of our power supply as no measures were taken following the DPR handed to us by the Brahmaputra Board in the early 2000 of their party's previous ministry. It is highly suggestive that we should dam up our rivers to evade many difficulties which may come up anytime if we keep on buying electricity. Therefore, we need to construct dams so as to have sufficient power supply and line extension is also necessary. We may have the worst street lights in India and measures should be taken here as well. As mentioned by Pu Biakzaua, many MoU are signed but no measures are taken for damming and thus would be appreciated if MoU is existed only with those who would come up to carry out the works.

Regarding Demand No. 25, I opine we should install more fire hydrants.

Moving on to PHE, C-in-C Office building is set for construction; yet, dismantling the attaching residential houses can cost a lot as there are 3 quarters and 18 residential houses. So, careful measure may be taken as there can be serious complications. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand 25, PHE. Measures taken by the department for Lunglei District are well-appreciated.

A proposal is made for Ralvawng solar pumping under NABARD and the works will soon be carried out. Pialthleng Lui is the main source for Lunglei but the waters about to dry in dry season. Two old water pumpings are replaced for Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme and its machines are arriving. It is of diesel engine and a vertical electric motor for pumping Tlawng water. Mualthuam water reserve is almost completed and Buarpui solar pumping also is a success and the distribution is yet to be done. Our population is increasing while our water sources are drying up which is the reason that we submitted a concept paper and DPR for Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme Phase-II. Lunglei is expanding and the pipeline is also becoming old and rusty and a replacement is so appreciated. Zobawk still has 4000-5000 households without water connection and it would be appreciated if connection is provided immediately.

Next is Demand No. 46, UD&PA. It is impressive that solid waste management will be initiated in Lunglei and Lunglei Municipal Council too has undertaken the same for better administration. To resolve traffic problem of Lunglei, it is impressive that PAHOSS 'Parking House Support Scheme' will be implemented as in Aizawl. It

is great that public toilets are installed and footpaths are also constructed. So, I thank the department for all the works they have done for Lunglei.

Moving to Demand No. 39, Power Department, 132 kV of alternate line is almost ready for operation and a proposal is also made for Khawiva road. A 33 sub-station at Mualthuam 'N' and Tawpui 'N' are also executed on December, 2019 and the transformers in Lunglei needs replacement with new one.

Moving to School Education, Demand No. 20, it is not only for learning but also for discovering skilled persons. Teacher Transfer & Posting Rules are now implemented and salaries are also given in a much-settled method. Many Schools in Lunglei district are renovated and repaired; Zobawk Higher Secondary was established by the community in 2003 and students from 6 or 7 surrounding villages came here for education. So, it would be appreciated if this school is upgraded and well-equipped. The Govt. Higher Secondary School has many students and it will be appreciated if more staffs are provided.

Next is, Demand No. 28. This department concern for the poor and laborers. It is a deep concern that non-tribal mistiri are often hired when we construct a house and we are under their command. Thus, hon. Minister and his department should give a clear thought and take the step regarding this problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga is next.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery Department.

It is an important department and should be used for revenue earning source. For example, the calendar published by Mizoram Information & Publicity Department should be published by Printing & Stationery Department since it is a good source of revenue even by outsourcing. Text-book, ration cards and important documents should also be printed by the department and I request the Minister to take necessary measures. It is great that the department now has advanced machineries and excellent materials.

Next is, School Education Demand No. 20. It is impressive that more than 900 staffs are recruited. However, Pu Speaker, Lamherh Primary School with 100 students has 2 teachers with 4 new teachers and North Khawdungsei Primary School of 19 students has 1 teacher and 3 new teachers. Chhanchhuahna PS has 15 students with 2 teachers and 2 new teachers while Khanpui PS-I with 37 students has 1 existing teacher and 2 new teachers. Likewise, Mauchar with around 50 students has 3 teachers and additional 3 teachers are provided. There is a lack of uniformity in posting of teachers as some schools within Mamit, Hachhek, Dampa has only 1 teacher.

Pu Speaker, there are some teachers who were being transferred from my constituency such as from Fangfar UPS Lui to Sialhawk, from Kar Lui to UPS Sesawng, from UPS Mautlang to Khawbung, from UPS Sekulhkai to North LPS Vanlaiphai, from Zawlmawi to Lungchem, and from BRC Sangau BRC to Mamit. My constituency also faces shortage of teacher and we have 2 nos. UPS teachers posted at Lai Tlang. It would be appreciated if the existing teachers are untouched. A Higher Secondary School under Samagra is not available in my constituency and it would be appreciated if we are given one at Bungtlang South. Pu Speaker, it may as well be noted by the hon. minister that we do not have proper officer and office building for Labor & Employment Department in my constituency.

Next is, District Council & Minority Affairs Department. Almost the entire budget provision of the District Councils goes to salary and so is a deep concern that none is left for development works. A provincialized Middle School is under LADC and the elementary should be under the district councils as per the Sixth schedule to the constitution and this is also shown on the memorandum and gazette. And, the state departments within the District Council areas should also be withdrawn.

Next is, Power & Electricity Department. My constituency is located in the remote corner in which power supply is irregular allegedly due to absence of maintenance staff. It would be appreciated if at least MR staff is posted in this area.

Moving to PHE, the Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply scheme in my constituency Lawngtlai area was initiated by the previous ministry; yet, the supply is now becoming insufficient. Apart from this, solar water pump implemented by the previous ministry and shared by 4 villages has now becoming less enough with the growing population. It would be appreciated if the hon. minister tells us when Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply scheme will be augmented.

Next is UD&PA Department. It is impressive that works carried out by this department within Aizawl and the nearby areas are now in use. It would be appreciated if measure is taken for Lawngtlai as well which has now become urban township. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia is next.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25, PHE Department. I appreciate the works carried out and measures taken for the repair of Chhawnzinga Tuikhuah. The works under SIPMIU of 37 MLD carried out by the previous ministry also is resumed and I hope we have a better water supply.

Moving to Demand No. 46, several works carried out by UD&PA and PAHOSS scheme are quite impressive. It is desirable if the hon. minister consider renovation of Power House building located next to Bara Bazaar of my constituency.

Demand No. 20, School Education is one of the largest departments under the state government. It is impressive that teachers are recruited and measures are also taken to maintain our school buildings and their compounds. The missionaries started couple of education for us and were progressing to a certain extent yet receded since the last two decade. However, we are beginning to see progress with the implementation of the transfer and posting rules and is quite impressive.

Next is Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department. We hardly face problem despite producing less power. Several members suggested construction of dams but I believe dams needs an extensive area. In the stead, I suggest generation of thermal power from natural gas as of Gomati District, Tripura and I believe we could take the same measure.

Back to Demand No. 46, UD&PA, I appreciate measures taken by Aizawl Municipal Corporation on garbage and building regulation and measure taken for Executive Counselor. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker, and I would like to start with Demand No. 20, School Education Department.

Several works are carried out during this short period of term as school timing also is rearranged to resolve the problem. Not only this, Teacher Transfer Rules, rationalization of teachers, and recruiting M.R. (Grade-IV) are also implemented thanks to the effort of the hon. minister. Since it is the needs to improve our education system, we have to be very careful in utilization and management of our budget.

With the upcoming New Education Policy, we need to focus on technical education as well. It is a deep concern that we are falling behind in competitive exams and we no longer stand out in All India Services due to our poor education system. So, a concept clarity enhancement education needs to be executed and we also need to add ethics subject for a better community. Pu Speaker, i would also like to request the hon. minister to consider provincializing Higher Secondary Schools of the communities established within my constituency.

Moving to Power & Electricity Department, Demand No. 39, I appreciate the works carried out on Khawiva Mini Hydel Project. It is desirable that powerline of Chhipphir which crosses over Vanva valley is re-aligned for better supply and Pangzawl of more than 600 households is provided with Power sub-station. Pu Speaker, there are morethan 10 electric poles which obstruct the alignment of Haulawng-Hnahthial via Phaileng South and the department demands 1 lakh for removal of each pole. Thus, the progress of work is interrupted for failure on the part of contractor to make such payment and this consequently brought problem to Chhipphir and the area beyond. I, therefore ask the hon. minister to determine the

immediate solution to this problem. Also, 132 kV line of Thiltlang may be realigned immediately for it is too close and unsafe for some houses.

Moving to Demand No. 28, LESD&E, due to job scarcity in our state, many youths are working outside through some employment agencies and so is important for the department to maintain proper record of those working outside. It is also important that our labor force should also be inspected and more opportunities should be made for our youths. Regarding Youth Commission, I opine youth investment policy should be taken seriously. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : 26 members had shared their discussion; and, I request the hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to windup the discussion and move to pass his Demands.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 5 members had a discussion on Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department. It is an old department located in Secretariat Annexe. Though it is not a big department with many staffs, we deal in printing of important and confidential documents, Govt. Gazettes, budget documents of the Budget Sessions, VVIP speeches, etc. Printing & Stationery Department is running in a business mode as we supply papers in bulk and sell it to all the departments and private presses; 90% of the state departments bought from us. We have an advanced processing off-set of SM-74 (four colors), 4H1 (four color) and we can perform many tasks as we also print Mizoram calendars. The profit is deposited to the state revenue as we are running as a business mode. We also have Emboss machine for processing quality letter heads.

NLCPR project is initiated in Aizawl which concern for Government Press and establishment of Printing Institute in the North East in which the 2nd Batch is now going on. The Revenue target is 164 lakh and we hope to achieve it. Since our machine is not satisfactory for processing text books, we made a project "Establishment of text book and exercise book manufacturing unit in Mizoram" worth 24 crore through NLCPR DoNER.

Moving to Demand No. 28, Labor, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (LESDE), 14 members had shared their discussions. Measures are taken on facilities and for the benefit of the laborers as LESDE acts as a parent department for Mizoram Youth Commission. We have Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board under Labor Welfare and 1% labor cess of all the construction works is used for the welfare members. We received ₹16,62,57,147 from this 1% labor cess in 2019-2020 and the total amount we had received is ₹133,69,45,722 and our total expenditure is ₹82,10,51,536; we have a balance of ₹51,58,94,186. This amount is used by the members for their medical expenses, children education, weddings, etc.

We have several schemes under Skill Development which are of 90:10 central and state funding. We have 26 Training Centers under PMKVY Scheme and 10,180

students have completed their training courses. So far, we have 6,715 nos. certified students out of which 4,415 nos. already get jobs. Around 840 students find placements outside Mizoram through this programme and this is a remarkable achievement. Promotion of Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP) is the ongoing programme and the amount we received under Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure (ESDI) is utilized for upgrading and providing ITI in Aizawl, Lunglei and Siaha. There is a proposal for opening another 3 new ITIs such as in Champhai, Serchhip and Thingdawl Kolasib.

Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC) was implemented by the previous MNF Ministry in 2008. Around 207 youths find their jobs in 2019-2020 out of which 151 worked within Mizoram and 56 outside. Youth Center of MYC is located in 3 areas such as - Aizawl, Serchhip and Lunglei and ₹300 lakh is disbursed from the proposed ₹1200 lakh. MYC is taking measures so that our youths are qualified for Civil Services and defense services. Incentive cash award is also given to the topper students so as to create competition among the students. Manpower Development Board is under LESDE which comprises several projects to help the youths to discover their skills; the project further prepares a concept paper for construction of an institute for vocational training of unskilled labor worth 6.9 crore. We collaborate with Taiwan Govt. to provide training to our skilled-youths so that they obtain placements in Taiwan; MoU is in process for this programme.

Pu Speaker, 26 members have a discussion on School Education and MBSE SCERT, Samagra, SSA; and, Education Directorate is functioning under School Education. MBSE has the academic authority on secondary level, High School and Higher Secondary and it takes the charge of syllabus and it also prepare DIET exam like Diploma in Elementary Education (DLED), and MTECH and Board examinations. Some members suggested CBSE course but CBSE does not have a separate course but follows NCERT recommendation. MBSE has examines the recommendations of NCERT and found out that the same course is given. We often wonder why our youths always fall behind at the National levels like NEET and JEE and some blame our exam pattern. So, Higher Order Thinking Skill (HOTS) is introduced and 20% syllabus will be added in every subject. Experts from Delhi and Kolkata gives trainings to our MBSE officials and such MBSE trained officials then again trained 1500 teachers. MBSE is also taking measures to change our education system and question pattern.

Most of MBSE buildings are now becoming old as a proposal for site extension is submitted. Pu Nihar had mentioned that his constituency needs exam center of HSSLC as measure had also been taken in the previous ministry. However, it is in the Bangladesh border as we often face several problems of security. Anyway, we will look into the matter once again.

SCERT has the academic authority on elementary under Right to Education Act and it looked after Primary and Middle schools and prepare their syllabus. Training of teachers under NISHTHA is implemented under SCERT in order to have

quality education and administration. We also have B. Ed special course for visual and visual impairment and SCERT also started Diploma in English language teaching (6 months course) in 2019. Pre-class is now added in various Primary Schools and SCERT is preparing on how to administer it. DIET of Aizawl and Lunglei has B.Ed. course with 50 seats each and DL. Ed. course in 8 districts with 902 students. SCERT also prepares alphabet for the blind and this is quite impressive.

NCERT textbooks will be revised since it has already been 5 years and we will be making state curriculum based on National curriculum frame work. We plan to add education about ethics, Mizo nationalism and others based on our state. We also plan to remove the non-mizo pictures and add a Mizo male and female picture on the textbooks.

To react Pu Zodintluanga Ralte's point, we have planned to start Marpara RMSA during 2020-2021 academic session and it would be appreciated if the representative helps us in surveying the location. In response to the point of Pu K.T. Rokhaw, when SAMAGRA is introduced, SSA, RMSA and teachers Education are assembled in one and we start to take measures for having the same base. Despite strong objection from MADC, we proceed as per All India National Policy. In response to the point from Pu Rintluanga regarding Zopui school building, it was unfortunately destroyed by a cyclone and our leaders decided to proceed under UPS of the nearby place. If there is any new proposal, we will look into the matter.

Regarding SDEO Kawrthah as mentioned by hon. member Pu Lalrindika, we have shortage of Inspecting Officers. Pu Speaker, though we have been granted for 4 CEOs by the government, they have to undergo orientation course first; and the government will make a decision once the course is completed. As for SDO Mamit, the department will look into the matter as the DEO is diagnosed with cancer.

I am grateful that today 20 members gave words of appreciation to Education department. Most of the developments seen in Education department are initiative of the hon. Chief Minister which later approved by the Council of Ministers. Hon. Opposition leader Pu Lalduhawma claims that 100 teachers are posted in urban area whereas only 2 teachers are posted in rural area. However, 900 teachers are allotted to rural area.

Hon. Members mentioned about High School teacher. Pu Speaker, the post of 273 High School teachers has been filled. However, the hon. Chief Minister has agreed to fill up 157 more posts on demand.

In the upcoming new academic session, 2 new Science streams will be given to Higher Secondary School of Vairengte and Darlawn. Pu Speaker, a new Higher Secondary School will be opened at Phuaibuang, Sialsuk, Sangau and East Phaileng as advertisement to that effect has already been issued along with Silsuri High School. These are the ongoing projects for favour of information to the hon. members.

Hon. Members mentioned about Higher Secondary School without principals. With the permission of MPSC, there is a proposal to fill up 76 nos. headmaster posts. Also, there is a proposal to conduct LDE departmental exam for which several willingnesses being submitted. Pu Speaker, we unfortunately had no successful candidate in the first LDE exam. Since headmaster is of a gazetted post, the Standard Syllabus set by MPSC was a little higher for the teaching community as none qualified to fill up the post. The government has granted to fill up 134 nos. headmaster post of Primary School which may be done through LDE exam.

Several members mentioned about school inspections and for information of the house, I would like to state that the government has taken up school inspection seriously and we therefore decided to follow up on regular basis. With the approval of the hon. Chief Minister, we have purchased 10 nos. Bolero vehicle for inspection and we are very grateful for that.

Pu Speaker, CCE system has been practiced for 7 years and there was a proposal to rectify the system in consultation with NGOs. It was decided that no detention policy reduced the standard and quality of a student; thus, CCE modified form is now implemented through examination. Then, we have another proposal which is now under consideration, i.e., to implement class Class VIII board examination. In order to have quality education, implementation of exam system is opined to be necessary.

I am grateful that the hon. members appreciated the new transfer and posting rules. Pu Speaker, under these rules, there is a proposal to inculcate transfer period and peak season. However, there will be an exceptional proviso for medical reason.

Pu Speaker, hon. members mentioned about school upgrading as so is prioritized by the hon. Chief Minister. The hon. Chief Minister had given his words to that effect; yet, will depends on availability of fund since the budget of Education Department is not up to expectation. So, I request the hon. members to consider the circumstance. As of SSA and RMSA teachers, a committee has been set up to look into their welfare and is now in process.

In regard to CSS Hindi teachers mentioned by hon. member from Serlui, 1,306 CSS Hindi teachers were terminated from their post in 2017. The previous ministry must have been taken steps to reinstate such teachers, however, general election came up and a new Ministry came into being. As soon as a ministry was formed, the subject was discussed under the leadership of hon. Chief Minister and the senior Members. On 23rd October, 2019, we received letter from the central govt. to provide the requirements for language teacher, hindi teacher. On 4th December, 2019, we were given the permission to recruit 665 nos. hindi teachers for the present academic session till 31st March and by further indicating teachers training a mandatory. Negotiation is on as we need the Service Security and the assurance of continuity. So, Pu Speaker, that is the reasons for the delay. So, Pu Speaker, I have to inform the House that we are unable to provide 600 plus trained teachers.

In order to upgrade the quality of our education, steps have also been taken to check proxy-teachers and the outcome of this had led to resignation.

Pu Speaker, for the information of the House, Education Directorate has been shifted from McDonald Hill to Education Complex, behind DC Office.

Besides quality Education, we have enrolment drive for government schools for it has declined in the past few years. But with this drive, we are expecting higher enrollment in 2020-2021 session.

For the information of hon. Members, transfer and posting of teachers will be applied through proper channel as per new rules and no direct interference of MLAs or ministers will be entertained for it is violation of CCS conduct rule. Otherwise, show cause notice will be issued. I would like to thank hon. Chief Minister for being able to sanction provision for payment of salary for CSS employees without any liabilities.

We have Human Resources Development Board under SEDP under which projects such as teachers' quarters have been made. In fact, one project has been approved. This morning, we received approval for construction teachers' quarters of 20 with estimate amount of 14 crores and also for tribal hostel. In total, we have 4092.5 lakh project approved. We are expecting to have Mizoram based board and meeting will be held in this regard on 2.3.2020.

I would like to thank for the appreciation that comes from NGOs, political parties for various developments in Education Department. I am grateful that the appointment of 800-900 teachers which was done with all fair means was highly appreciated.

Pu Speaker, we have an objective that there will be a revival in Education. Following the appeal made to all hon. members concern to invest at least 10% of their MLA fund for education in their constituency, I am grateful that some members have carried out accordingly. Lastly, I request all members to support any steps which may be taken for the development of Education. Thank you.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, regarding purchase of 11 nos. Bolero, why can't we follow out-sourcing when the House Leader has proclaimed to do so? Will the hon. minister clarify it?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it was finalised before outsourcing was passed. Pu Speaker, I now request this august house to pass the following demands under my concerned departments, such as –

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
18	Printing and Stationery	15,79,94,000.00
20	School Education	15,54,64,28,000.00
28	Labour, Employment. Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	32,10,35,000.00
TOTAL		16,02,54,57,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte has moved the House to pass his demands totally amounting to ₹16,02,54,57,000. Those who may say, 'Yes' and those who disagree, say 'No'. The house has unanimously passed hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama's demand.

Now, let us call hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to wind up the discussion of his demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I am grateful that 27 members have spoken of the demands of my concerned departments; but I will not be able to react to all the points.

Hon. Opposition Leader, Pu Zodintluanga questioned why power cut more often than the other years and my answer is that power consumption has increased by 24.52% comparing to the previous years. We have two 25 mVA at Zuangtui. However, low tension distribution of overload transformers has to be switched-off occasionally.

Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma has pointed out regarding shortage of J.E. in Tlabung and instruction has already been given to J.E. to stay in the post. In regard to power being shut down from 5-9 everyday, the department will enquire the matter.

Hon. member Pu Rinsanga is concerned about Serlui and I would like to state that under SDP, Finance Minister has approved ₹483 lakh out of which ₹100 lakh being released and we have started utilising the fund.

Dr. B.D. Chakma has pointed out regarding 28 villages without electricity. I request the hon. member to give in writing so that enquiry can be taken.

Pu K.T. Rokhaw, hon. member mentioned about Tuipang Hydel project. He had spoken to me personally and the authorities also are of great concern. We have approached Finance Department for additional fund. Once the fund is approved, it will not take long to commission. In regard to Pu Ringtluanga Sailo's question of powerline from Bairabi, it will be given once 132 kV line of Mamit and West Phaileng is completed.

As of point mentioned by hon. member Pu H. Biakzaua about PMJVK, it has been referred to us from Social Welfare Department only this month and there is no time to execute the work. I request the hon. member to understand the circumstance.

As of repairing of streetlight mentioned by Pu Vanlalhlana, it has been handled over to AMC. If only AMC is unable to repair it, P&E Department will be informed to do the same.

Regarding the point mentioned by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, I request if hon. member could give me in writing, even I want to know the reason.

Dr. Laltanpuia mentioned about shifting of electric poles in Chhipphir, ₹63,081/- is required for shifting of one pole. If the fund so required is deposited in Lunglei Maintenance Division PWD, then necessary steps will be taken.

To mention few words on District Council & Minority Affairs Department regarding the Grant-in-Aid, we received ₹45,106.49 this year and ₹40,106.87 last year. Thus, there is ₹5,000 increased in the revised estimate and I would like to thank the authorities for this additional fund. In the meantime, there is no fund allocation in Assistant Excluded Area and creation of capital assets head. Under the hon. Finance Minister who is concern for the welfare of backward community, there is no nothing to be afraid of as provision will be made as required.

We are grateful that the budget provision of Art & Culture has increased by 250 lakh and 95000 thousand. Art & Culture Department includes Tribal Research Institute, Museum, Archive Library, District Art & Culture office Lunglei, Archaeology Wing and Institute of Music and Fine Arts. Pu Speaker, we are grateful that ₹15 lakh is allocated for state matchmaking share for library and ₹10 lakh for Mizoram Publication Board. Yet, I expect the concerned authorities to allot additional fund for the welfare of this board.

The hon. Chief Minister sanctioned Grant-in-Aid additional fund of ₹100 lakh. I am truly grateful that we have utilised the fund to its full capacity and now we were able to organise various functions.

Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department is divided into engineering and biological measures, yet, not many achievements have been made this year. However, knowing the importance of this department, the hon. Chief Minister is intending to upgrade this department to its full capacity. Last year, ₹51, 48,000 lakh was utilised for making terrace, water harvesting and check dam. We expect to receive ₹105 lakh for the same this year from RKVY. Pu Speaker we receive ₹108 lakh from NABARD for rubber plantation and another ₹81 lakh is again expected this year. We receive ₹89.30 lakh for constructing rigid pavement and ₹17.75 lakh for catchment area treatment.

Pu Speaker, we already have 2 lakh rubber plants for harvesting and the government procured 100 for rubber processing plant. There is a proposal to conduct training in every District.

Coming to Power & Electricity, I must say that the staffs are worth praising for rendering 24 hours service. Construction of Sialsuk and Serchhip powerline has been completed and power supply will be given from Aizawl. Thlawva Hydel Project is set to produce 5 megawatts and Kawlbem 4 megawatts whereas survey on Khawriva River is completed already. I request the authority to provide the required fund for this project.

Under NEC, there are two ongoing projects of 132 kV lines such as Bairabi to West Phaileng via Mamit and strengthening of Saizawhtlang and Thenhlum Sub-Station. It is expected to be completed by December, 2020. We also have 3 projects under DONER. Under IPDS, T&C is required to be kept lesser than 15%. We received ₹2,233.81 lakh out of ₹8,916 lakh being submitted. Steps have been taken in 6 villages and the work is in progress. Phase-II includes Bairabi, Biate, Darlawn, North Vanlalphai, Tlabung and Zawlnuam.

Under Rural Electricity Distribution, the central govt. has sanctioned 77 crores. Under this scheme, 33/11 kV Sub-Station of Rabung, Khawlailung, Mualthuam and Phura have been constructed and commissioned. 12 Sub-Stations have been repaired and 189 kms of 33 kV line, 85 kms of 11 kV lines have also been completed.

Power is purchased from 17 states outside since we are not self-sufficient as yet. During 2018-2019, we purchased power for ₹387.33 crore as our state produces only 19 megawatts. During 2018-2019, the state revenue collected from reselling power supply is ₹266 crores. There was AT&C loss of ₹42.23 crores which is 23.79% higher than all India permissible. It is due to delay of payment of power bill.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE : Pu Speaker, is it possible to borrow private fund for payment of bill to avoid the loss?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: If possible, Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. We require power 140 megawatts during peak hours and 40 megawatts of minimum. The rate at which power is bought is ₹4.01 per unit and ₹3.34 per unit.

Tuirial Hydel Project is expected to produce 60 megawatts but it belongs to NEEPCO whereas only 12% belongs to our state. After commissioned, the average power produced will be 19.65 megawatts.

I now request this august House to pass the following demands of my concerned departments —

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
23	Art & Culture	15,08,50,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,51,06,49,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water	22,10,35,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	5,43,15,38,000.00
TOTAL		10,31,61,28,000.00

SPEAKER : Alright; the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana have requested the house to pass the following demands-

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23	Art & Culture	15,08,50,000.00
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TOTAL		10,31,61,28,000.00

Now, those who agree may say, 'Yes' and those who don't may say, 'No' (**Members: Agree**)

The House has unanimously passed the Demands of hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana totaling ₹10,31,61,28,000.00.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call hon. Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to wind up his demand and seek the permission of the House to pass the demands.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank you for the responsibility which is bestowed on me. I thank God for giving me this privilege to present here today. Recalling last year, I was hospitalised and diagnosed with cancer. It really is a privilege.

I am grateful that almost all members reacted on my demands; yet, I will not react to all the points and will make it short as my health permits.

First of all, I will speak about DP&AR. Last year on the 16th June that the Mizoram Subordinate Staff Selection board was constituted. As recommended by Screening Committee, Pu Lalrammawia was appointed to Chairman of MSSSB with Pu Ramhmangaiha, Pu Lalrammawia as its members. MSSSB office is in Chawlhmun and it will start functioning once the rent is finalised.

To say few words in Administrative Training Institute (ATI), 190 Govt. employees have undergone training in different parts of India and 10 people abroad under the ITI Training Wing. Last year alone, under ATI, training on various courses has been given to the following groups of Govt. employees: -

Group A	-	116,
Group B	-	227,
Group C	-	191,
Group D	-	190,
Total	-	724.

DP&AR has taken care of posting & transfer, post creation and service matters under which 860 posts has been created this year alone and a total of 2,688 vacant posts being filled. The government has created terms & Conditions and recruitment rules for MR and is done as per recommendation of DP&AR. MR will now be termed as 'Provisional Employees'. We have quite an achievement under DP&AR.

Coming up is PHE Department. Under the central project of Household Tap Connection for rural areas, 1260 households so far have been done.

I would like to inform hon. member Pu Zodintluanga that Tawi Tlang gravitation project is carried out in full swing as the work has been executed.

As of reservoir at Bethlehem mentioned by Pu Sawitlunga, SIPMIU has handed back the said to PHE. There is a proposal to utilise this reservoir to its maximum capacity. As for Rulkual mentioned by hon. member Pu C. Ngunliannchunga, the construction work is nearly completed.

To answer the question of the hon. member Pu Lalrindika Ralte, DPR of Zawlnuam Water Supply Scheme amounting to ₹835 lakh have been submitted to NEC and so is for Kawrtethawveng and Bunghmun West Water Supply Scheme. Regarding the point mentioned by hon. member Pu Zaithanzama, the fund sanction for Mission Vengthlang reservoir at that time was not sufficient for larger reservoir.

Pu Speaker, Thingdawl Water Supply Scheme will be commissioned by December whereas 82% of Thanglailung Combine Water Supply Scheme and 99.75% of Chiahpui, NE Khawdungsei, Khawkawn project are completed. Lengteng Water Supply Scheme, Mimbung, Hrianghmun is 99% completed; Tinghmun Solar Pumping Scheme is 99% completed; Lengpui Water Suplly is 35% completed; Sialhawk Solar Water Supply Scheme is 10% completed and Hliappui Solar Pumping Scheme is 25% completed.

Under *Swachh Bharat Mission*, Mizoram ranks 13th in the state for successfully launching 100% ODE. Huge step has been taken in maintaining healthy lifestyle. Under *Jaljivan Mission* in rural area, we expect to cover the whole target by 2024. The target for water tariff is ₹500 lakh this year out of this ₹4,284 lakh have been collected. As for pumping of Chawngte and Tuichang, it is still under survey.

SIPMIU projects is continued with 600 crores rupees sanctioned from Urban Ministry and we expect to be completed within two years. Tlawnglui Project directing to Laipuitlang is expected to pump 37 MLD which is much longer than Aizawl water phase I & II. The project is expected within two years.

Under UD&PA, there are 23 villages which were declared as per 200 census as notified town. The department have submitted proposal to include Ngopa, Kawrthah and West Phaileng in notified town; and, there is no fund available for non-notified village.

Under UD&PA, PAHOSS is carried out in Aizawl District. There is proposal at the cabinet level to cover other districts under PAHOSS. In Aizawl District, 361 beneficiaries have been selected for PAHOSS with the estimated cost of 57 crores; yet, there is a provision for 60 crores this year.

Pu Speaker, the government have approved for filling up the post of Urban Development Officer for three new districts. In fact, the office has started functioning at Khawzawl.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, AMC is under UD&PA. Since Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not enough for it functioning, it requires 4 Executive Councilors as filling up of such posts is in process with the recruitment rules drafted by the department.

AMC is taking up the drive to make Mizoram *plastic free* State and is moving forward achieving the goal. Under UD&PA, *Smart City* Project is being carried out under which 100 cities have been selected and Aizawl is one of them. The funding is 50/50 and the department is expected to move forward in this respect.

Under this project, there are certain measures to be taken and the process is going on smoothly in New Delhi though the works have not been sorted out. So far, some plans under Smart City have been fulfilled as Cable Car System also known as *Ropeway* under Urban Development has also been approved for Aizawl. It is further planned to connect East to West Aizawl. This has been approved by Niti AAYOG and the project costs ₹1993 crore. As per feasibility report, Niti AAYOG consultant estimate & construction is in progress.

Also, the funding service of Sustainable Urban Transport for Aizawl City is done through External Aided Project (ADB) Asian Development Bank. The scheme refers University to Airport roads, North to South roads of Aizawl City and East to West cable cars.

The Scheme also includes 400 nos. Advance Bus Service plying to bumpy and curvy roads within the city. At the moment, ADB is taking care of DPR and the amount estimated for this project is 275.56 US dollars (₹1958.7crore in Indian rupee). I thank the hon. Chief Minister for sanctioning such a huge amount of money for the project.

Some members claims that the budget allocation in Urban and PHE were lower as compared to 2020 which is true to a certain extent. The central scheme we received

is mostly used for matching share. So, there is no problem even if the budget allocation is lower than expected.

Under able Chief Minister, the budget allocation in every department is expected to increase every year. To clarify the point raised by Pu Zodintluanga of Aizawl Smart City, High School Field and Chaltlang field are the two playgrounds proposed for storeyed playground but we have changed our plan since the two localities did not approve the proposal.

Also, we have a review meeting on *Smart City* project proposal under the guidance of the hon. Chief Minister and with the recognition of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in which some projects were retained while some were modified. We now have 30 proposals which are opined to be useful and effective for the city. Hopefully, we will get the sanction through the hon. Chief Minister's guidance. So, Pu Speaker, due to my physical health, that is all I could say about the principle of our projects.

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

Demand No.	Department	Amount in ₹
13	Personnel and Administrative Reforms	4,29,39,000.00
25	Public Health Engineering	2,27,95,17,000.00
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	2,04,21,79,000.00
TOTAL		4,36,46,35,000.00

SPEAKER : We used to pray for our Dy. Chief Minister for his speedy recovery and I hope he will get better by God's grace. As the hon. Minister Pu Zira has said, he may take a rest and witness the session from home after 4 PM.

The Demands of the hon. Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia, such as:

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are passed by the House.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you. Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have concluded our business today. The House will stand adjourned till commencement of the next sitting on 27.2.2020 (Thursday) at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (9:52 PM)