

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 27th FEBRUARY, 2023
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU TAWNLUIA**, hon. Deputy Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
- i) A statement of correction on the reply given on 9.2.2023 to Unstarred Question No. 129 ballot No. 65 asked by **Pu Lalduhoma** regarding “Mizoram Subordinate Services Selection Board”.
- ii) A statement of correction on the reply given on 10.2.2023 to Unstarred Question No. 204 ballot No. 75 asked by **Pu Lalduhoma** regarding “Restricted Tender leh Departmental Works”.
3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Community Certificates Rules, 2023”.
4. **ER. LALRINAWMA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a statement of correction on the reply given on 8.2.2023 to Unstarred Question No. 8 ballot No. 13 asked by **Pu Lalduhoma** regarding “African Swine Fever”.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
6. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
7. **PU TAWNLUIA**, hon. Deputy Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE
Commissioner & Secretary

* Please see Bulletin Part-II No. 288, dated the 15th February 2023 for Demands to be moved by Ministers.

SPEAKER : *He loveth righteousness and judgment: The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.*

-Psalm 33:5

Dr. K. Beichhua could not attend today's session due to family affairs.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

I request Pu K.T. Rokhaw to ask *Starred Question* No. 221.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, Will the Agriculture Minister be pleased to state-

‘The area and the amount of hectares excavated within Siaha District. Is there a plan to excavate more farmlands?’

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to *Starred Question* no. 221 is-

The area and quantity of land excavated within Siaha district is –
Siasi Village –

(a) Zau - 15 hectares;

(b) Chauthizau - 5 hectares;

Pala (Lawngban) Village –

Pawkhi Chava Zau - 20 hectares

Lopu Village –

(a) Leisai Zau - 5 hectares

(b) Tawlia Zau - 5 hectares

Total - 50 hectares.

There are no plans to excavate more farmland for now.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu KT. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- The department is doing its utmost on paddy fields. Siaha District Food Security Consultative Committee excavated a large hectare of land but it cannot function as it should be due to lack of waterways. Therefore, could our Minister provide a waterway for the newly excavated fields? In addition, we are in short supply of tractors and will it be possible to provide tractors?

During this current financial year 2022-23, development works for trades are being carried out in Tipa RD Block with NEC fund of ₹5 Crores and Land Development funds are also used for excavating paddy fields. Does the Agriculture Department know anything about this? If so, how many hectares have been excavated and how much fund was spent?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My *Supplementary question* is-

- i) Has the go-down that was built on Champhai farmland been demolished as ordered by Champhai DC?
- ii) When can the staff of Lungsen Agriculture office be assigned to work at Lungsen?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My *Supplementary question* is-

- i) How much fund was allocated for tanky construction for farmers during 2021-22 and 2022-23?
- ii) Is there a tanky for this and if so, where and how many?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the questions.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer to the Hon' MLA's question is that the Irrigation & Water Resources Department is investigating the new land development projects while improving the old ones. This is also a must and we will also look into it. Pu Speaker, we have given several tractors to Siaha and I believe he knows that too. We will take measures as necessary. Land Development through RD Block is not known to the department and so I cannot provide the answer.

In response to Pu Zodintluanga, we pay serious attention to this matter and we often held meetings for it. I am not sure how actions will be taken but we will look into it.

Pu Speaker, Lungsen BAO was re-structured in a block-manner. Retirement is higher than expected in the last 2-3 years and we are in extreme shortage of Agriculture officers. Lungsen BAO is also affiliated with Tlabung and we have potential areas here. However, I cannot provide answers on how to make improvement at the moment due to lack of staffs but we will look into it if there are ways to recruit more staffs.

Member Pu Sawivunga's question is not quite relevant. It is about a tanky construction that I cannot provide answers to right now. Anyway, we will look into it and I hope that we can provide the right answers.

SPEAKER : *Starred Question* No. 222 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma

- PU LALDUHOMA** : Will the Agriculture Minister be pleased to state-
- a) The amount of corns harvested after 3000 qts of corn seeds were planted under SEDP
 - b) If the government purchase the newly cultivated corns and if so -
 - c) How many qts?
 - d) At what rate?
 - e) What does it do with the purchased corns?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the questions.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon. Opposition Group Leader is-

- a) 19,085 mt of corns has been produced since the start of the SEDP.
- b) The Government purchases corns as much as possible.
- c) Qtl 1094.61;
- d) Qtl 533.19 at 20/kg was purchased from Serchhip and qtl 541.42 at 24/kg from Tanhril.
- e) The Government's purchases are used for livestock production.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the price of corn seeds is high with low production and it is not very profitable. The most important thing is the market. The pig farmers can also import corn from outside the state at lower prices and it is not very profitable for the farmers if we do not start with the support price. We have not been able to compete in the open market recently and therefore, is there any intention to benefit the farmers with support prices?

Bird-eye chili is popularly grown at Thingsai. So, in how many villages are they cultivated by how many households and how much are produced? Is this patentable and is there an effort to patent it? Currently, the farmers are dependent on foreign traders. So, instead of relying on foreign traders, the government can purchase them and wait for 2-3 months and sell them at a higher rate. Currently, the farmers are dependent on foreign traders. Instead of relying on foreign traders, the government can buy them and wait for 2-3 months and sell them at a higher rate. Is there a proposal without relying solely on foreign traders?

Bird-eye chili is also available in organic and non-organic and do the rates really differ? Organic is complicated and is it really worth the trouble considering the rate? Or is it more profitable for farmers to do it without organic? I would appreciate if you could explain this point in more detail.

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Lalduhoma, it might seem that our corn production is less. However, we felt that we are quite profitable from the department's point of view. Corn grinders and shellers are provided through SEDP and we find it worth continuing after seeing their great performances also, there are people at Tanhril who could buy it at any time. It is true that the rates are much lower outside the state but, we are sure that our productions are more healthful to the livestock. We have corn grinder at Serchhip where corn, fermented soya beans and grinded snails are used as ingredients at the Animal Feed Plants in addition to other ingredients.

When we started our efforts on price-support, we went to the central and we were told that they hoped to provide price-support. However, the procedure was a bit complicated since we do not produce enough. Anyway, we believe that price-support will be implemented properly if there are more producers with more productions.

I believe we have patented the bird-eye chili. GI (Geographical Indication) is already done on Mizo-Puanchei and so is bird-eye chili (not patented). At the same time, one thing I would like to tell the House regarding the sale is that the USA wants to buy our new chili under MOVCDNER but the US is more uncompromising than expected. USA wants to buy 8 mt produced by Siaha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei under MOVCD. However, we have to check whether it is organic or not if they are to buy it.

So, a sample was tested in Bangalore and I am going to make sure their test is successful. Pu Speaker, once the test is passed the next test is not required anymore. The test results came out last week and it was found to be 'organic'. The 8 mt of stock we have stored will be reduced to 7.5 mt after sorting and we hope to export it after this session.

The government's involvement in the rate and other issues can lead to problems on the other side. At the same time, FPC (Farmer Producer Company) through service providers under MOVCD is producing the products we have mentioned and we believe it will open the way for them to have a good link so that the government does not have to help them much. I also believe that FPC will be able to outsource their products. Therefore, I believe we have a bright future ahead of us especially on chili. That will be all.

SPEAKER : *Starred question* No. 223 to be asked by Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMASANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Agriculture Minister be pleased to state *Starred Question* no- 223. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga is-

Jaggery Shed for modern jaggery at Khawlailung has been completed and its machine is already installed. Trial runs are currently underway and commissioning is expected within the current financial year.

To promote upland farming, the Department of Agriculture is implementing “Fostering Climate Resilient Upland Farming System in the North East (FOCUS) in six (6) districts under the Externally-Aided Project (EAP).

The focus project has three major components, one of which is Improvement of Jhum Cultivation on upland farming. Under this scheme, Integrated Farming System (IFS) will be implemented in 20 villages. Recently, Senram Zau, Hualtu excavation was quite popular in the media and I want to mention that this is the model on how we will implement IFS.

The Agriculture Department is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes - National Food Security Mission Oilseeds (NFSM-Oilseeds) and National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to improve edible oil production. In addition to these two schemes, RKVY is also being implemented to develop Edible Oil. Pu Speaker, soya bean oil mill is being constructed at Falkawn and is almost ready to function. Thank you.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMASANGA : The Agriculture Minister is quite interested in agriculture and his department gave Mizoram a good reputation nationally. In 2021, Mizoram was awarded first prize in the Good Governance Index – Agriculture and Allied Sector in Hill State category and also Indian Agriculture Minister C. Narendra Singh Tomar presented the Outlook AgriTech & Summit Award, 2022- the Best Performing North East State in the field of Agriculture on September 14, 2022.

My *Supplementary question* is- When will the Integrated Farming System (IFS) be implemented in Mizoram? Thank you.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Rodents destroyed lots of crops especially at Dengsur village in 2022 and a report was made as suggested by the Agriculture department. However, actions taken are unknown till today and what is the government's plan to provide assistance to the villagers?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga regarding IFS, we are currently working on it. 'IFS' is short for 'Integrated Farming System'. We find the operation to be dissatisfactory and we requested the funding authorities to implement the project in a different pattern and model where it will be a 3 tier system - the lowest part will be the terrace, the next part will be the cash crop and other crops, and the highest part will be the field. Productive plants and vegetables will be used to cultivate the forest and that is the purpose of the IFS. Cluster based implementation is currently proposed and we expect to be able to successfully move in a cluster manner.

In response to Pu Zodintluanga Ralte regarding Densur Village, we have been collecting reports of rodent problems for some time and it is difficult to aid all the problems from our funds including damages caused by rains and floods. We informed the central (**Pu Zodintluanga Ralte:** Pu Speaker, some said that Agriculture is a department that has no money for the development of the people while others said that they can hire more than 1,000 government employees from the SEDP. Our finance is in distress and it is especially difficult for those who could not flatter the Chief Minister. We are always told that there is no fund). When facing these difficulties, such fund provisions is not available in the State since it require a large sum of fund and there is a way of transferring them to the central government (**Pu Zodintluanga Ralte:** Pu Speaker, SEDP should be given to the poor facing these difficulties.) Densur alone is not the only place where people are facing difficulties. We also informed the central when rodents were attacking us but there are times when we did not meet our needs even after appealing it. Anyway, we will look into the matter.

SPEAKER : *Starred Question* No. 224 to be asked by Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Agriculture Minister be pleased to state-

- a) The period when the government will implement the plan to set up fertilizer retailers in Mizoram's largest towns
- b) If the Agriculture Department have any plans to build/excavate Agriculture link-roads. If so, when can the work begin?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer to Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo is-

- a) Fertilizer retailer installation in Mizoram towns is currently carried out to be implemented as soon as possible.

- b) There is no proposal to excavate Agriculture link road since its fund is not available at present. Thank you.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, The Agriculture Department's decision to provide fertilizer retailers to the largest villages in the state is very welcome and this is something that has never been done before. Therefore, it would be appreciated if actions are taken without any delay. My *Supplementary question* is-

Agriculture link road might be difficult to build due to government budget constraints but West Lungdar constituency has a vast area of untouched potential area and the road has been surveyed for 15 km. So, will it be possible to at least take action on this at the end of this government year?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My *Supplementary question* is-

Urea fertilizer is produced by the government at ₹4,000/- per bag and sold at Bairabi point at ₹265/- per bag at the subsidized rate. Transport subsidy is also received for the sales elsewhere. Our dealers are selling at different prices and is there a proposal to use the same MRP?

We received great Central allotment while the farmers are receiving quite less. Is there a way to provide POS records at Serchhip or Lunglei within a month? The public needs to know whether they really sold it and received it. So, could the Minister be able to provide it?

We are aware that only little reached the hands of the farmers and it all went to the eastern side. So, will the Minister give us assurance that we will take action to stop this?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, Indo-Bangladesh Border fencing has destroyed many farms in my area and apparently, 384.9 hectares were destroyed according to the verification. Only Tiperaghat, Khojoysuri, Tablabagh and Kalapani are among the verified towns while Silgur and several other villages are still in the devastated area. So, will the department be able to cleanse the river waters?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalrinsanga, Minister to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The questioner did not mention which link road but I knew it was 'Artetuidam' since he is concerned about it and appealed it many times. Link road applications are submitted to the Directorate. We can accommodate a few through NABARD funding and RKVY. However, the need for link roads is a challenge but we will look into it.

In response to Pu Mathlana, the fertilizer MRP he mentioned might be wrong and I believe the MRP is around ₹500 something but I am not sure about the exact figure. Anyway, the fertilizer movement is a bit complicated. MOVCD (Mission Organic Value Chain Development Programme) is implemented by the Prime Minister especially for the North-East. As we heard yesterday, when our production was considered organic, inorganic production had to be distributed as well. However, the cover area and the location is the only thing that can vary. The FPCs under MOVCD have a special place for the FIGs and they are preserving them. Measures are also taken on other things such as chemical fertilizers where they are not to be imported. Anyway, we will look into the fertilizer rates.

Fertilizer retailer is a plan to be implemented successfully which means that there are 24 fertilizer wholesale dealers under BVFCL, each of which has a retailer. We are also currently implementing a plan for 62 new retailers. Form O will be prepared for them which include Form A1 and A2 that need to be sorted. After that, arrangement will be made for retailers to use the POS (Point of Sale). After registering with IFMS, retailers will distribute the products through POS in their respective villages. There are some other matters that needs to be done and that is why we cannot proceed fast. However, we will implement these initiatives at the earliest.

In response to Pu Nihar, we had our DAOs surveyed to see just how far it submerged last year. It had destroyed many fields and the people are facing problems. We pay attention to this issue and there is a group that is taking steps to appeal it to the central. They are given some responsibilities and the department also does what it can. However, construction work owners have also taken action at the central (law court) for some provision in the harm caused by them. Anyway, we will continue to monitor the problems we face here and review on how to take action. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : *Starred question* no. 225 to be asked by Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Home Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If there is any initiative to occupy Champhai DIG (Eastern Range) quarter and opens the office
- b) The period when Hnahlan Police Station will be commenced.

SPEAKER : Home Minister Pu Lalchamliana to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is-

- a) No.
- b) The Government is taking steps to implement the project and the commenced date is not yet known.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Drugs are rampant in Mizoram and Hnahlan is an important smuggling point of drugs on the Indo-Myanmar border. Therefore, a Police Station at Hnahlan is a must since drugs are the most dangerous thing that affect the development of the state and the younger generation. Extreme measures are taken from Champhai Police Station but it is not enough since it is quite far. So, my question is-

- i) Even if a police station cannot be established, the Home Minister should provide a police outpost at the least and I request him to react on this since it is an important matter.
- ii) Is there any proposal to upgrade Champhai Police Station?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is-

Special leave for 30 days is given to Mizoram Home Guards and it is not clear whether this can be accumulated or not. Home Guard recruitment is done every three years and will it be possible to accumulate their leave like Earned Leave?

Home Guards have rank pay according to the pins they wore. The newly recruited and those who service for 30 years without any pin receives the same amount of salary and this affects discipline. Therefore, there should be an allowance so that the juniors respect the seniors. The steps taken on several Police allowances is quite slow and is there any proposal to increase any of these allowances?

50 of our 5th IR Battalion Policemen were sent to clean the airport on Saturday and this is an insult to the Police Force. This has never happened in Mizoram nor other states. Salvation Army volunteers cleaned up the airport. The polluters should clean it up or cleaners should be hired. Therefore, is it right to hire the police for this kind of work?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is-

- i) When will Lengpui Police Outpost be functioned?

- ii) When will 4th IR Mamit Headquarters be extended?
- iii) Mamit DEF has a large area that includes Tripura border and Assam border. However, their vehicles are not functioning properly and will it be possible to provide new vehicles?

SPEAKER : Home Minister Pu Lalchamliana to answer the questions.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga regarding drug smuggling, The Central YMA, Excise and Police are all concerned about this issue and CAD is prepared which is quite helpful. At the same time, Mizoram lies with Bangladesh to the west, Burma to the east and the Golden Triangle lies at the eastern part. Drugs are in high demand in India and it is unavoidable to be the smuggling point. So, I urge the Government, NGOs and churches to do their utmost in fighting this matter. Regarding Hnahlan, Police Home Department cannot open outposts as it pleases and we can only do temporary beat posts. We would have opened it at Hnahlan 2 years back if it were up to me. However, GAD, Finance and DP&AR approvals are required. Therefore, we have no say in opening outpost. The files for opening Hnahlan Police Station is currently in process in Home Department and we intend to open a police station there if it succeeds. Most of the Police Station in Mizoram need to be upgraded and we are committed to upgrading each Police Station as much as possible. Urban Police Housing scheme from SASCI-V is now available and we intend to do our best.

In response to Pu Lalduhoma regarding the accumulating of 30 days leave, it cannot be accumulated at the moment. Home Guards will now be entitled to 30 days leave in a year and we are not much in a hurry as for the accumulation. Regarding the salaries mentioned, this is the limit of what we can do at the moment. Home Guards salaries are now much better with a starting salary of ₹26,000 and the regulars and the rank holders' salaries are slightly better. Half of their salary is paid by the central government and they are in a good situation. In addition, ₹1000 for Uniform Allowance and ₹40 for Rifle allowance are provided as well. It is true that 50 police from 5th IR were sent to clean Lengpui Airport. As we all know, the Indian government appointed us to host the G20 and we have to be prepared in every way. Salvation Army volunteers and the staffs did their best in cleaning the airport but 50 of our soldiers were then hired by the government to clean the airport since it is not satisfactory. I am not aware of this but I believe the G-20 committee asked for them.

In response to Er. Zira, Lengpui PS has already been approved by the government in 2019. However, the Finance Department could not provide the fund due to Covid-19 and that is why we could not take measures as we wish.

The 4th IR at Luangpawl, Mamit said that their headquarter is over crowded but we could not meet their needs for now. (**Pu Lalrindika Ralte:** I believe 4th IR

Headquarter is not located at Mamit, Luangpawl and the foundation for 4th IR Headquarter was laid on 3.8.2013 at Rengdil. So, which one is correct?) Pu Speaker, I am not sure about that answer. Mamit representative and Hachhek representative are fighting over the 4th IR Headquarters. All I can say is that the location is at Mamit, Luangpawl.

It is true that the vehicles at Mamit DEF are not functioning well. In the past, the police modernization scheme allowed the purchase of vehicles and the construction of quarter barracks but it is now prohibited six years ago. The vehicles we owned are all in bad condition but it is unfortunate that we cannot take measures for now.

SPEAKER : *Question & Answer hour is now over.*

LAYING OF PAPERS

We will now proceed to *Laying of Papers* and I request Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to lay on the Table of the House-

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- 2) A statement of correction on the reply given on 10.2.23 to unstarred Question no. 204, Ballot No. 75, asked by Pu Lalduhoma regarding Restricted Tender and Departmental Works

PU TAWNLUIA, DY. CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay on the Table of the House-

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SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request Pu Lalchamlia, Minister to lay on the Table of the House- A copy of '*The Mizoram Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Community Certificates Rules, 2023*'

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present on the Table of the House '*The Mizoram Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes (Regulation of Issuance and Verification of) Community Certificates Rules, 2023*'

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request Hon' Minister Er. Lalrinawma to lay on the Table of the House 'A statement of correction on the reply

given on 8.2.2023 to unstarred Question No. 8, Ballot No. 13, asked by Pu Lalduhoma regarding African Swine Fever’

ER. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay on the Table of the House ‘*A statement of correction on the reply given on 8.2.2023 to unstarred Question No. 8, Ballot No. 13, asked by Pu Lalduhoma regarding African Swine Fever*’

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed and we will proceed to Financial Business.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

The Demands of Minister Pu Lalruatkima, Minister Pu Lalchamlia and Dy. CM Pu Tawnluia will be discussed and passed today.

I request Minister Pu Lalruatkima to submit the following Demands on the Table of the House-

- Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement Department
- Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations Department;
- Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with you permission and at the discretion of the Governor of Mizoram, I hereby move on the Table of the House an amount of ₹3,54,45,56,000.00 earmarked for the expenditure of my departments for the year 2023-2024, namely –

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	33,72,12,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	12,21,57,000.00
38	Rural Development	3,08,51,87,000.00
TOTAL		3,54,45,56,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Minister Pu Lalchamlia to submit the following Demands on the Table of the House-

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

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand 8, 16 & 30 for ₹8,89,24,58,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2023-2024 in respect of the following departments –

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
8	Taxation	21,71,35,000.00
16	Home	8,00,26,44,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	67,26,79,000.00
TOTAL		8,89,24,58,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to submit the following Demands on the Table of the House-

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

PU TAWNLUIA, Dy. CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby present the following Demands-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	5,06,95,000.00
25	Public Health Engineering	4,80,98,40,000.00
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	5,91,85,16,000.00
TOTAL		10,77,90,51,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The 3 Ministers had submitted their Demands. We will now have a discussion and each member will be given 10 minutes. I request Dr. L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Tomorrow is the last day of the budget session of the Assembly term and I would like to say that I support all the Demands presented by our Ministers and Dy. CM.

Starting with Demand No 25-PHE, extreme measures were taken in my constituency and Hliappui village is now capable of pumping water. Water pumping works at Teikhang, Kawlbem, Ngopa, Changzawl, Kawlkulh, Chhawrtui and Vanchengpui are currently underway and the Department has done its utmost to ensure that we will be able to pump water without MLA fund by the end of this year. So, I thanked the Dy Chief Minister and his department for their works.

Moving to Demand No. 46-UD&PA, Ngopa was approved as a town by the Council of Ministers meeting on December 22, 2022 (I believe it was the initiative of our Dy Chief Minister) including Kawrthah and West Phaileng and therefore, UD & PA issued an Order & Notification on December 28, 2022 in accordance with the decision of the Council of Ministers. We won 2nd place in Mizoram Cleanliness Competition, 2021 among the existing towns and Saitual, a newly opened district was also the cleanest district headquarters that same year. Mizoram Cleanliness Competition, 2022

was organized by UD & PA in 2022 where Ngopa was selected as the cleanest town and Khawzawl as the cleanest district headquarters. KTP General Conference is scheduled to be held next year at Ngopa and I request the UD&PA Minister to help us meet our special needs.

Moving to Minister Pu Lalchamliana's Demand Nos. 8,16 and 30- The Taxation Department collected ₹894 crore in 2021-2022 and collected more than ₹110 crore in January. The department also approved Kawlkulh for a police outpost and therefore I beg the Home Minister and the House Leader to setup this outpost before the end of the government.

Moving to the Demands of Minister Pu Lalruatkima, biomass was started for the first time in Mizoram by RD at a cost of ₹30 lakhs where ₹28 crore is provided by the RD department and ₹2 crore is from the MLA fund. A presentation on the benefits and harms of the project was also held at the Minister's office on 21.7.2022 and materials can be produced from our wastes if this is a success.

Lastly, Information & Public Relations is a very important department where it serves as a messenger between the government and the public. In summary, the danger of taking information from social media is well known in this House. I have looked at research papers on the use of social media by famous Indian politicians and Twitter is also used by the Prime Minister to announce information to the public. Social media is a useful and powerful tool and we need to learn how to use it for the right reasons. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Neva record and our record differs a lot. So, Operators should record the time as soon as the microphone is turned on. I request Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the demands of our three honorable Ministers today and I will only give a general overview.

Starting with Demand No.6-Land Revenue & Settlement Department, the Revenue Department is working hard in every way whether it is farmland, household land or agricultural land and I appreciated their works in every way. However, I believe the department does not have enough staffs and I ask the Minister if there is any proposal to employ more staffs. Chandmari West appealed for a cemetery at Maumual land but it cannot be released yet due to some minor issues. Therefore, I request the Minister to take expedite measures on this matter. Taxes such as registration fee, stamp duty, LSC and House pass of ₹524 crore were collected from the Revenue Department.

Demand No.38- RD Department is a successful department. District Rural Development Offices are opened in three new districts - Hnahthial, Khawzawl and Saitual and more than ₹5 crore is allocated for the development of the project.

Kawrtethawveng RD Block and Tlabung RD Block are the newly opened RD Block and 100 days of wage employment is successfully implemented. Rainy season is upon us and I request the Minister to provide Silpaulin sheets and tin roofs again since we often experience landslides.

I&PR Department functions well and they do their best to provide us with accurate information. They produce excellent calendars and diaries as well.

Moving to Demand No. 16-Home Department, the staffs of this department are very commendable. They are quite useful and careful in their judgement when having border conflicts and I would like to thank them all along with their Minister. However, we are aware that there is a huge staff shortage in this department as well and I request the government to take measures in this matter. Aizawl is a city with heavy traffic and we do not have enough traffic police. So, I would like to make a request to recruit more traffic police when the fund is available. Thenzawl Police Training School has 286 trainees and I hope this will fill our needs.

The Disaster Department is taking several measures in my constituency and ₹52 crore is allocated under SDRMF where 20% is for preventing disasters and 80% is for disasters that already occur. It is quite comforting to have these kind of funds and measures are also taken on Hunthar landslides.

Demand No.25-PHE Department's efforts are very commendable and initiatives under JJM in various places, solar pumping, water connection at rural villages etc. are taken under this department. Chawngzinga Tuikhuah which was covered by landslide was also repaired

UD & PA is an important department especially in urban areas. Mizoram cities are decorated in various ways and Mizo High school field is currently excavated under UD&PA Smart city project. Edenthaw Veng field is also renovated with artificial grass and I thank the department for their efforts. The bordering line between Chandmari and Chandmari West is blocked by a building and UD & PA bought the building with direct purses and we are currently working on the road. It is impressive that funds are allocated for the establishment of Lunglei Municipal Council.

Pu Speaker, I support the Demands of our 3 Ministers to be passed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu VL. Zaithanzama

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Regarding Demand No.16-Home Department, a Police outpost is necessary at Maubawk, Reiek road and if this is impossible, we need at least a beat post because Reiek Tlang is a tourist destination that deserves to be treated with respect. There are several futsal grounds, picnic spots and Anthurium festivals are held here and the road is now quite crowded. YMA branch

members are on duty in this area but it is quite difficult for them. A new Rv will exist if we do not pay attention to this area and I would like to ask our hon. Home Minister to take note of this while it is controllable.

In order to strengthen the prevention of illegal areca nuts imported from Myanmar and abroad, stock collection of illegal areca nuts from districts is to be conducted during February. However, I am not sure why the government does not arrest the smugglers and illegal areca nuts were even placed at government warehouse in 2019. So, is there a way to arrest them before they smuggled?

Moving to Demand No.8-Taxation Department, this department is very commendable and it reached its target within 9 months. However, its budget has declined by 3.7 since 2020 and it does not yet have offices at the new districts- Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnahthial. If offices are available in these areas, tax revenue would be much higher than today. It does not have enough equipment and this department needs to be well equipped. Aizawl is divided into 4 zones and only 1 zone possessed vehicles. Unlike other departments, the funds for this department are not expenditure but investment. Therefore, offices in three new districts should be opened in addition to providing new vehicles.

Moving to Demand No.25- PHE Department, Aizawl-Greater Water Supply Scheme pipe maintenance was mentioned during the Question & Answer hour and I will try to explain it in detail. This pipeline passes through Aizawl West III and the people living nearby often feel uneasy. Complaints began in the early 2021 and most of the complaints came from Khatla - Chawnga Road and Bungkawn Tuikhur veng where a total of 95 households have complaints. A complaint was filed to the Chief Engineer on October 20, 2022 and the valve installation site was opened on May 8, 2022 where the return valve was found to be defective. The return valve is allegedly old and no longer functioning as it should. It has been 8 months and I would like to request the Minister to replace the bad valve as soon as possible. The situation of these 95 families should not be ignored.

Moving to Demand No.46-UD&PA, Community halls are being constructed in our constituencies but no measures are taken at Maubawk and Khatla till today despite the promise made by our Minister in the past. The works under the Aizawl-Smart City project is quite slow and the construction of Smart Street at Upper Khatla has not been implemented yet. So, I request the Minister to take expedite measures on these matters.

Regarding Demand No. 26-I&PR, has the pension for journalists been finalized?

Moving to Demand No.6-Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I believe no outstanding measures are taken on the establishment of Board in this current government and it is unfortunate that there is no budget provision for land survey and digital land records. Finally, The Digital India Land Record Modernization Program

was implemented with central funds 10 years ago but it is unfortunate that the online land record system is still not yet ready and the software programmed by the department is also useless. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is exciting have the Demands of our Ministers for discussion.

Starting with Demand No.6- Land, Revenue & Settlement Department, it is impressive that the GAD Minister promised to issue LSC to more than 500 households settling at Ainawn Veng and the government will also be able to earn real revenue from the issuance of LSCs. Therefore, we are very pleased that the Government has made such a timely arrangement. The GAD Minister, the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister along with the department officials and community leaders inspected the unsafe buildings in this area a while back. Most of these government buildings are now old and unreliable and the construction was damaged to the point of disaster. Many government employees are afraid to occupy these buildings and there are many cases where dismantling is required quickly. Therefore, the Disaster Management Department should take this into consideration as these buildings are in position to cause more damage and deaths.

Speaking of Disaster management, Shelter House was also built at Sairang to solve the problems faced by the people and the initiatives of our Chief Minister and Disaster Minister have led to the purchase of two large boat engines for Central YMA. Sairang does not have enough equipment for searching drowned victims and it is impressive that the department has allocated funds for the purchase of several equipment.

Moving to Demand No.38- Rural Development, RD is an important department especially for the rural areas. Most of our progresses are achieved through RD. A Good VC develops their neighborhoods well which brings development to Zoram. Similarly, RD covers the three village councils of Sairang and halls are constructed at Sairang and Sihmui for disaster purposes. Therefore, we are quite grateful to this department.

Moving to Demand No. 25-Public Health Engineering Department, a train station is expected to be opened soon and Sairang will be the main point. The railway department has also taken steps to ensure that the water supply is available but the people are facing difficulties since it is the department's property. River waters are pumped using gravity but the waters are murky when there is heavy rainfall and the treatment is impossible. However, the PHE Minister is aware of our needs and will be providing us with enough supply from AMRUT-II for three villages. Water is one of our basic needs and a nice neighborhood is where there is enough water supply. Similarly in rural areas, a pleasant village is where there is enough water but the village suffers

when the water is scarce. Aizawl does not have enough water operator and we can hire more MR if there is a fund for it.

Moving to Demand No.46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, this is a very important department for urban areas and it provides us with our internal roads, our steps, our church roads and various development projects. UD & PA fund for the development of my constituency is not available since 2020 and all cities and big rural areas should be given financial assistance through the Finance Department or SASCI. It is impressive that an artificial turf is currently carried out at Tuivamit Football stadium under Smart City Fund and we are pleased to have a good sport facility for the youth. It was said that a music city will be built at IGC and it would be appreciated if expedited measures are taken here.

Pu. Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands of Pu Lalruatkima, Pu Lalchamlia and Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the demands of Pu Lalruatkima, Pu Lalchamlia and Pu Tawnluia today and I have a lot of interesting things to say. The pandemic affected us for 2 years and we could not attend churches and offices. Nevertheless, there has been some impressive progress made in these demands.

I would like to start with Home Department. Aizawl traffic police represents Mizoram and people from all over Europe are eager to visit Mizoram as it is known as 'hornless city'. Lunglei Traffic Police are also making progress and doing one's own job well is a characteristic of a developed country. The public should also remember that we are honoring ourselves by doing our job properly. There are so many wrong information and wrong video reporters in our state today and our leaders are fed with wrong information which makes me despise them. It is inappropriate to cry out wrong information in this House and the people deserves the truth. The police did an honorable job at the border and they also do their best in seizing illegal drugs. I would also like to commend the YMA for their efforts.

2nd Battalion MAP settles in my constituency and transfer & promotion is a common issue. The police should be conducted fairly being a force and those who are posted on Hard post requested a transfer due to their wives and children and it would be appreciated if this is taken into consideration. I also commend our police for arresting criminals.

Regarding Demand No.46-UD&PA, Central Scheme- JJM is being implemented to provide clean water to all rural villages and Solar pumps are also supplied to 11 villages.

I commend the performance of Lunglei PHE and they would even work on Sundays if necessary. Regarding JJM, the approach road is not very profitable and JCB does not want to excavate properly. So, what measures should be taken here?

Collecting taxes is difficult than expected without tax awareness and awareness is very much needed. The Finance Commission is giving us less and less and our funding starts to taper. We have to contribute as well and it is not right to try to force the government to do everything. It is not that we do not pay taxes but the way we pay our taxes is not desirable and we need to increase our taxes.

Moving to Rural Department, the Minister is doing his best and feeding the poor and 100 days wage employment are quite remarkable. In addition, the Progressive Tax proposed by Pu Mathlantea should be implemented since this is a great thing for our state where we can also have land ceiling. There are also several allegations against the RD Department in this House. I do not believe the NREGS material components is carried out illegally in my constituency. ₹8 lakhs is allotted for Salem YMA House and the people also acknowledged that cent percent was received. Wrong information can confuse the people and this needs to stop. I have an eye-witness in my constituency and the RD Department is also performing well.

Moving to UD&PA, development funds are available for Aizawl and likewise District Councils also have separate development budget. Lunglei is quite eager to receive this as well and it is impressive that the MNF Ministry accomplished this. Municipal funds are also provided to us.

Moving to Home Department, Police and YMA members are doing their utmost to seize drugs. Illegal drugs will always be available due to our geographical location. It maybe suitable to use it as a political tool but America itself has not been able to stop it even though they have much better weapons and money. I would like to say that when giving wrong information, we embarrass our leaders, shame our parents and make the people panic and this need to stop. Aizawl is a clean city and it is also called the hornless city. Likewise, other villages are also clean as well.

We should not scare the public with wrong information and let us not embarrass our leaders. Let us speak the truth in this House. There is no greater nation than being faithful in our own work and it is not about being poor or rich. The works of Police Department, Taxation Department and PHE department are well appreciated and we should keep working hard.

Therefore, I support the demands of Pu Tawnluia, Pu Lalchamlia and Pu Lalruatkima. Thank you.

DEPUTY. SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the Demands of our three Ministers and I would like to start with Demand No. 16- Home Department. The Agriculture Department Minister has already talked about the destruction of paddy fields but the Home Department is the nodal department for Indo-Bangla border fencing. Several areas are water-logged and we are facing various problem due to this Indo-Bangladesh border fencing and it has destroyed people's livelihoods as mentioned earlier.

Pu Dy. Speaker, with your permission - First Report relating to Home Department presented to the House on November 15, 2017 is about the construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing. My whole constituency is a riverside area and as we know, the land is fertile along the river. However, livelihoods are being destroyed. Indo-Bangladesh border fencing was started in 2015 and we did not know that we would face such problems. We do not want to oppose anyone in the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing but we want them to facilitate our problems. This is a big project and I often asked the government why social impact assessment has not been done so far in projects of this magnitude and what are the difficulties does the government has in doing so? However, they replied that they do not have such funds. Therefore, I would like an explanation during the windup and I would be very grateful if you could evaluate my application to Mizoram University regarding this matter.

Pu Dy. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to point out in the Report that Nos. of villages (in district-wise) falling outside the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing are - Mamit District - 10 Nos; Lunglei District – 18 Nos.; Lawngtlai District – 29 Nos. The government has not yet decided whether to allow or prohibit people to live outside the fencing. Therefore, the Home Department should at least conduct a social impact assessment although there are various difficulties. In addition to destroying people's livelihoods, the problem we now face is that the company dumped soils wherever they wanted and these soils flowed into the river causing siltation at Khawthlang tuipei. Our Home Minister is a knowledgeable gentleman and it would be appreciated if he noted the problems we are facing. Pu Dy. Speaker, that is all about the Home Department.

Moving to Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department, I would like to thank the RD Minister for the RD Block at Tlabung. I believe Tlabung which is Mizoram's first Sub-Division deserves an RD Block. I have been an MLA since 1988 and I have been fighting for Tlabung RD Block since then. It is now implemented and I would like to thank all the stakeholders - the officials, our minister for helping us. We hope to solve various problems with RD Block. There are many BADP works in our constituency and their works should be properly monitored. Black-topping of road from Khojoisuri - Chawilung South is recently completed with ₹160 lakhs but it lasted only for a very short time. Therefore, I would like the Minister to take note of this. Construction of Tlabung Govt. School Complex under Lungsen RD Block is being

constructed with ₹75 lakhs and I would like to say that we truly want them to carry their works attentively.

Land Revenue & Settlement Department has a severe staff insufficiency despite being a very important department. There are 71 vacancies for surveyor posts under the Revenue Department and works cannot be carried out without them. National Highway-302 is being constructed and the company has also raised problems regarding land acquisition. Therefore, I urge that compensations should to be paid fairly and as soon as possible. That will be all Pu Dy. Speaker and thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the demands of our Chief Minister and our Hon'ble Ministers. Starting with Demand No. 38 - Rural Development, we see a lot of developments in rural areas and across Mizoram through this department. We also see many progresses in my constituency in the past year and two months and we would like to thank all the department staffs and concerned Minister for their efforts. We appreciate the construction of a hall at Mualkhang for the drowning victims and disaster victims of Khamrang. Three new district DO offices are currently carried out in addition to two new RD Blocks at Tlabung and Kawrtethawveng. Regarding 100 days of wage employment, only 50 days of employment was available during the previous government but we now have 100 days of employment today which is a great progress. Thingdawl, Bualpui, Kawnpui, Hortoki, Khamrang, Mualkhang, Zanolawn, Bukpui, Nisapui, North Chaltlang, Lungmuat, Serkhan and Lungdai have seen a lot of progresses and we are quite delighted.

Moving to Demand 26 - Information & Public Relation. Our sessions are well telecasted by the staffs and broadcasted on DDK and Local channels. However, sometimes our misspoken words would be all over social media while our apologies were never telecasted. We all work hard for our respective constituencies and so, we should pay attention to the truth and we should faithfully fulfill our responsibilities.

Next is Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement Department. This department takes care of our LSC and provide their best service despite extreme lack of staffs.

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home Department, the families of MNF-warriors and martyrs have been given 437 jobs, ex-gratia payment, Housing Assistant and many others. Recently, more than 300 jobs are given on compassionate grounds to the families of our deceased soldiers and among them, 9 families are from my constituency. On the other hand, Mualvum battalion quarter is quite damaged and is it possible to take measures?

Next is Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. Projects are available at Kawnpui, Thingdawl and Lungdai and proposals are properly made. So, it would be appreciated if the achievements are seen before rainy season.

Regarding Demand No.25- PHE, this department takes extreme measures to ensure that the state has a good water supply. I would also like to thank the officials for carrying out immense works in my constituency through JJM. Unfortunately, the machine at Zanlawn and North Chaltlang was damaged but MLA funds and salaries are used to distribute water free of charge and build roads. The facility is now repaired and I would like to thank the department for its effort. I would also like to thank the department for opening Kawnpui PHE Sub-Division on April 22.

Moving to Demand No. 46 - UD & PA, there are many initiatives to mention and my constituency is quite fortunate.

Next is Demand No. 13 - Personal & Administrative Reforms. 'MR' was renamed 'Provision & Employees' and I would like to thank the government on behalf of all the MRs who have received the blessing. TA/DA, medical allowance, maternity leave, paternity leave, casual leave etc. are also now available to them.

I support the Demands of our ministers to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We still have time and is there anybody who wish to say something? We will rest and the sitting will continue at 2 pm.
(*Recess till 2:00 PM.*)

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue with the discussions and I request Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the Demands of 3 Ministers and I would like to start with PHE, Demand No. 25. The government is taking extreme measures on water supply where 98,461 households in Mizoram are provided with water connection. Knowing that there are 34,599 houses left, the work of this government is applaudable. Many of the water problems of the rural people have now been solved. Measures are also taken to supply abundant water at 17 villages in my constituency under JJM where some of them are now completed and some of them are currently carried out. However, Zote, an important village in my constituency which is not covered by JJM has no large water tank. In addition to Zote reservoir, Tualcheng reservoir is not enough and it would be appreciated if this is given importance. 98% of Construction of dump reservoir and development of recreation center at Champhai-Keilungliah village is now completed and is ready to be commissioned.

In addition, the Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department has done a lot of work in my constituency. PAHOSS - Multi Level Car Parking at Champhai Vengthlang is currently under construction and it would be appreciated if it is completed as early as possible.

Regarding Demand No. 6- Land Revenue & Settlement Department, House Pass – 2875 nos. Periodic Patta – 274 nos. and Land Lease – 477 nos. were issued in 2023 despite the lack of staffs and Surveyors. Apart from this, 7,799 House Pass were converted to LSC during 2020-2023 and I am pleased that such works are achieved despite the lack of staffs.

I cannot help but mention the Information & Public Relation Department today. We were all anxious and tired when Covid-19 hit and I would like to thank the I&PR Minister and his colleagues for their dedication. They provide fast information to the people and I applaud their usefulness in the fight against the coronavirus. It is impressive that several benefits are made for Mizoram Journalists Association. I believe they are currently working on pension schemes and it would be appreciated if this is also achieved.

Moving to Rural Development, 100-days wage employment is actually the main reliance for the poor in rural areas and Mizoram currently has 2,14,163 active-job card holders. It is impressive that the rural people are able to work 100 days within 100 days.

Community Hall is a necessity in every village and I would like to request the Minister to complete the community hall at Aiduzawl. Murlen does not have a community hall and it would be appreciated if it is provided. Ngaizawl Community Hall is old and deteriorating and it would be appreciated if proposals are made for this. There is no RD Block in my constituency and it would be appreciated if there is a proposal at Hnahlan.

Moving to Demand No. 16 - Home Department, I applaud the efforts of our Minister and the department on the border issue. Border issues are sensitive and the previous government also did its utmost to resolve it. However, inter-state issues cannot be resolved and proper negotiations with the central government are required. Apart from the government, NGOs, YMA, Churches and student leaders are also concerned about this matter. Pu Dy. Speaker, no one is to be blamed in this regard and we should all work together as one without seeking condemnation. Borders are serious issues and everyone is concerned about them. Therefore, we still remember the incidents of July 26, 2021 regarding the border dispute with Assam. I am proud of the brave sacrifice of our police force and policemen for defending our borders and I salute and respect them. I also applaud our Chief Minister, Home Minister and all the staffs for their great judgement. Anyway, we need to equip our police with better quarters, vehicles and other facilities.

Hnahlan is an important international boundary area for drug traffickers and the police have paid attention to this area and the Home Minister himself has paid attention to it. Everything had been properly planned and I hope that the GAD and the Finance Department will make this a success. (Dy. SPEAKER : Are you almost finished?) I am almost done Pu Dy. Speaker. I am especially impressed with the enthusiasm and contribution of our Police and Excise in the fight against illegal drugs. In addition, we worked together with NGOs and seized a large amount of drugs. Drugs is now our biggest enemy and we know how difficult it is to fight it. Therefore, all of us including the opposition, NGOs and churches, must work together in the fight against drugs. Mizoram is our only land and we can help save it by accompanying our police forces.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands of our Minister to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement, I would like to hear from our esteemed minister whether- the revised Chekbawk house-site plan has been completed, how many plots are there in this plan, how many were surrendered, how many plots have the government deposited in the land bank and how many are there, what is the land bank to be used for?

The 2018 MNF party election manifesto stated that all residents who have no land in the city will be given land. So, are the house-site plans for these Chekbawk areas being issued for these purposes? Surveyor shortages are severe and we have not yet taken any measures on Hualngohmun.

Moving to Demand No.35- Rural Development, DRO office-cum-Panchayat Bhavans are being constructed at the new districts under the RD and it was built with convergence funds under the RD Department. So, I want to know what schemes are converged. I would also like to know the schemes that are converged for these offices and what percentage of the funds were spent from those schemes. The Ministry of Rural Development had directed the state government to use EPF for MGRNEGA employees in 2018 and the employees are looking forward to it. However, the fact that the government is still 'researching' today makes me wonder if the government is willing to take action. I would also like to ask the minister whether he could take active steps to ensure that MGRNEGA employees enjoy the EPF as directed by the Ministry of RD. Only the first trench and second trench of MGRNEGA material component and administrative funds are to be taken. However, the first trench is received in the year 2021-2022, 2022-2023 while the second trench is not yet received. Therefore, when is the second trench expected to be received?

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home Department, as on 30.8.2022, MR bill debt is ₹6,93,99,509/- and TA/DA debt is ₹15,58,45,746/-. The medical treatment bill of 3rd

IR Battalion of Assam at GNRC Hospital is ₹21,91,953/- as well while the total budget for the Home was ₹8,00,26,44,000. So, can we repay these debts from this and is it intended to be repaid? We are currently in debt of this amount. In addition, 2,990 Police Constable post vacancies are available and is there a proposal to fill these posts? Border police duty under the Home Department are very commendable and they deserve special attention and preference.

The Taxation Department is our main source of income but it is unfortunate that this year's budget has decreased by ₹84.78 lakhs. We need to equip this department as it is our main income source and we should divert some money from the ₹595 crore that the government received for SEDP.

Moving to Demand 46 - UD & PA, I want to know when will the Roadside Drinking Water and Reverse Vending Machine Pilot Projects under Aizawl-Smart City be implemented. Sewage Treatment at Bethlehem Vengthlang was inaugurated on January 20, 2013 but the SIPMIU project is not yet commissioned. Although not yet commissioned, it was still inaugurated. Feces were leaked at five areas within Bethlehem Vengthlang before it was inaugurated and it is extremely filthy. **(Dy. Speaker : Are you almost finished?)**

My apologies Pu Dy. Speaker. I commend the Local Council of Bethlehem Vengthlang for their efforts. Why can't projects under Smart City be implemented for the reeking drains in Aizawl? We often divert funds for other purposes and we need to start having new concepts. PHE is also starting with a lot of debt. Crores of rupees are used on contract and supply bills and we also owe crores of rupees to companies and farms. That will be all. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Dr. BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the Demands of our 3 Ministers and I would like to start with Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department. I would like to thank our Minister Pu Lalruatkima for distributing 4 bundles of tin roof to 6 beneficiaries of each constituency last week. However, the bundles distributed last year has not yet reached its destination and it would be appreciated if 407 truck is hired. We will also be able to transport a bundle of silpaulin if you could provide it right away. I believe the transportation of tin roof alone costs about ₹25,000/ from Aizawl to Chawngte. Pu Speaker, I was expecting a letter about silpaulin distribution but I only received about tin roof. Therefore, it would be appreciated if silpaulins are distributed in every constituency.

Regarding PMAY in my constituency, some non-beneficiaries received money instead of those beneficiaries and there are also those with the same name but different fathers who received money. The VCP said that no mistakes were made and

the BDO office staffs know nothing about this. So, it would be appreciated if this is looked into it.

Regarding Home Department, Police staff-quarters in my constituency are quite damaged and our OC quarter is like a Grade-IV quarter. So, it is possible to build a new quarter? Chawngte Police Station has no lock-up for women and there are times when women also have cases. So, the police often face problems due to lack of special women's lock-up. Vaseikai Police Station has no Women Constable including Chawngte and Borapansury Police Station and it would be a pleasure to have one female police officer in each of these three police stations. Pu Dy. Speaker, SEDP-Women Police should be formed and then post them at Thana after a month of training.

Regarding Public Health Engineering, several villages outside the Indo-Bangla border fencing are without electricity and water supply. Funds for electricity and water connections under Jal Jeevan Mission came from Delhi to the State Government and will it be possible to provide water connections for the villages in the border fencing outline?

I only spent 6 ½ minutes and I recommend that the spare time be given to Pu Ngunlianchung. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 6 - Revenue Department. Revenue is an important department but it is unable to do its job efficiently due to lack of staffs and it is necessary to hire more surveyors. This Department is particularly important in the border areas. We had a problem at the Vairengte border recently and the farmland owners should have a permanent pass and periodic patta since the Assam side are quick in issuing land pass. Therefore, the Minister should keep this in mind as the VC-pass alone may not be enough in the future. We should prioritize this and treat it special since it is for our land and nation. Vairengte VC-I distributed land to 70 households at the scene of the clashes with Assam and houses were been built on the site where several houses are now occupied. This is a sensitive and important area and it is necessary to issue house pass immediately. The Department should also look into NHIDCL compensation package-II at Vairengte that has not been given yet. A conflict can occur easily if this goes wrong and the Assam take measures and we would lose our land.

Bilkhawthlir town extension is almost ready and it would be a pleasure if the Minister took steps to ensure that we can take further steps.

Regarding Demand No. 38 - Rural Development, it is impressive that every member received tin roofs and this is a way for us to help those victims whose houses burnt down and also for other disasters. DRDA was discontinued by the central

government since it could not be maintained anymore. The state government restructured the DRDO to ensure the development of rural areas and it is impressive that the DRDA staffs are permanently recruited. BDO Offices are newly opened at two areas and I congratulate the people of the area and wish them the best.

Our government is powerful when implementing 100 days wage employment and it is impressive that 100 days are fully implemented. PMAY Gramin is a 'housing assistance' program for the rural people who cannot support themselves and it would be appreciated to know its condition.

There are many things to be grateful for on RD. Several halls in my constituency are built with RD funds and the halls at Saihapui 'K' and Saiphai are currently under construction. So, it would be appreciated if these works are expedited. North Thinglian and Saihapui 'V' border areas do not yet have halls and it would be appreciated if proposals are made for this.

Moving to Demand No. 16 - Home Department, it is impressive to have excellent duty posts when it comes to excavating border roads and on the various border difficulties we faced. When facing border issues, development is needed to protect borders and there is no point in occupying the border villages without providing development. Duty post at Sabual mual is to be setup and its work order has been issued which is quite impressive.

I am also pleased that several people were recruited recently on compassionate grounds under the Police Department and this will relieve the department in some ways while facing staff shortage. However, the Home Department needs special attention as its premises all over the state are very poor and need renovations. Bilkhawthlir Police Outpost is in ruins as well and it would be appreciated if measures are taken for these and also for vehicles. Vairengte - IR Company Hqrs building is in the process of completion and we sincerely want this to function as it should and open it as soon as possible.

Regarding, Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, this is an important department that contributes to the state and is responsible for collecting revenue. We should contribute more help so that this department could provide more help for Mizoram. District offices are already opened at the three new districts and Taxation office is also a must.

Moving to Demand No. 25 - PHE Department, it is a pleasure to see that sufficient water is supplied to rural areas under JJM. Vairengte is a sub-division area and it is necessary to appoint SDO. Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir districts are in dire need of new water supply systems as well.

Regarding Demand No. 46, UD & PA, I am quite pleased with the progress made through the Smart City project. It is impressive that there are so many new initiatives in our city and our city is developing and progressing. At the same time, the towns in rural areas managed by UD & PA should also be given importance. Kolasib town area includes Rengtekawn, New Builum and Goshen and they are under Serlui constituency. I am not condemning Kolasib but our officers and community leaders are fighting one another for development. Therefore, being under Kolasib town area and yet under another constituency makes them impossible to develop. So, it would be impressive if our leaders take measures so that Rengtekawn, New Builum and Goshen receive development equally. DUDO should also be given more attention.

Vairengte needs a bigger garbage dumping ground as well. Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands of our 3 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the Demands of our 3 Ministers and I would like to start with Demand No.16 – Home Department. Pu Dy. Speaker, on 23.2.2023 (Friday) during the private resolution discussion, opposition group leader Pu Lalduhoma said that the Chief Minister had a case and I liked to present Calling Attention Motion today. Unfortunately, I have a program and I would not be able to do it. He was an IPS Officer who had worked in the police force for six years and he should know whether he clearly has a case or not. I want to stress that I take this matter serious and I request our Home Minister to point it out during his windup. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Mizoram First Movement filed a case against the Chief Minister at Lok Ayukta on April 11, 2022.) Maybe some reports were made before filing the case and is it really a case? He was an IPS officer for 6 years and he should be certain. If not, I demand that he apologize to this House. I take this seriously because it is a personal insult to our House Leader and I am quite surprised by it. I would like to request the Home Minister to declare the truth when he winds up. We know the characters of our Hon'ble Chief Minister and the newspapers would have covered it extensively today if he had such a case. I would like him to apologize if it turns out to be just a false claim.

I commend the Home Department for its efforts on the border issue and I applaud the efforts of the minister and department who are responsible for the safety and security of the nation. They are working in the midst of life and death and I feel that all the villages along the border including my constituency have found security in this government because of their efforts and I salute them. We have a few problems in our constituency being on the border area. Bangladesh has two Shanti Bahinis fighting each other and it is discomfiting to explore my constituency. Upon reaching Phaileng, police vehicles are in bad condition and I even bought batteries for them for ₹5,000 recently. So, the border areas should be given priority. Running start is often required due to the poor conditions of battery and motor wheels especially at West Phaileng and Marpara.

Our OC used his private vehicle with great enthusiasm and dedication and this is a complicated issue. We often face border conflicts and several refugees migrated today. So, I would like to mention that there are times when we are not safe.

Secondly, the Rural Development Department is 'our department' for rural areas and the minister provide tin roofs despite financial difficulty. This government takes expedite measures on 100 days wage employment compared to the previous government and this is quite impressive. Expedite measures are always taken when houses burnt down and it is quite comforting to have such a parent department. At the same time, there are 33 villages in my constituency and Rulpuihlum and Lianbuang have no halls. The halls at Bawngthah, Bawlte and Chungtlang are built with my fund and then department takes up the works with available funds. Chungtlang hall is almost ready and I request the Minister to look into this. The halls at Khawrihnim, West Lungdar and Sabual which were started during by previous government are incomplete and Ailawng Hall also needs renovation. So, it would be appreciated if these are noted.

Next is Demand No. 25 - Public Health Department. Our Dy. CM takes extra care of this department and provides safe drinking water without any difficulty during the pandemic. We live on hilly areas and we are aware of our water scarcity. However, the Dy Chief Minister has not only taken active steps with the central schemes throughout the state, but also at 33 villages in my constituency. I would also like to thank the Chief Minister for matching the matching share despite the financial difficulties.

Regarding Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement, I am pleased to hear that the Minister has arranged several land passes for returnees, especially MURAs at Luangmual.

I commend Information & Public Relations Department. Not only do they provide information on covid-19 nationwide, legislators were given their latest positions at 7 am via Whatsapp and this has greatly improved our management of our constituencies, family and community life.

I would like to briefly mention that the Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department is becoming quite smart and this is impressive. However, one thing I am unsatisfied with is that the cables of our cable tv operators makes the city look untidy and is there a way to tidy these cables? On the other hand, West Phaileng is about to be a notified town and we are quite eager for it.

Finally, I would like to say that accusing our CM of having a case is a serious matter. Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA : If he does have a case, would the Dampa representative apologize as well?

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Dy. Speaker, I will not only apologize but I will resign if he has a case, (**Pu Lalduhoma:** His case No. is No. 42 MLC No.42/2022 at Lok Ayukta. He will surely be missed if he resigned) Pu Dy. Speaker, is Lok Ayukta the one to give the case? Is the member certain about it?

SPEAKER : Please sit down. It is not to be discussed in this House according to the law if it is sub-judice. I do not think there is any official information that he has a case and if so, it shall be stated in advance and this will be investigated later. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Lok Ayukta is an autonomous body and not under the Home Department and it was established for that purpose where people filed complaints there. Inquiry and investigation are going on and what else is there?) Ongoing inquiry is not a solid case. Inquiry will be conducted and if the case is considered as a matter, then the case can be registered. The inquiry is being conducted into whether he will have a case or not. Therefore, let that be for now and the Home Minister can clarify it during his windup.

We will continue with the discussion and I request Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement, our Minister said that individuals and companies are hired to measure lands and it would be appreciated if this is done the same at my constituency as there are many lands that are not measured accurately and this creates problems.

Moving to Demand No. 38 - Rural Development, it is impressive that RD Block is recently inaugurated at Kawrtethawveng.

Regarding Demand No. 25 - Public Health Engineering, clean drinking water is important and the world is also concerned about it. We need to examine our water supply whether it is clean enough or not. Waters sold in our market also needs to be examined carefully.

Regarding Demand No. 13 - Personnel & Administrative Reforms, we cannot help but say that the performance of our government is due to its employees whether it is a good government or a strong government. We should consider how the employees would be able to work honestly and enthusiastically for the government and the people. I believe the most important thing in this regard is the mindset of the leaders. The reason why we are not progressing today and the reason why we are in this situation is because of our narrow minds. It is also unfortunate that there are some who would use government employees as party workers and this is not good for our land and ethnicity. Government employees should not be expected to have political parties and we should not expect them to do so. Likewise, any government employee whoever has such an opinion is usually not a very good person and they are not good for nation.

Moving to Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, there are many ways in which we can take action before the problem arises and not after the problem arises. In a land where earthquakes are common, all the measures to be taken are imprinted in their lives and that is why awareness should be taken seriously. There are many things that can be done to prevent problems before they occur and it is very important that we focus on prevention.

Moving to Demand No.16 - Home Department, this Department is supposed to comfort us but there are times when they are not comforting at all. Betelnuts came from the east and the it is the majority of the people on duty who seized it. This caused many problems in law enforcement and it also cause anger, accusations, lies etc. So, I want the department to do what it must do in this matter.

The government is taking measures on 4th IR Battalion Headquarters at Rengdil and it would be appreciated if expedite measures are taken. Recently, Kawrtethawveng police outpost building for occupation was sought and it would be appreciated to know its condition.

Regarding Demand No. 8 – Taxation, this department is the source of our income, and a lot of taxes are collected. Earlier we talked about the betelnut tax from Burma and we should know that illegal tax is serious. There are many people in India whose wealth increases in 2021 during the pandemic. The government also said that tax is being levied on betelnut that are imported from Burma and it is clear that some people are paying taxes illegally. The unfortunate thing is that taxes are paid by wrongdoers and wrong businesses. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We are discussing the Demands of our 3 Ministers and I would like to start with Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations. I & PR is becoming more important and is being taken seriously in the field of news dissemination. Mizoram calendar should be sold in large quantity so that it could be a government revenue source. Pu Dy. Speaker, we should be more careful about posting news and events without any proofs as it can damage our dignities.

Regarding Demand No. 46- UD&PA, we are about to have Lunglei Municipal and we are pleased with the ongoing project. The MNF party kept ‘sharing of power’ in its manifesto and we now have a government that does things in reality. Lunglei Municipal would have functioned now if not for Covid-19 and I thank our government and the UD & PA Department for their efforts. Lunglei District has already received the 1st installment of 2nd DPR amounting ₹60,000/- each under PMAY - Urban Housing for All and the 2nd installment of ₹6,000/- for individual household latrines has already

been distributed. However, there are some who do not receive 1st installment while 1st DPR is available under Housing for All.

I would like to talk about Lunglei city waste management system. Central funding of ₹6 crore was received (if I am not mistaken) but the works could not be completed. The city is becoming increasingly populated with more vehicles and PAHOSS should be implemented. We hope that this will solve our problems and it would be appreciated if measures are taken. In addition, I heard that DPRs for truck terminals and parking houses have been prepared under PMJVK and applications were sent from Lunglei. So, it would be impressive if expedite measures are taken.

Regarding Demand No. 25 - Public Health Engineering, we are pleased that this government provided clean drinking water under JJM for the entire state. ₹5 crore was allotted to replace the old pipes in Lunglei and the works are currently carried out. However, we faced problems with other departments while Zobawk-Water Supply Scheme augmentation work was being carried out with ₹5 crore and I would like to request the Minister to investigate and resolve this issue. We thought that Zobawk people would be able to have clean water but this problem terrified us.

Mizoram politicians regardless of their party have contributed to the development and welfare of Mizoram and its people in their own time and we should continue to do so. I would also like the people to respect the value and dignity of politicians.

As assured by the CM and Dy. CM, Pialthleng road which is the road to Lunglei water supply is currently in the process of repairing and their promise is not in vain. Or CM is good at managing money and we actually receive and spend our funds. Three large diesel pumps are replaced during this MNF ministry and one is in progress. Lunglei Greater Water Supply - Mat pump works are also currently undertaken.

Moving to Home Department, our police forces across the state are truly commendable and Lunglei Police Station received first place in the Mizoram Annual Ranking of Police. At the same time, I would like to mention that we do not have enough employees and vehicles.

Regarding Fire Department, Lunglei Fire Station was recently selected as one of the only two fire stations in India and we received ₹51 lakhs and a certificate under the Subhas Chandra Bose - Apda Prabhadan Puraskar. Lunglei Fire Station building was demolished with the permission of the government as it could cause disasters and they currently settled under Saikuti Hall uncomfortably. Therefore, I would like to know how far we have come in the renovation of Lunglei Fire Station building.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, the RD department is working hard to meet the needs of rural people and it is impressive that Tlabung is among the two new RD Blocks and we

really hope it will function soon. 100 days wage employment are fully implemented and it is impressive that tin roofs and silpouline are donated to the needy. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with UD&PA, waste management is essential in order to be a developed and clean city. The system of practice for every household that is distinguishing sustainable and non-sustainable garbage is quite useful. We have a disposal system that makes things easier which is also for our benefit and the development of the state. Traffic management should be more systematic for example, one-way system should be introduced more frequently and this will greatly reduce the manpower of our police force. I was thinking if the UD & PA offices in the districts could function more effectively. DUDOs in other districts are not as useful as they should be since Aizawl is needed on everything.

Regarding PHE, being the aspirational constituency, the Government had us in the first JJM initiative and it is being implemented in rural areas. Mamit and Lengpui which are not covered under the JJM scheme are facing water shortages and the project is underway. The line of the existing project is quite damaged and we applied for the replacement of this 2 km pipeline under AMRUT-II.

Moving to Home Department, we face several problems such as border conflict, covid-19, earthquake etc. and the department staffs and the minister are commended in this regard. All the Mizos living outside the state came home and the way they came back is worth thinking about. The MLAs became acquainted with patients, transit camp, food and drink, the repatriation of the refugees and the Home Department staffs in various ways. 4th IR Bn Headquarter is located in Mamit and it is now overcrowded. A private land is available next to its location and I would like to request the Chief Minister and department to consider the possibility of enhancing the 4th IR Battalion headquarter.

Regarding DM& R, Mamit-Bazar Veng faced land subsidence twice and a project was also submitted for this purpose. However, we have not yet seen any result and we do not know when the subsidence will occur again. Therefore, it would be appreciated if this is given importance. We would like to thank our minister and the department for the new Taxation office functioning in our district.

Pu Lalruatkima is quite enthusiastic and he did his best looking after his departments. The rural villages are quite pleased with the 100 days wage employment. However, our constituency is divided into 5 RD blocks after Kawrtethawveng Block was implemented. Lengpui is under Tlangnuam RD Block and Reiek Block covers Rawpuichhip and its surrounding areas. Damparengpui and Tuirum are under Phaileng and I believe that the gazette notification of Kawrtethawveng Block will be issued. There is no RD Block in our constituency but we are divided into 5 RD blocks.

Our Finance Minister gives importance to Dampui, Chite Lui and Tlangkhang while presenting the budget and according to Budget Speech No.36 titled 'Aspirational district and Block program' it is said that 'building on the success of the aspirational district programmes, the government has recently launched the aspirational block programs covering 500 blocks for saturation of essential government services'. So, is it possible to have a new block in our constituency?

Point 37 of the Finance Minister's speech on 'PVTG (Particular Vulnerable Tribal Groups) Development Mission' states that ₹15,000 crore has been allocated annually for this mission. PMAY is quite important in our constituency and it has increased by 66%. ₹79,000 crore has been allocated for this PMAY and the department should implement these measures more effectively.

Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you and I support the Demands of our Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relations, this department provides information on government schemes and policies and it is an important department. Siaha has extreme staff shortage with only 1 LDC 1 AVPA and a chowkidar who is a cancer patient. Therefore, the office is in the process of defunct and it would be appreciated if our Minister provides at least 1 UDC. The office was built more than 20 years ago and it currently in a bad condition. Siaha is a district capital and it would be appreciated if this is taken into consideration and renovate the building.

Regarding Demand No. 38 - RD Department, The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) is a scheme implemented under the department to ensure that rural residents can develop along with urban residents. Mizoram's performance is the best in this mission and I applaud the dedication of the minister and its department. If the SPMRM scheme is continued, the border area residents want to develop like the urban residents and I would like to request the minister to include Tipa RD Block in the cluster selection process. In addition, my constituency is on the Burma border and it is important that the BADP scheme is used effectively. Tipa RD Block is quite large and I often made a request to make Phura a separate RD Block. However, we were not included when two new RD Blocks were implemented earlier.

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home Department, I often made a request to setup a police outpost at Chakhei since the Congress Ministry. Chakhei is the largest and most important village on the Burma border and it is also the HSSLC matric exam center. So, I would like to make a request to set up a police outpost here and it would also be appreciated if Tipa police station is upgraded to SDPO since Lawgtlai and Chawngte both have SDPO. Tipa Outpost has a decrepit vehicle and it would be

appreciated if it is replaced with a new vehicle. I would also like to make a request to renovate Siaha jail building.

Moving to Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, New Colony veng in Siaha always suffers from land subsidence during rainy season and so MADC and DM & R Department project for the rehabilitation and prevention of the sinking area was submitted to the central government. So, is the project approved and how is it implemented? I would like to mention that this project is quite important for Siaha. A landslide occurred below Chakhei PHC building during 2022 rainfall and it is quite unsafe for the building. So, it would be appreciated if a protection work is implemented.

Regarding Demand No. 25 - PHE, Siaha is now a very populous town and Siaha - Extension of water distribution system needs to be expanded. Secondly, there are 27 refugee camps in our district and we face water scarcity even though summer has just begun. Therefore, it seems that we will be in a lot of trouble during the summer if proper arrangements for the water supply are not made at once in the refugee camps. Thirdly, Tipa, Zyhno and Siatlai villages are dependent on Tisi River water pump. The engine can hardly pump water when there is an overload and there are also cases where pumping cannot be done due to engine failure. A large water reservoir is installed at Siatlai that feeds three villages and there is a huge water insufficiency. Therefore, if possible, at least two more water reservoirs should be installed at Siatlai and the problem will be alleviated if each village has its own reservoir. Rain-water Harvesting Dam should be built at Chakhei village because this village is located in the mountains. A dam worth ₹10 lakhs was constructed with my MLA fund but this is not enough since it is small and it would also be appreciated if this is made bigger. It would also be appreciated if waters are pumped from Tisi river using solar water pumping for Tisi and Theiri villages.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, as I have already mentioned, it would be appreciated if a solar pumping station is built at Saikao (Serkawr) village, where our missionaries are staying. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start by saying that I support the Demands of our 3 Ministers to be passed.

Regarding Demand no. 25, climate change causes water to dry up. Wells are the primary source of water for every village in the 1980s and as time goes by, the well water alone was not enough anymore and gravity water supply was introduced in the 1990s. For a while we were able to rely on gravity water supply scheme but those areas now have dried up and Mizoram is suffering from water shortage. Therefore, we need to take extreme measures in water conservation. While Mizoram faces clean drinking

water crisis, JJM scheme has been introduced and it is impressive that steps are taken to ensure every village has access to clean water. Mizoram government's efforts to complete the project in a short period of time is remarkable and the department and its minister involved in this project have decided to complete the project this year.

Farkawn is the most populous town in my constituency but it is not covered by the JJM scheme and the water is supplied by gravity. Dry season is approaching and we are facing water storage. However, we are relieved that our Minister has taken the initiative on solar pumping. There are many refugees at Farkawn and we are facing more difficulties in water. So, we are quite pleased with the initiative. Khawbung SDO office is not available and it would be appreciated if it is established during the Financial Year.

Next is Demand No. 46 - UD & PA. There are 5 new notified towns in 2021 and I request the government to allocate funds for the management of these villages. Khawbung is an important town with several offices and there are many residents as well. So, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to declare Khawbung as a notified town at the earliest opportunity.

Moving to Demand No. 16 - Home Department, Dunglelang Police Outpost was upgraded to a full-fledged police station in 2019 due to the Minister's efforts. This is a border area where legal and illegal goods are transported and it needs to be strengthened. So, it would be appreciated if this well-equipped and prioritized. We have Farkawn police beat post and is there any way to upgrade it to a police outpost so that there are more policemen? We are near the border and we face many problems. I applaud the dedication and hard work of our police. The rifle allowance that arm ranks - police havildar, naik and constable get is currently ₹40/- per month (it increased from ₹25/- to ₹40/- after the 7th pay revision and the effective date is 01.09.2018) They carry 4 to 14 kgs of guns and ammunitions and ₹40/- per month allowance is not enough in today's inflation and depreciation. So, it would be appreciated if it is increased to ₹150/- at the least.

Moving to Demand No. 38 - RD Department, this Department is the reliance of rural areas. As mentioned by previous members, tin roofs and silpauline are quite useful and it is impressive that the department often provides us. There are times when house burnt down and we are grateful for the assistance we always received from the RD Department. It is impressive that Tlabung and Kawrtethawveng are declared as RD Blocks and we hope that it will function soon. We have one RD Block at Khawbung and it would be appreciated if another RD block is provided in North Block since RD Block is important for our development.

Data-entry Operator Pi Biakthuami passed away unfortunately in January and we have no data entry operator at present. Similarly, one VLA passed away and his post remains vacant. So, I request the Minister to take this into consideration. RD

Department has constructed many halls in my constituency. Lianpui and Dungtlang are still under construction and I request the Minister to take a note on this. Tuipuiral Group YMA Conference is scheduled to be held on March 30 and we are afraid that Lianpui Hall will not be completed by then. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Mualpui and Salem Veng are fast growing locality in my constituency and they are also asking for a Local Council. However, they have no public places for local council buildings, sub-center buildings and community halls. (Hon. Speaker at the Chair) They are to have a Primary school but they have no place for the building. So, something has to be done.

Shortage of Revenue surveyors is a huge problem and is there a way to create and recruit surveyors?

Moving to Demand No. 25 - PHE Department, Tlangnuam is located at the top and a separate pump house is required. Tlangnuam has no water well of its own and our previous well was covered by landslide which is impossible to excavate. Therefore, PHE water supply is our only reliance and we special attention. The pump house is not enough for the community needs and I would like to request the Minister to expand Dam Veng pump house. In addition, Vai lui that joins Tlawng river is quite polluted and we need to take measures since it can be harmful for our health.

Next is Demand No. 30 - DM & R. MLA funds are mostly spent on silpaulins and it would be appreciated if silpaulins are distributed more profitably.

Regarding Demand No. 46 – UD & PA, Zodin Square multi-level car parking construction works are carried out since the previous government and isn't it time to reveal the completion date, its contractor's name and the estimated amount? I have a written question regarding several UD&PA works within Aizawl South-II and they have carried out many works. There are 56 works amounting ₹130 crores but these works are not noticeable. Construction of RCC pavement & side-drain near Upa C. Biakluanga's house at Kulikawn is nowhere to be found and this is an important pavement.

Next is Demand No. 16 - Home Department. 3rd MAP is located in my constituency and I was told that their buildings and quarters are on the verge of being destroyed and renovation is needed. The steps and pavement in the neighborhood are also not good enough. The Police Force should be given special care since they are often employed by their boss to do private labor works rather than improving them. These police personnel are pitiful and we should take more measures for their personal development. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Shall we have recess at 5:00 pm? (*The House agreed.*) I request Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is impressive that the Demands of our 3 Ministers are laid today and I would like to start with Demand No. 25 – PHE. As a representative of Lunglei North constituency, there are 21 villages out of which only 4 villages have regular water pumps. I am pleased that there have been various initiatives taken since this government and waters are now pumped for Mualthuam North and Chhipphir. I would also like to thank the minister for tendering water pumps in all the villages that have no water. We are currently dependent on Phase-I of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme and the pipeline functions beside the road. As the city grew the roads are widened and pipeline realignment is a must. In addition, Grater Water Supply Scheme - Phase-I is not enough and Phase-II is very much needed in Lunglei city.

Moving to Demand No. 46 - UD & PA, LMC has been formed and we are quite pleased that the government has given us the status of a city. The city is growing and we now have beautiful blocks, community and individual toilets and housing for the poor. However, the road to Aizawl is not at all suitable and full load drivers usually parked their trucks between Pukpui and Zotlang since there is no suitable terminals. Many accidents occurred in this area where bikers collided died. So, we need a truck terminal at Tlawng area and we might need it at the western and southern part as well. It would be appreciated if a truck terminal is located on the outskirts of Lunglei i.e., Aizawl to Lunglei road.

Moving to Demand No. 3 – Land Revenue & Settlement Department, this is a revenue earning department and we need to take more initiative here. LSC and house pass should be issued more frequently even in rural areas so as to increase revenue. So, this will require strengthening of this department like available surveyors and better equipment.

Pu Speaker, the military land in Pukpui is concerning and it would be appreciated if this is prioritized. The MNF and the Indian government signed an agreement to withdraw the army in 1986 and they are settling without any proper lease since then. Kawmzawl - Helipad area is declared as a protected area and it would be appreciated if this is looked into it. In addition, land rent overdue is very high since the army has not paid land rent for many years and the people cannot do resettlement. There are many restrictions to issue LSCs and it would be appreciated if this is settled.

Moving to Demand No. 38 - RD Department, RD Department is a functional department and it is the most reliable department for rural areas. It is also the source of our livelihood and a lot of work is carried out from the material component. As mentioned by the previous members, I would also like to thank the officials for providing tin roofs and silpaulins in rural areas. There is a Tourist Lodge at Pangzawl

under the Tourism Department but it is to be demolished due to the National Highway-54 widening project. There is no guesthouse for MLAs and government officials here and it would be appreciated if the Minister and its department pays attention to this.

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home Department, this is a 'public safety department' and they would always save us during border conflicts, economic blockades etc. So, I applaud the Minister for always solving the problems that the people are facing. Pu Speaker, direct funding issue was debated in this House and it would be appreciated if the Minister clarify this for the people during his windup. I believe a police outpost is to be established at Haulawng and is this still in process? Pu Speaker, I support the demands of our ministers.

SPEAKER : I request Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are many things to be discussed today and I would like to start with the Demands of Minister Pu Lalruatkima. He and I are former journalists and I had written cartoons for two newspapers. The Minister provided information efficiently to the people of Mizoram during the Covid-19 pandemic and I am pleased with his efforts. Our journalists have newspapers, websites and posted breaking news on social media. I & PR also publishes information on their websites which we use as the main source of information and I am quite pleased that journalists' pension is in process.

Moving to Land Revenue & Settlement Department, employment data shows that the number of posts vacant for land record surveyor is 15 and in case of Land Reforms surveyor, 4 out of 28 posts were filled where 24 posts are still vacant. 2 out of 14 posts are filled in the directorate where one of the posts is a contractual basis and therefore, 12 Surveyor posts are vacant in the Directorate. Those people who are on commission are highly associated with surveyors and their rate is over ten thousand which is our problem. So, the main reason for this is that we do not have enough surveyor. The directorate currently has more than 1700 lands to survey and we will have to wait for 3 months. Therefore, hiring more surveyors is a must if we are to implement Land Reforms. The Chief Minister said that Ainawn Veng LSC will be issued but I believe that many lands are still under trial.

Moving to Taxation Department, I appreciate the efforts of our minister and our revenue is quite high. Devolution of taxes was very low during the pandemic but the State's own tax revenue from 2019-20 to 2022-23 is ₹448 crore. It is obvious that we faced difficulty during Covid but we received a lot of funds from the other side. Our minister has taken active steps and we received ₹448 crores within four years. So, it looks like we are not careful enough on the way we spend. We are not saying that we did not suffer during the pandemic but the fact that we receive less fund is not an excuse. I applaud and respect the efforts of our Minister during the pandemic despite having staff shortage and he deserves more employees.

Regarding Home Department, Police Department always needs to be ready to respond to emergencies but their vehicles are in bad conditions and 60 out of 100 vehicles were unusable last year. There are many damaged vehicles in my recent questionnaire and so, we have to provide vehicles so that they can do their jobs smoothly. More than ₹2000 crore is allocated for SEDP and I am sure that there is enough to buy vehicles for them. The Economic Offenses Wing under CID exclusively investigates economic crimes involving large scale frauds involving huge money with wide ramifications. So, the MLAs should also frequently talk about this kind of investment where the higher the interest rate, the higher the risk since there are many people who are facing problems.

Moving to UD&PA, PAHOSS was launched and money was distributed. However, while some people are receiving 1st installment, there are those who already received 3rd installment. The agreement states that the beneficiaries should mortgage their LSC or deposit Bank guarantee for 10 years. However, there are some who do not hold on to the agreement and so, we need to proceed with parking policy and work together with the traffic police, LC and AMC. The policy is not bad but we need to put effort on its implementation. Therefore, we must take the initiative and respect the people in the use of public funds.

I often visit Solid-waste Management Centre and I believe this project is wrong from the start. I believe that the amount of garbage we have to dispose was miscalculated and that is why it is a big problem for those who look after it. We need to pay attention and deal with this since it could be an environmental disaster and it can cause problems in the future. The wastes are pushed downhill which will soon enter our water source.

Regarding Aizawl Smart City, we are to host G-20 summit but no artificial grass is mentioned for Smart City. We are concerned about dangling wires, schools, side drains and this is what Smart City is all about. Initially, there were 14 tenders and there are more tenders now. Out of the 14 tenders, it is wrong to divert 7 tenders to Sports Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25 – PHE. JJM scheme has brought progress in various rural areas and many household water connections are provided to rural residents. It is such a relief that this project will be continued through JJM in the coming year as we have seen in the budget. I am extremely grateful to our department for providing several water reservoirs. In addition, we have a project base from the AMRUT scheme where works will be carried out at places that are not covered by JJM.

Moving to UD&PA, this is an important department that works for the development of the city. While we see progress in various areas, UD & PA suffered a lot from the Covid-19 pandemic and it had not been able to work as expected due to limited funds from the central government. However, more than ₹10,000 lakhs are allotted for major works as seen on our budget and it is impressive that there is a budget for Household & Community toilet. Mizo people need improvement in sanitation. We are quite advanced in clothing and fashion but the toilet facilities in many urban and rural areas are not satisfactory. Therefore, such improvements are necessary and I am very pleased that the department will be taking steps in this regard. Saikhamakawn, Hlimen and Melthum are not covered by LAD and RD departments and we hope that UD & PA will contribute to our development this year.

Moving to Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement Department, this is an important department that issues land pass and LSC and I am pleased that the minister is taking more cautious steps in this regard as there are many overlapping LSCs. However, they have staff shortage and we need to recruit more employees. Surveys have been conducted at some villages in my constituency under the SWAMITVA scheme and I am looking forward to the completion.

Regarding I&PR department, this department is responsible for disseminating new and important information to the public. There are a lot of attacks and misinformation on social media in today's world and fake accounts are often used to defame and attack individuals and governments. In the meantime, this department works with journalists to provide accurate information to the public and that is why we also need to give importance to our journalists. I am a member of the Journalist Welfare Society and we would hold meetings for their welfare like MR bills. Journalist pension schemes should be considered and better entitlements should be given to them during their travels.

Moving to Demand No. 38-RD, RD is an important department especially for the rural areas and 100/100 days wage employment was successfully implemented for 3 years. The poor rely on this scheme and it is a pleasure to have a government that appreciates the less fortunate. I understand if the government spends a lot of money on this and I hope that we can continue to provide 100/100 days wage employment in this financial year. Aibawk cluster benefit a lot from SPMRM and we meet all kinds of development. Aibawk mini-sport complex is also constructed from NLCPR and we are looking forward to its completion.

Regarding Home Department, many of our policemen lost their lives due to alcohol consumption during the previous government. However, we now have a better and healthier police force who perform their job enthusiastically under the leadership of our current Minister. At the same time, some of our police stations especially Sialsuk Police Station in my constituency needs renovation and their vehicles and staff-quarters are in a state of disrepair. Sialsuk Police Station is also understaffed.

Pu Speaker, if the Home Minister could clarify- the honorable members mentioned that there was a complain lodged against our CM. So, I request the Home Minister to clarify whether he has a case or not since the people are waiting for the answer. Regarding ADC direct funding, ZPM group leader mentioned that AMCs, Local Councils and VCs were given direct funding under the 15th Finance Commission and I would like to know the details as well. Thank you and I support the demands of our Minsters.

SPEAKER : I request Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 13 – DP & AR. NIELIT (National Institute of Electronic and Information Technology) was established at Zuangtui in 2001 by the central government and Extension Center was established at Pukpui, Lunglei District in 2013. They have 34 Study Centers throughout Mizoram and certificate courses are taught and issued to the youths. Many youths benefit from this and computer training is free of charge. They are NSQF (National Scheme Qualification Framework) based and their skills are international standard. Thus, many youths have completed certificate courses and acquired computer skills. In the past, NIELIT and MSCTE (Mizoram State Council of Technical Education) certificates were issued to prove computer literacy when ministerial staff - Group A, B and C were recruited. However, the recruitment rules were amended recently to approve Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate and Computer Proficiency Certificate issued by MSCTE only while certificates issued by NEILIT is not accepted anymore. So, many youths have problems with this for their applications are rejected immediately when they applied for LDC jobs since only the MSCTE Certificate is approved. Therefore, will it be possible to amend this?

I applaud PHE department for their hard work. Durtlang locates at the highest top hill and the department still manage to provide water pumps. However, we are not getting enough water anywhere but I hope that the minister will take steps to ensure that we have abundant water supply. I heard that the central government approves the use of plastic pipes and I want to know what kind since there are astral pipes, HDPE, PVC pipes etc.

Regarding Demand No. 46 – UD & PA, there are Housing-For-All applicants in my locality and they are also selected. The officials came for verification and the verifier charged ₹1,000/- from the applicant. I do not think a government employee should take money from its clients and I am afraid that we will continue to adopt this bad culture. Pu Speaker, PAHOSS is not mentioned during this session and it seems that we are losing interest.

Moving to Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, this is an excellent department that deserves a praise for always surpassing their target. They uplift the government and

help us during difficult times. Therefore, we should also provide their needs as much as we could.

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home Department, Mizoram has three MAP battalions and five IR battalions with a total of eight battalions. However, the strength of 1 battalion is 1000 and I believe there are about 3,000 vacancies in the police department which means that there are five thousand police forces if we subtract from eight battalions. One IR battalion is always stationed in Assam and several companies are always on election duty outside the state making Mizoram security forces and law & order maintenance forces very few. It is inconvenient to recruit casual employees and temporary workers unlike other departments. So, anything can happen as we often have border conflicts and insurgents are in every corner. Our force is insufficient for the safety of the people and the nation and that is why the government should pay attention to this. India's defense budget is 13.18% of the total budget while Mizoram's police department is only 5.5% of the total.

The Prison Department is under the Home Department and Mizoram has 10 jails of which 5 are over capacity. The central jail has a capacity of 438 nos. but there are 800 prisoners and Women's jail has a capacity of 96 nos. with 215 prisoners. District Jail Aizawl has a capacity of 90 while there are 130 prisoners; Lunglei District Jail has a capacity of 109 while there are 141 prisoners and Champhai District Jail has a capacity of 105 while there are 144 prisoners. So, our prisons are overcrowded and I would also like to point out that jail is not a place of punishment but a place of rehabilitation.

I would like to briefly discuss the demands of Minister Pu Lalruatkima. We expect Revenue Department to work efficiently but they need more surveyors in order to do so since Revenue cannot function without surveyors. Therefore, it is important to provide the amount they need. One of my visitors told me that it takes money to meet the officers of District Land Revenue Office where receipts were issued on a blank paper and a regular receipt is issued in case of mutation. (**Speaker:** Your time is over) That will be all and thank you Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 13 – DP & AR. The ATI in our district has a hostel which is not furnished and it would be appreciated if the building is furnished.

Moving to Demand No. 25 - Public Health Engineering Department, the minister said that the plastic pipe (a rubber pipe according to him) for water connection under JJM is good enough but the people disagreed. Therefore, a GI pipe should be installed instead of a rubber/plastic pipe.

UD&PA projects never reached us despite being a town but I will not go further with this statement.

Moving to Demand No.26- Information Department, I applaud the efforts of the Minister for disseminating information on various activities of the Government to the people through the media despite the pandemic. The department also provides calendar and diaries and they are very commendable in their work.

Regarding Demand No. 38 - Rural Development, we are the BADP cover area and I believe that the Central Government's BADP is a failure in this government. The people of the area only receive the infrastructure and the poor receives nothing. The ruling MLAs receives 20% while the large ones go directly to the Minister. We are the opposition party and we have nothing to expect. However, border area residents should receive it as it is for border area development. I want to mention that the department needs a self-reflection. Back in our days, we made a proposal on BADP additional fund and Hmawngbu, Tuisentlang and Mautlang villages were in water shortage before JJM was implemented. So, we took measures on solar pumping and it worked. Additional fund of ₹250 crore for water pumping was also received for Hmawngbu. Meanwhile, ₹20 lakhs from BADP is allocated for the construction of Medium Truck Road from Hmawngbu, Thlankawn to Mangkhawng Lui and the contractor could have worked on the road. 'Construction of PCC pavement with side-drain between Pu Chozah House to Pu Zakapa House' at Hmawngbu village is being carried out under PMGSY Road and the villagers said that it is the work of the contractors and not from the block.

₹60 lakhs is allocated for 'solar pumping pump house water pipeline at Tuisentlang' and the road was excavated by the contractors. However they said that their only job is to pump water and no public distribution and reservoirs are built. Meanwhile, MST & V, Eastern Engineer, Hunthar Veng was the contractor after ₹60,00,000/- was allocated. Later, there is 'Solar Pump and Supplying of Pipeline at Tuisentlang' worth ₹30 lakhs which is 2019-2020 BADP scheme. I believe the Minister does not know all the details since it is not his constituency. So, my question is- why is ₹30 lakhs allocated again when water pumping is to be done with ₹60 lakhs? There are no public distribution and reservoir and this is way back in 2019-2020. So, we need to look into this.

₹69 lakhs is allocated for solar pumping at Mautlang and its contractor is M&S, P&V Eastern Engineer, Hunthar Veng. They pumped it for ₹69 lakhs and then left without continuing ang works.

My constituency consists of many small rural villages and there are similar items with different amounts under this department. For example: ₹10 lakh is allocated for Conception of health worker building at Tuithumhnar and ₹15 lakhs is allocated for 'Construction of Primary School at Mautlang. ₹15 lakhs is allocated for Lawngtlai

Block and ₹10 lakhs for Bungtlang block. It is for the construction of primary schools and I do not think the plan and estimate will differ.

Zochachhuah is a small village and Construction of community center at Zochachhuah was carried out with ₹20 lakhs in 2019-2020. ₹30 lakhs is allocated again in 2022-2023 and this village does not need it. We should give each other what we need instead and the department needs to make more effort.

Moving to Home Department, 3rd IR Battalion building was constructed during 2012-2013 at Lawngtlai and the works are not yet completed 10 years later. The contractor is NECS and their work performance is extremely poor. The building was used as CCC during the pandemic and waters were dripping and the sand they used are of poor quality.

My question to the Minister is - when will the 3rd IR battalion site at Thingkah be occupied? It was started in 2013 and yet it is not completed till today. So, does the department thinks that this is good enough and are they satisfied?

On the other hand, Pu Speaker, a Police Outpost is needed at Zochachhuah since it is near the border and their vehicles are in bad condition. Bungtlang South Outpost and Longpuighat Outpost are in my constituency and they need to be equipped. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : It is almost 5:00 pm and there is still 5 minutes. It is the decision of the House. I request Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 16 - Home Department. The Chief Minister said that he knew the secret of border settlement and even our Home Minister is unaware of this since it is a secret. This government deceived us on healthcare, flyover, market, AR eviction, local produced rice, distribution of ₹3 lakhs, self-sustenance etc. and that is why I have a doubt about the secret of border settlement.

CRP duty at Vairengte installed a gate and this is insulting for us Mizo. We registered when leaving and entering Mizoram and the reason why CRP despise us is because to this weak government. The government can stop this for the sake of the people and if it cannot, we will surely stop this when we form the government. Assam Chief Minister proudly declared that 1800 acres of land has been taken from Mizoram while our government just stood in silence. Broom farmers are required to produce ID to Assam Police when getting their brooms and we lost many lands at Saihapui-V (**Speaker:** It is 5:00 pm and shall we let him continue?) You may continue.

Pu Speaker, it is sad that our police force was sent to Lengpui Airport to clean up Kamrul's work while there are GAD, PWD and the contractors namely Zoramchhana

and Kamrula. Why do we have to send our policemen to do the work and why are we so afraid of the contractors? Pu Speaker, our policemen who are there to protect us are used by the government as sweepers and this is quite inappropriate *..... This should not happen anymore.

*(*Expunged as order by the Chair.)*

(Speaker: Unparliamentary language like shameful, prideful etc. are being used. I will not take your time. It is also heard from our senior members and we will expunge all of that) Moving to Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I would like to thank our minister on behalf of the people of my constituency for the assistance to the victims of the 2018 floods.

Moving to Demand No. 46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, this is the portfolio of our Dy Chief Minister but it does not receive enough favors from the government. The major projects of today are from NEDP fund which the congress government commenced. Smart city project is now available with many projects but their allotted budget is quite limited. So, I request our Dy CM to put more effort into his department. Sewerage scheme launched by the Congress government was recently implemented by Dy CM and I want to know the condition of SIPMIU water supply for Aizawl city, multilevel car-parking and the State Convention Centre.

Regarding Demand No. 25 - Public Health Engineering Department, E. Lungdar faced water shortage during Covid lockdown and waters were supplied by vehicle as they cannot pump water. The bill is only ₹5,30,000 and it is not paid till today. So, I would like the House to make a promise to pay for the water transportation as soon as possible. When can the proposed gravity water supply from Tawi Tlang be completed which was started during the congress government?

Moving to Demand No. 38 - Rural Development Department, Mualthum South Village Council, MHIP and YMA members are worried about Mat Bridge that is located between Mualthum South and Thualthu. So, will the RD Minister be able to set up an inquiry committee?

Pu Speaker, according to RTI, BADP works are all carried out by BDO and our officers will be the victims if a case ever comes up. BDOS do not actually carry out the works and BDOs appointed supervisors to carry out the works during the Congress government. However, we let the BDOs take responsibility today and this can affect their service if a case ever comes up. Therefore, Pu Speaker, this should be amended and the actual employees should be listed.

Regarding Demand No. 26 - Information & Public Relation, our Minister is an enthusiastic person and calendars and diaries are distributed on time. MJA pension scheme has been talked about for quite a while now and how soon will this be implemented?

Moving to Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement Department, our Minister himself said that the department does not have enough surveyors. Thousands of SEDP teachers are recruited and we can also employ SEDP surveyors so that the expeditious works can be done achieved. There are many disputes among neighbors due to lack of surveyors and so, we should provide SEDP surveyors as well. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will have a recess and we will continue at 5:45 PM.

(Recess)

(5:45PM)

SPEAKER : A quorum is not yet formed and we cannot proceed yet. I now request Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand 6 - Revenue Department. The southern parts like Chapui, Mawhre, Laki and Khopai roads were excavated by BRO and compensations of ₹7 lakhs and above were paid to all. National Highway 54 between Kawlchaw and Tipa was excavated by NHIDC with the initial compensation of ₹3 lakhs - ₹7 lakhs and their names were all signed as well. However, they will be receiving only ₹50, 000 - ₹2.8 lakhs. So, they are quite discontent and the arbitrator's office was locked when they tried to provide information. They are told to demolish their houses and they thought of pressing charges. So, this could delay the excavation and I request the Minister to investigate this matter.

It was recently said that surveyors could be outsourced and this could help us a lot.

Farmer's Union is established at Maumual where the returnees were given land by the government and there are 83 families. The government then makes a new plan and roads were excavated where their vegetables and fruits got destroyed. Warnings should be issued and provide time so that they can gather and harvest their vegetables. So, it would be impressive if compensations are provided to them.

Moving to Home department, Dampa representative said that the Chief Minister has no case against him. However, this is from the Lok Ayukta website, titled – 'List of corruption cases in Lok Ayukta Mizoram' and the word 'corruption cases' appeared here. The number of cases registered is 47 and #42 is a request to investigate the Chief Minister. Pu Speaker, inquiry cannot be held without a case and since this is officially called a 'case', our Chief Minister has a criminal case and the investigation is ongoing. So, I believe I am right. Anyway, no matter how laws we enact, there are experts out there who know the laws and regulations better than u, and they will comment on them. I feel that Dampa representative is admiring me and I want to thank him for that.

A meeting was held on November 17, 2013 regarding border issue and we are given 3 months to collect the number of villages, areas, population and any information required that are within our land. Pu Speaker, 3 months had passed and we are wasting our precious time. So, I would like to know what measures were taken by the team. I believe that we could make a request to extend the period as well. We should work efficiently and it is unfortunate that this government seems to delay works so as to hand over the works to the next government. They should make haste and provide their progresses.

Police TA/DA and pending bills of ₹4.40 crore is still available. Companies require policemen which we provided but there are allegations that the companies are not paying their bills properly. The following are the important issues to be addressed by the Home Department to the central government-

1. Why didn't the state government implement Pu Amit Shah's promise of a Mizo battalion?
2. In accordance to UNDRIP 2007 passed by the UN, it was said that a letter was sent to the Home Ministry on 3rd May, 2019. So, are measures not taken or are we simply satisfied with the letter? I would like a copy of this because we want to deal with it if we ever form a government. This 'indigenous issue' is also a tool that we can use on boundary disputes.
3. Scheduled tribe list revision - This is raised by every party and I was answered that measures are currently under taken. This was my question back in 2020 and so, I would like to know what measures were taken and what progresses were made.

Regarding PHE, Pu Speaker, our minister is the oldest of us and despite his illness, he is still physically and mentally strong. He is highly proficient in his department and he knows how to answer any questions. I respect him a lot and we can see that he cooperates well with his department officials.

Pu Speaker, I have always mentioned Serchhip Greater Water Supply Scheme in every session. The existing water supply scheme is 26 years old and has expired. We often begged for a new scheme and our Dy CM made a proposal for a bigger scheme under special assistance which did not pass through the Planning Department. However, a new machine is prepared for us and it was dispatched from Pune on the 23rd. Serchhip town has enough stock of diesel to operate so that the town does not run out of water during the installation.

NHIDCL road construction at Maubawk mountain range has destroyed many pipes and it was said that NHIDCL already paid PHE for the damage. However, repair work has not been done yet and the people are worried. So, it would be appreciated if this is initiated at the earliest. One contractor setup the intake at Saikhawthlir that can pass through Mamit without entering their village. The work performance is quite bad

and we need to know the responsible contractor so that actions can be taken. Their VC and WATSAN are also not aware of it.

Moving to Personnel & Administrative Reforms, many of the MR, contract employees and provisional employees are re-employed at the end of their employment period and new appointments are not provided. So, how is seniority evaluated? Does the Regularization Scheme also cover this? A study group on CSS employees was formed on 16.08.2021 and a report was submitted. So, is the situation of these CSS employees addressed in accordance with the study group recommendations?

Moving to UD&PA, Aizawl City Center has 19 associations with 1103 members and a total of about 2000 employees including the surrounding traders and there are more than 200 greengrocers as well. They were permitted to stay until Christmas in 2019 since it is to be demolished. Demolition order was issued in July, 2020 and the demolition was completed in April, 2021. However, no works were carried out after the demolition and so they installed booths and sell their goods. They could open their shops only once a week and fees are still collected. Now that the construction has started, I want to know when the tender was issued.

Regarding PMAY-Urban, there are many households in my constituency that received congratulatory letters from the central government without receiving any funds for houses. So, it would be appreciated if this is clarified.

Aizawl Master Plan, 2030 was prepared at a large expense and it seems that we are neglecting it because Aizawl City plan is implemented from other funding sources. My question is- Are we ignoring the previous expenses or are we updating it? Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to windup the discussion and beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Demands were discussed today and we are aware that we have a lot to improve. I am grateful to the members for their enthusiastic advice on the management of my department. Starting with Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue & Settlement Department, this Department was established in 1972 and became a major department in 1994. Directorate of Land Revenue & Settlement and Directorate of Stamps & Registration was formed after the opening of Direct Trade on Stamps and Registration on September 13, 2023. The Department's main activities are revenue collection and land resolution for the government and the public. As of January 2022-2023, government land revenue collection is ₹6,11,85,544 and tax collection is currently conducted. Online payment system is being implemented during this financial year 2023-2024 to facilitate tax payment. Thus, State's Own Tax Revenue, State Own Non-Tax revenue, etc., are enthusiastically managed by the staff.

Another important initiative of this Department is the issuance of land pass for houses, plots and many other properties where 3740 LSCs and 67 Agriculture LSCs were issued this year. 279 house pass, periodic pass, land lease, stall pass, stock pass are also issued. The other tasks we perform in this department are - pass renaming, pass distribution, pass amendment and expansion, pass renewal and pass re-issue and conflict resolution. It is quite a challenging task and it is not only about land surveying. 6433 passes are currently renamed and we are currently working on 6194 periodic patta renewal, LSC amendment and extension. Surveyor insufficiency occurs today because some people do not look after their land well enough. We do not have proper boundary pillars and this arise many conflicts. So, we can avoid today's problem by taking care of our properties. We currently have 19 High Court cases and 96 other Court cases as well.

Digital India Land Record Modernization Program (DILRMP) is being implemented under the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of RD and survey GPS and Total Station are being used to remeasure the lands. Thus, a proper Digitalized Land Record was prepared and the scheme's main objective is to make this available to the public online. We have scanned 78,765 passes and connected papers and the cadastral map is also 100% digitalized. 1,71,403 passes have been updated and all land surveys and renewals have been updated in GIS. Overlapping of land passes can now be identified from the GIS as well. Development of Comprehensive and Integrated GIS based System for Maintenance and Management of Land Records in Mizoram project worth ₹640 lakhs is currently being implemented under NEC and land records will be more accurate and transparent when this is completed.

Pu Speaker, The Mizoram Land Revenue Act and Rules has been amended three times during this government and Mizoram Land Revenue Rules have been amended twice. Section 16(a) described about unauthorized allotment and its penalty and 17(a) describes about regularization of unauthorized occupation of land. There are times when the existing LSC or periodic patta needs to be converted to a land lease depending on the use of land. On the other hand, land lease is surrendered to the government if it is no longer required for use. The amendment also provides that when the existing pass is converted into a land lease and is no longer required as a land lease, it can be restored to the previous pass. Building a house is required in the past so as to convert House pass into LSC and many people faced problems due to this provision. So, the land only needs to be maintained and fenced without the need to build a house. Pu Speaker, when LSC is issued to a private individual, transfer of ownership is restricted for 10 years which caused problems to several people and that is why we reduced it to 5 years. There are no restrictions on inheritance of property within family members.

In addition, we amended a law to issue property cards to rural residents. The Indian Stamp Amendment Act, 2023 was also passed in this Honorable House and we hope that it will be notified soon. Under Svamitva, the Government of India has passed a law to ensure that rural people have the right to own plots of land and awareness

campaign on property allocation was conducted. in 319 villages. 319 villages are to be surveyed and 123 villages are now surveyed by drone. The drone survey is conducted by Survey of India and the ground-truthing is conducted by Land Revenue & Settlement. Thus, ground truthing is being conducted in 10 villages and 10 villages have been completed. Drone survey is currently being conducted in Champhai district.

As mentioned by Prof. Lalnunmawia, final ground verification is completed at Phulpui and Tachhip and property cards will be issued soon. We will issue the first copy once the final map is received from the Survey of India. The property card will be a permanent pass and the property card holder will be able to take a loan by mortgaging it and they will be able to take the land value even if their land is acquired for any project. They will also have the rightful ownership of the land they are occupying.

Pu Speaker, house-site plan is implemented in Aizawl city and in response to Pu C. Lalsawivunga, Chekbawk house-site plan has 1319 plots and the plan was drawn twice in 1997 and 2002. Revision is currently underway and we are making progress. We only make proposed roads in the past but all Chekbawk houses will now meet the road. Those without pass are being plotted and revision is completed. We have already made a decision based on the number of plots they occupy and the number of plots surrendered will be known only when the case of the people without a pass is finalized. LSC pass issued in 1997 and 2002 will be reissued but their land will have to be rearranged a bit since a road is now available. Maumual house-site plan is currently undergoing revision and as we know, revenue revision was conducted in 1987 at Maumual in which 658 lands were surveyed. 653 returnees were given lands at Maumual and several lands are also reserved for public. If Farmers' Union members do not have a valid pass, it is a problem because we do not have a separate compensation provision in house pass. However, valid pass holders' land will be adjusted as required when a new plot is available. The MNF election manifesto stated that measures will be taken so that the city residents who have no land will be given a land and so, many lands are now given. 32 members of PAMRA were also given a land at Serchhip and 45 lands were also given to MURA at Tuivamit.

Pu Speaker, the government is taking measures with long term vision be it at Maumual or Chekbawk. The house-site plan includes transformer installation by power department, Anganwadi by social department, bazaar, community hall, bus stand and green area etc. and this government does not intend to give away the reserve land meant for the public.

Out-sourcing of Land Survey is currently implemented. We have 139 surveyor sanction posts out of which 68 posts were filled and 71 posts are vacant. MSSSB has also made arrangements to recruit 15 surveyor posts as approved by the Chief Minister. Survey Farm & Empanelment is being processed and outsourcing will be possible once empanelment is completed. Measures are currently taken at Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnahthial through SEDP and Saitual is almost complete. Khawzawl and

Hnahthial District towns are expected to be outsourced after the Survey Firm Empanelment is completed.

We have a lot of court cases and land disputes with 1067 Civil case, 530 acquisition case and 82 rental cases. The staffs are doing their best in these court cases. The court requires comments and documents within the stipulated time frame and we try to provide as much as we could. We have now been acquitted in many court cases and we also resolved overlapping lands and encroaching cases that did not appear in court but that exists within the department. We currently have 1826 dispute cases with 640 verifications and 266 cases have been resolved. Pu Speaker, cadastral surveys were conducted in collaboration with MIRSAP at Ainawn Veng in 2019 and 2020 and there are 33 LSC holders, 403 houses with no pass, 30 pass holders with no house, 2 land lease, 6 house pass totaling 474 passes.

Pu Speaker, Bawngkawn Brigade is a complicated area. It was historically declared a restricted area for community project and AMC cannot apply building regulations. We divided into 2 Phases where Brigade field is Phase-II and it has already been released. There are many lands that are not yet released at Phase-I and many people already settled here. We could create several problems for these people if we evict them and so, we are currently looking for ways to provide a pass by lifting the restrictions imposed on them and ensuring to make them pay land revenue taxes.

Almost all National highways are managed by NHIDCL in regards to land acquisition where it was acquired through National Highway Act, 1956. Therefore, railways acquire lands through Railways Act, 1989.

In response to Pu Lalduhoma regarding Laki compensation, there is a proper way to perform assessment. The land value assessment is conducted by District Collector in accordance with the law. However, in the case of National Highways, CALA (Competent Authority of Land Acquisition) officials made proposals, conducted surveys and assessments. So, the District Collectors approve the assessment of these officials and make plans accordingly. They carefully compare the most valuable and the least valuable land and determine the land value. Land Acquisition is conducted at the discretion of the District Collector and they contribute 2.5% admin cost to the government and they take care of the rest. In case of National Highways, CALA and NHIDCL keep a joint account and the interest is received by NHIDCL, which is a subsidiary of MORTH. Not a single rupee is credited to the government accounts. Therefore, we have The Mizoram Land Acquisition Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act, 2016 for railway and highway projects as well as land acquisition. The Right to Fair Compensation Transparency and Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Act, 2013 will not prevent compensation claims depending on the appeal order if the land is acquired under this Act.

Pu Speaker, the Council of Ministers meeting issued an order to cancel the pass within Assam Rifles occupied land. However, Central YMA is facing difficulties as no court order has been issued regarding the 13 of 2021 PIL case. Nevertheless, we are taking steps to ensure that the cancellation is legal since it is believed to be acquired illegally.

Pu Speaker, I would like to briefly mention the activities of the Stamp & Registration Directorate. The Directorate of Stamps & Registration was inaugurated on September 27, 2013 under Revenue Department where the Revenue Director is also the Inspector General of Stamp Registration and Commissioner of Stamps and all land purchases, donations, lease, mortgage, agreements and documents required to be registered under the Registration Act, 1908 shall be registered here. The Registration Act is not only a tax collection, it also ensures that our documents are kept safe by the government. Those who registered themselves are always acquitted but those who do not are often convicted in court. Therefore, the people should also be aware of this.

Constitution of India - 7th Schedule, List-III (Entry No. 6) deals with Registration of lease and documents where Article 246 section-2 states that Parliament and the State have the power to make laws on registration (Concurrent list). 'Registration' includes the collection of stamp duty under the 7th Schedule, List-III (Entry No. 44) of the Constitution of India. The India Stamp Act, 1899 and Registration Act, 1908 passed by the Central Government is also applied by the state as it is which is an important source of revenue. Thus, ₹6,53,17,773 tax has been collected from stamp registration and registration till date. Houses, properties, plots, purchases, mortgages, arrangements, rentals documents and any changes should be registered under this Registration Act. The adoption certificate must also be registered unless it is done by a will. NGDRS (National Generic Documents Registration) software is currently implemented in Aizawl, Lunglei, Serchhip and Kolasib districts and measures will be taken soon in Mamit and Champhai districts.

Most of the members talked about staff shortage. Pu Speaker, not only are we having staff shortage, there are too many people who need us. Office was partially closed during the pandemic but there were still 400-500 customers. So, it is quite challenging and it is impossible to solve their problems all at once. The customers are often elderly people and it also takes a lot of time to explain their problems. So, even if we have more surveyors and staffs, our needs are still increasing and it is impossible to solve all at once. However, we expect to make progress as online payment is now introduced. We are very grateful to the public for their understanding and support in the face of various difficulties.

Moving to Demand No. 26 - I & PR. This is an important department despite being a small department. Three new districts - Khawzawl, Hnahthial and Saitual have recently been approved for opening offices and arrangements are currently made regarding its staffs. In addition, four MIS (Junior Grade) for PWD are newly recruited.

We form an alliance with MJA and this help us build a good relation with the people. Journalist pension scheme will be implemented within this year if the finance department approves it. The government increased the advertisement rate from ₹100/- to ₹130/- per classified column and display full page from ₹3,000/- to ₹4,000/- in February, 2020. The department has a good relationship with films society, photographers society and arts gallery. 'Lianchhiari Run which is a Multi Facilities Centre with conference hall, mini-theatre, editing room, art gallery, photo gallery and parking spaces is currently prepared and will be available soon.

Pu Speaker, the government has done its utmost for the welfare of journalists. Journalists welfare scheme and medical assistants are provided and cash assistance of up to ₹1,00,000/- and ₹80,000 are also provided to the sick family. Ex-gratia of ₹1,50,000 is paid to the families of accredited journalists who died and ₹1,00,000/- is paid to the families of MJA members who are not accredited journalists. The total medical bills of MJA members is ₹70,72,830/- during this current government. Press tours are held for journalists and trips all over India are organized five times. Trainings at Parliament House were also attended twice and I applaud the Finance Department for their support.

We produced 80,000 Mizoram State wall Calendar, 4500 large diaries and 4000 small diaries which were distributed in various parts of India. The staffs were dedicated, hardworking and doing their utmost to ensure that the public receives accurate information during the pandemic through social media. DIPR website is one of the most visited websites where we disseminate information on various activities of the government to the people through the media and providing feedback to the government on important matters reflected in the media.

Regarding Rural Development, we have down-sized our budget as reported by the AG because we often make huge budgets which we cannot achieved in practical and so, our budget is reduced by ₹127 crore. DRDA is an agency under RD Department. The Ministry abolished DRDA and it was converted to DRDO. We appoint them in 11 districts where JAC (MCS officer) take the role of Project directors. 84 DRDA officers and staffs were absorbed under the state government and it is impressive that we have more regular employees. We have a total of 28 RD blocks and the members also mentioned that RD blocks are needed at Hnahlan, Phura, Mamit and Khawbung. The government has to make proposals based on its budgetary situation and it is impossible to carry them all at once.

MNREGS is the initiative of CSS and a guideline for 100-days wage employment is available. WRC terraces, link-roads, steps, stone paving etc. are constructed under NREGS and these activities are supervised by the district Project Director and block Program Officers. The Ministry of Rural Development often organize empowered committee meetings for the States and it is impressive that 100% days of wage employment is successfully implemented especially in the midst of

pandemic. So, I would like to thank the government and its Ministry, officials and VCs for their contribution in this activity. Mizoram has 2,13,524 job card holders which are all Aadhar ceding and payment. 99.10% have already ceded Aadhaar where 1,55,490 workers can be paid through Aadhaar-base payments. The employees' dedication helps us to achieve a place among the best position all over India. Our work completion was 98.44% last year and 73.43% of work is currently implemented. The mobile monitoring system is designed to track attendance of workers under the MGNREGA through mobile application but there are places where there is no network connectivity and this causes problems. However, we are still the best performer in geo-tagging of NEREGs. Azadi Ka Mahotsav was launched and measures are taken to protect lakes and springs. There are 400 clusters under Shyama Prashad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMR) across India and we are given 4 clusters where Aibawk cluster has 11 villages, Thingsulthliah cluster has 15 villages, E. Lungdar cluster has 9 villages and Khawzawl cluster has 13 villages. We are currently the best performer in India and Aibawk cluster has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission. We have secured ₹1500 lakhs through critical gap-funding and the rest are carried out with convergence and other schemes. 1,000 clusters are envisaged to be developed and we are applying for 22 clusters.

We were asked to set up a state-level implementing agency on BADP and the funding pattern is in the ratio of 90:10 (Centre Share: State Share). We used this fund on education, agriculture, water resources and financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure. BADP was not received last year and the 2nd installment that was to be received the year before last is received this year. So, the Ministry is also facing such difficulties and they even plan to abolish it.

In response to Lawngtlai West representative regarding the community center at Zochachhuah, it was all screened by the district-level screening committee led by the CS. Geo-tagging is now required and it was sent to the ministry for approval. Perspective plans are prepared and planned accordingly. The MLA seems to have wrong information because the previous building is a hall and the current building is for a community center that is for the accommodation for official and tourist for the short time visit to the place. All the plans and estimates are available and it is a community center.

Looking at the additional fund supply of water pipeline at Mautlang, laying was excluded and I believe the fund is now prepared through MGNREGS.

BADP has clear guidelines where private construction work is not allowed. BDOs are appointed as work supervisors since BADP funds are not allowed for NGOs and private institutions. The target of PMAY is this year but we have not yet accomplished it since the Ministry was quite slow in releasing the fund. The 2nd installment was released almost a year after the 1st installment. We received ₹2171 lakhs on 7th February and we look forward to completing the house constructions. MZSRLM

is currently implemented at 28 blocks where self-help groups have been established in 1256 places with 8,853 members and 58 VOs under capacity building initiatives. Many people have been able to earn a living through these MZSRLM activities. Masks were sewed during the pandemic under this mission and they engaged in various occupations including raising livestock and gardening.

Social Unit Audit audits various departments' activities like NSAP, PM-Poshan etc. and social audit has been conducted at 511 villages. The government benefited greatly from these activities and the department is able to work efficiently because of this audit. Thus, an audit party is organized throughout the year. Audits are scheduled to be conducted at 867 villages by 2022 but we are not sure on how to acquire the fund.

WDCPMKSY is currently managing 18 PIAs where land development, soil & moisture conservation and water harvesting structures are being implemented. Measures are also taken on afforestation and horticulture development. Their most prominent activities are- Entry point activities where 60 works for EP have been implemented under 18 projects. NLCPR projects like Mini-Sports Complex at Khawbung, Multi-Shopping Centre at Saitual and Mini-Sport Complex at East Lungdar have been completed.

Springset Development & Water Supply at Chalfilh Catchment Area Phase-I was recently inaugurated and it is NABARD funded IRDF. Rural Monitoring & Information System (RIMS) project is being implemented with ₹249 lakhs through NEC and the contractors are finalized through tender. This will make our jobs easier and we will be able to monitor with new technology.

Tin-roofs are distributed through SEDP incase of disasters and there are people who do not have tin roofs for their houses. Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) is a village development project launched by Government of India in October 2014, under which each Member of Parliament will take the responsibility of developing physical and institutional infrastructure in villages. So, various initiatives are taken on the selected villages.

Pu Speaker, the department's works are so extensive that it is impossible for members to react fully. MGNREGS employees' salaries are enhanced twice during this government and they were also paid during the pandemic. The first installment of ₹59.7435 crore was received and the second installment of ₹58.8511 crore was received earlier this month. So, we received ₹1,18,59,46,000 in total for material component.

Pu Speaker, SIRD initiatives include trainings from VC and provide various employment. The State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj is working effectively for the benefit of the people and Social Impact Assessment (SIA) under the Revenue Department is also being conducted by them.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the members for their support and enthusiasm. We have note down every point they made and we will take measures accordingly.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, it would be appreciated if a clarify statement is given on Mat River mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga. (**Speaker:** You can visit him in his office)

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will talk to him in my office as you requested. I hereby beg the House to help me pass my Demands-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	33,72,12,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	12,21,57,000.00
38	Rural Development	3,08,51,87,000.00
TOTAL		3,54,45,56,000.00

SPEAKER : The minister has begged the House to pass his Demands and all those members in favor may say 'yes' (**Members:** 'Yes'). The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Minister Pu Lalruatkima. (**Pu lalruatkima, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker)

I now request Pu Lalchamlia, Minister to windup the discussion and beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I feel lucky to have good colleagues in Home, DM&R and Taxation Departments and I would like to thank the Police for their efforts in maintaining law & order and border security. There are times when a party or pressure group are protesting against a government and I empathize with them. However, I disagree if it causes problems to the public for 2-3 days. Our policemen are doing excellent jobs whether it is traffic duty or pursuing criminals. A man broke into two ATMs recently and he was caught in 2-3 days and a murderer who murdered a shopkeeper in Lunglei was also caught within 48 hours. Traffic duty is a challenging task in Aizawl but our policemen are still working diligently and they always solve problems without chaos.

Home Department includes Home-guards, Prisons, Fire Emergency Service, Forensic Science Laboratory and Sainik Welfare Rehabilitation Board. Starting with Police, we are unable to take measures as possible due to limited funds but our CM allocated over ₹620 lakhs for the establishment of border police station and Company headquarters at Vairengte. In addition, we received funds for the construction of a road to connect the area. Rehabilitation center for drug addiction at Thenzawl is established and the work is completed at a cost of ₹83 lakh. Aizawl - DIG Northern Range complex is currently constructed at a cost of ₹320 lakh and water supply for Thingkah 3rd IR

Battalion headquarters is currently carried out with ₹690 lakhs where 60% of the work is now completed.

Our police are on duty at the Inter-State border and they are always on patrolling duty for the safety of the people. Mizoram Police is one of the best in India in terms of crime prevention, investigation and crime conviction rate. They conduct trainings wherever possible and we are trying to provide them with the best weapons. We bought AK-47 twice and we bought more than 200 Bharata Pistols recently. The State Firearm Bureau also handed over 49 firearms to Mizoram Police that were seized from insurgents and other sources. ₹62 lakh and another ₹14,00,049 were also received from the Assistant to State for Narcotic Control and we purchased video recorders and drones with this. ₹5.93 crore is allocated and spent on cctv installation at all police stations and outposts as per the Supreme Court order. By associating with Excise & Narcotics Department, Mizoram police seized drugs and related items worth ₹9,22,95,86,5 during 2022-2023. Financial deception is rampant and Crime & Economic Offenses police station is opened to prevent this. This is under CID (Crime) which is set up at CID Complex.

We want the best uniform for our Police and that is why we need additional funds. While we say that we need more fund here, we believe that the quality is exceptional as far as we have. We also need a fund for food to feed those who are sent to lockup. The CM provided ₹2 crore for the renovation of police quarters which will be distributed to several police stations. It might not be much but it will pave a way.

Fire & Emergency Service does not have many staffs and there are 180 department staff and 26 police attached personnel. A total of 206 people are working in various places. The 15th Finance Commission has allocated funds for the upgradation of Fire & Emergency Service and projects were made the year before last year. MHA did not approve the first project and so, we made a new project as requested. Currently, ₹4,725 lakh is being projected for upgradation of Fire & Emergency Service Stations and we hope that it will be sanctioned soon.

Our staffs work efficiently during Lunglei wildfire outbreak and that is why The Fire & Emergency Service Department received the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar Award, which was presented to Lunglei fire station and this includes ₹51 lakhs in cash. Indian Air Force helicopter was hired during the wildfire and we are currently in the process of paying ₹243 lakhs which will be paid from DM & R funds. The Fire Service Department often conducts fire audits and this is quite useful. They also undergo training in various parts of India. Provisional employee- 8 firemen and 6 driver recruitment is underway as approved by the government. Heavy vehicle license and matric graduate are required for drivers but only three of the applicants are qualified.

Mizoram Home Guards & Civil Defense is a useful force and we donated 100 INSAS Rifles and 200 self-loading rifles to the Home Guards last year. The use of these firearms was successfully trained in November last year and 37 Home Guards and 51 Excise personnel were trained last year as well. Home Guards are now entitled to 30 days of special leave. Home Guards are employed in various banks and Central Govt. and revenue collection was ₹18,33,167/- during 2023.

There are 353 employees in Prison department. ₹75,000/- was collected from the sale of pork, chicken and fresh vegetables at Central Jail and ₹23,000/- was collected from the sale of jail industry products. This is part of the ongoing Vocational & Skill Development program for prison inmates. The Ministry of Home Affairs allocated ₹300 lakhs from the Modernization of Prisons Scheme and we plan to construct another ward at Central jail with ₹100 lakhs and Siaha jail fencing with ₹100 lakhs from the current ₹300 lakhs. PWD has already prepared the estimate and it is already handed to them. ₹78 lakh is also proposed for the improvement of security and lightning system. 5 Jail Warden (PE) posts are approved by the Government and measures are currently taken.

Moving to Sainik Welfare & Resettlement, they have a special way of treating their own soldiers. World War II war veterans and the wives of the deceased are paid ₹2,400/- per month. 20 World War-II veterans and 302 widows are still alive today. 2nd Battalion, Assam Regiment of 1962 which had Mizo as its majority was bandh and ₹2400 is paid monthly to those who retired without pension and 3 people are still alive today. Armed Forces Flag Days are celebrated by collecting funds to help retired soldiers and the widows. Sainik established a Computer Training Centre especially for the children of the army and many people benefitted from this. "Lest we forgot" book which contains the names of all those who served in the army before and after India's independence was launched in July last year and this is quite an interesting book.

The Forensic Science Laboratory is a small but important department and none of the honorable members mentioned it. It is an integral part of the justice delivery system. There 9 officers and 28 employees totaling 37 and they are quite efficient. They are currently implementing a zero-pending policy and they are the only department in India without pending cases. Nagaland FSL Director visited the department in April last year to inspect the work due to their excellent performances. The FSL examined 1,172 criminal cases and 25,761 samples in 2022 and a Cyber Forensic Laboratory was opened last year making us the 18th Cyber Laboratory in India. Investigators can also view their case examination online at the FSLC website using their password at any time and we are the only FSL in India to implement this online case tracking system. The members mentioned about the poor conditions of vehicles and quarters and we could not achieve this despite our best efforts.

Pu Nihar mentioned that social impact assessment is not yet done due to border fencing and I am not sure if the Home Department is responsible for this. Pu Speaker, he could come over and we can talk about it. Some members expressed their gratitude

regarding compassionate appointment where 90 out of 290 are women. Pu Rindika said that Home Department should be a comfort for the state and its people. However, it is our view that the people are safe under the protection of the police. Public duty. He also mentioned that it is the public on duty who seized the most illegal betel nuts. However, Police report shows that 10,550 bags of betel nuts were seized by police while 1,344 bags were seized by public duty.

As mentioned by Pu Lawmawma, Fire Station upgradation project worth ₹40 crore is currently in process. In response to Pu Chhuanthanga regarding our police who are often labored by their bosses, I received only two complaints since I take charge of Home Department and that happened at Chawnpui and Durtlang. We stopped this as soon as we heard about it. In response to Dr. Vanlalhlana regarding Haulawng Police Outpost, we would like to emphasize that the works are carried out as much as possible but we are hardly making progress.

Regarding the case against our CM mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, a case would have been registered by the police if he has a case. I was told that MPYCC and Mizoram First have filed a complaint (FIR) regarding the construction of Lengpui Airport. However, FIR is not a case yet in police opinion. The Lok Ayukta ordered the ACB to conduct a preliminary inquiry which in the police's opinion is not a case yet. The preliminary inquiry may say that it is worthy of a case or it is not worthy of further investigation. Therefore, according to the Home Department, our CM has no case against him.

In response to Pu Ngunlianchunganga regarding IR Thingkah, Assam said that the 3rd IR is no longer needed and so, we wrote it to the Home Ministry about it. They will soon leave Assam and they will occupy it as much as possible. I heard no complaints about the approach road so far and is case of water dripping that was mentioned, it was reported that the water supply was blocked by some wastes which caused the dripping.

In response to Pu Zodintluanga regarding the registration at Vairengte check-gate, after the conflict that happened two years ago, 225 CRP (Mizoram) registered vehicle numbers and driver license which are going downhill and 147 CRP (Assam) registered vehicle numbers and driver license which are going uphill. However, we will look for ways to stop it. The Assam CM is keeping up the pretense that he took 1800 acres of land from Mizoram. We are not aware of it and we do not lose our land. Regarding the ID of broom farmers, we find it great that the farmers can harvest their fields without any problems because of this ID. Pu Speaker, with your permission I would like to read this which was written by Pu Darthanzaua on behalf of Aitlang broom farmers. It is written as follows-

“Aitlang farmland owners have reported their problems to SDO civil regarding the harassment they faced from Assam police and we are grateful for all the help we get and we are able to harvest our fields without any problems. It is impressive that identity

cards are issued just as we requested so as to prove our ownership of the farms and to prevent the Assam police from harassing us in our own farm.” So, it seems that Civil SDOs' initiative is a noble deed.

Pu Lalduhoma mentioned that we are not in a hurry regarding the border resolution. We were able to reach the villages that we claimed on February 14 but we are not sure about their religion and what kind of people they are. So, we suggested that it should be reviewed within March and April. The border issue cannot be resolved by one party or Mizoram government and Assam cannot resolve it by itself. So, it is a matter of negotiation. I read somewhere in the newspaper that trust should be built between the people and cultural troop exchange would be a good idea. We all know that conflict is difficult to resolve if we do not start with trust. Therefore, it is important that we build trust in the best possible way. We should know that they are still grieving about the death of 6 Assamese soldiers in July 26, 2021 and it is important to create good environment.

We are also doing our best regarding the pending of TA/DA bills but we have not yet filled it.

Amit Shah said that he would take measures on all Mizo battalion and he also told us to make a special project worth ₹500-600 crores for Police Housing which we did. However, his words cease to exist and this maybe the reason why we are not planning to take measures.

Regarding UN resolution, the UN has many resolutions, conventions and declarations and I want us to know that conventions and declarations are not binding. The UN announces a declaration or convention which the individual country must accept in its parliament. The only binding resolution in the UN system is the UN Security Council Resolution which can be enforced by force. Therefore, it is very important to distinguish between resolutions, conventions and declarations of the UN.

Regarding schedule tribe list revision, the government has hired university experts to study the matter and they are analyzing it.

PU LALDUHOMA : I request the copy of the UN Declaration even if it needs to be coerced, for it shall be our standpoint. All indigenous people are welcomed and even the Governor is supportive of this and programs are even held at Vanapa Hall. Anyway, I need the copy and could it be provided? Upon this conflict I do respect the Home Minister as a senior although I do feel that his words contradict his status. The Lok Ayukta had already registered the case as a ‘case registered – 47’ therefore, it is hard to understand why they do not see it as a case. I think it is better to leave it to the experts.

Speaking of the border line issue, we have informed the Home Minister that we shall lend a helping hand as long as we can, even when other parties withdrew from the issue. However, we do feel there was a lack of progress. But it seems recently things are finally moving forward and we are willing to co-operate fully in this issue.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I do not know about Lok Ayukta but if a person has either corruption or criminal case, it should be registered by the police, but it is not followed in this case. I just stated that ‘there is no case’. The officials may take care of the resolution.

Speaking of DM & R, the Home Department is divided into 6. The DM & R department is not very big with 11 officers and other 32 workers. Our budget is a vast sum of 50 crore and the majority of the budget is SDRMF – ‘State Disaster Response & Management Fund’. SDRF and SDMF is therefore split into two. SDMF 20% and SDRF at 80%. The 20% SDMF mitigates the landslide reports near fields, churches and houses. The SDRF is put aside for the natural calamities that might occur and it is used according to the central guideline. The Home Ministry also declared that a sum of ₹50,000/- should be paid to the deceased victims of Covid-19 henceforth, 709 out of 726 victims of Covid were given the sum of ₹50,000/- each.

Besides this, it was stated that a sum of ₹20 lakhs should be given to deceased frontline worker hence 10 workers were given the condolence money. The Mizoram State Control Room cum State Emergency Operation Centre is now established, at first ATI established it but as of now, DM & R Directorate takes over it. All complaints, reports and data received and stored there. Let’s not dive into it too much, the previous night session ended at 10 pm, so let us try to wrap it up soon.

During the period of 2021-2022, ₹5.50 crore was handed to 550 MNF Returnee from DM&R ₹550 lakhs was given at first and from 22nd December, ₹100 lakh was given. Natural calamities that occur are taken care of by Disaster Management which people are not aware of; workshops and other programs are therefore often conducted. In times of emergency, when natural disasters occur the directorate has 1 vehicle, and the district disaster management is provided with 1 vehicle each. During such unprecedented times, YMA is the first to make move, and all other volunteers of the side are also members of YMA. Under the so called ‘Apthamitra Scheme’, besides Aizawl, training is given to 100 people each at the other 5 districts - Lunglei, Serchhip, Mamit, Kolasib and Champhai, in which 4 out of the 5 has completed the training.

Like I have mentioned before, countless number of workshops have been organized with experts coming from the NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority). Recently, mock drill has been conducted in all districts to take precautions from earthquake that is higher than the richer scale of 7. As we are all aware Turkey and Spain was hit with earthquake leading to more than 60,000 deaths. Although our state is at zone 5, by the grace of God such chaos have not happened yet

and we hope it will not. But, by any chance if such a disaster does happen than there should be thorough awareness and training among the people. Therefore, this training should be taken seriously.

Pu Speaker, I have also made certain projects which also relates to the respected Pu Rokhaw's project of how to prevent landslides at Siaha. The project has been given to the NDMA and we are still in the midst of waiting to get back from them. Also, Pu Speaker, project is also made for Phullen to prevent further occurrence of landslides. I am stating that the project is carefully crafted and is given at the hands of NDMA.

Pu Speaker, guidelines have been made by the central on how to use DM & R money. Like projects that worth corers, the Appraisal Committee will monitor and evaluate and thereafter along with the Chief Secretary, The State Executive Committee will approve it. Therefore, since the hands of the ministers, directors and secretaries are tied, it cannot be hurried like in the past.

From time to time Er. Lalzirliana has mentioned the landslides that have been occurring and I would like to answer again by saying that 'it has is sent to NDMA'. It is delightful to hear the statement made by Pu Zothantluanga that the requirements of the Central YMA such as boat engines will be provided as safety equipment for drowning. Apart from the needs of the central YMA, if YMA from villages needs anything in case of natural disaster, 'it shall be considered'.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, the taxation department currently has 202 staff and 70 vacant posts. For the past year the Taxation department has been trying its best to better the financial situation of the government by collecting GST, Mizoram Vat and Profession Tax. The majority of the tax collected is the GST. The Constitution of India does not allow more than ₹2500 to be collected as professional tax therefore the GST Council meeting is trying its best to raise the amount. But since the constitution has to be amended there can be no progress. This year, ₹730 crore is to be collected and currently we have received ₹900 crore. By the grace of God, we are hoping receive positive outcome.

Deputy Commissioner of Tax Office and staff quarter is currently being constructed at Siaha under the PWD to be occupied within this year. Officer and staff quarter are also currently fervently constructed at Lunglei while the staff quarter at Serchhip (Type –II) is completed and occupied. Plan and estimate have been made to establish a department office at Serchhip and Lawngtlai district and we request for consideration at the earliest.

Since GST operates online, current and signal are a basic requirement therefore instead of renting flats, having a building of our own is a requirement we would like to highlight. We are envious of departments who are less prominent as they acquire offices of their own while the three main districts such as – Khawzawl, Hnahthial and Saitual

still fall short of having an office. Henceforth, we would like to address the Finance Department to look into this matter as we believe that as long as there are workers, money will be earned. Therefore, I would like to address the concerned person to look into the matter thereby pleading an office to be established in these new districts. Currently there are 59 posts at the Taxation office which is not fully occupied. Since they are the prominent officers who negotiate with business people, we feel it is a must to fill up these empty posts.

Our respected fellow members have shared their concern with us on taxation and I am delighted. Even the respected Pu Zama too on every session has shared his concern on a positive note by stating the importance of providing vehicles in the three district offices. I would also like to add that tomorrow is the last working day of Pu Kailiana Ralte, the Taxation's Commissioner of State. He has worked diligently and we are hopeful that he will be replaced with a person who is equally courageous and diligent. Pu Speaker, I am sure that I am missing out some points but it can be highlighted later on. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the following Demands-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
8	Taxation	21,71,35,000.00
16	Home	8,00,26,44,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	67,26,79,000.00
TOTAL		8,89,24,58,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliaana has begged the House to pass his demands and all those in favor may say 'yes'. (**Member:** 'Yes'.) Is there anyone who objects? The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Minister Pu Lalchamliaana. (**Pu Lalchamliaana, Minister:** Pu Speaker, Thank you.)

SPEAKER : I request the hon. Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to wind up the session and begs his demands to be passed.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Thank you. All the three departments have shed light to each of their concern but I'm afraid I cannot react as I wish due to restriction of time.

Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 13 – DP & AR. This department although unpopular is the core of the government and I often get off track talking about the department. Nevertheless, according to the DP&AR record, under the government of Mizoram there are group A,B,C,D with sanctioned post of 71,663 and currently there are 48,245 occupied post and 23,418 vacant posts. Pu Speaker, I would like to further shed some light on to this matter. Pu Vanlalhlana, representative of North – I had talked about the problems of accepting only certificates under NIELIT. This law had first surfaced around 2013 and is practiced till date. However, with the emergence of good institutions, proposal has been made to the government and cabinet

memorandum is created with hopes of finding solution and easier way for the youths who are seeking jobs.

Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, representative of Lawngtlai mentioned the poorly furnished furniture of ATI which is also talked about by the department level secretaries. And within this year (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, just a clarification please. My statement was to furnish the existing hostel so that it will be convenient for people who will conduct trainings in the future.) We will take a note. Our institution is making great progress the building and the layout itself is admirable hence administrative trainings have also been held there. Therefore, I agree with the concern of my fellow member that indeed it needs to be renovated.

Pu Lalduhoma has inquired about the CSS and whether there is any progress. Our committee service group tries to investigate the service matters of CSS and the reports have also been evaluated at the cabinet. Henceforth, it is concluded that the reports of the study group should be discussed with the Finance Department. With regards to Pu Lalduhoma's question of hiring the PE/MR and whether they again receive an appointment letter, I would like to state that MR – Master Roll and PE – Provisional Employee service is renewed after every one year. I am at DP&AR and by the end of every financial year; renewal of service is always requested. But they are registered according to seniority therefore saying 'there is no issue' is my answer.

I would like to add that the center point state has big hope on E-governance. However, by the end of this financial year, Group A Officers will start with online leave application. Pilot Project also seems to be well received and we wish to continue it in the future. The Digital File Tracking System (DFTS) is implemented in this financial year at the DP&AR – Civil Service Wing. Like I have mentioned before, according to the central order computers should be provided from Group D however it depends.

As we are all aware Covid 19 had prevented us from continuing our jobs therefore competitive exams cannot be conducted by MPSC furthermore I demand DP&AR should consider relaxing two years of upper age. Therefore, as mentioned there are 10,654 members at CSS with 16 department employees. The regularization of the staffs had been looked into by the study, therefore we concluded that along with the Finance implementation should be investigated. Let us put a halt on the DP&AR issue.

Pu Speaker, under the DP & AR the department has thorough examination of the 'Mizoram Right to Public Service Act, 2015' implementation. Although it was back in 2015 rules and guidelines have been made. Even though implementation is slow; recently along with the secretary of DP & AR Secretary committees have been taking place. Different departments have been sought out under the Secretary, DP & AR which is essential. The reason why this is important is that in cases such as requesting of different license or permits it is important to get the work done in all due time. I believe

thi will bring great changes with that being said I would like to inform the House that I am working hard to make progress.

Secondly, Pu Speaker what I would like to add is topic regarding - UD & PA. Besides the development of the city, the department is trying its best to relieve the problem of the underprivileged. Under this, in order to modernize the city, projects like town planning and cleaning the environment have been practiced. I would further like to address the solid-waste management center by stating that Aizawl and Kolasib has a functioning solid-waste management. It is also currently being constructed at Lunglei and Champhai. Besides this, the 5 district headquarters - Khawzawl, Saitual, Hnahthial, Serchhip and Mamit have completed 60 lakhs worth of workload. Solid waste management is being considered by the National Green Tribunal and the hon Chief Minister is concerned about it. 50 lakhs for solid waste management.

Pu Speaker, the UD & PA have been fervently working for progression. This year, volleyball court has been completed at Khawzawl. Retro-Fitting done at Tuikhuahtlang near Central YMA Hall. Roads are constructed at Champhai – Zotlang, Zote and Tlangsam. The junctions of Chanmari, Ramhlun North and Chaltlang junction has also been improved.

Pu Speaker, ‘Housing for All’ is also done at the rural as well as urban areas. Pu Speaker, according to our pace so far 1000 have been completed while 3900 houses has not yet been completed. As of now I would like to inform that our project is to complete 34,476 houses and it cannot be changed.

The ‘Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban’ has organized cleaning competitions under the supervision of UD&PA on a district level and it has good results. On the other hand, Mass cleaning of the environment have been taken care of by the AMC completely. Under UD&PA, The SEDP, ‘Socio-Economic Development Policy’ has four trades; ‘home composing’, ‘waste to wealth’ street sweeping and street vending. ₹25,000/-, 1st installment is given to 828 families, this is done by UD & PA to elevate the conditions of the ‘urban poor’.

‘PAHOSS’ cannot be resumed due to Covid and therefore, ₹4,000 lakh is still at K-deposit at treasury. Works cannot proceed due to K-Deposit. However, 11 parking house has been already completed. As we are aware, we have sued ‘Aizawl Sustainable Urban Transport Project’ and we have even borrowed money from ADB - Ministry of External affairs. PMC has exceedingly make progress.

Under UD & PA, ‘SIPMIU has worked hard. Sewerage Treatment Plant, Chite and Dihmunzawl 132 kV sub-station and ‘SPADA’ has also been properly inaugurated. In the Sewerage Treatment Plant Chite Lui, there used to be holes in the pipe which sometimes causes bad odor coming from it. But now there seems to be no complain.

Smart City has played an important role in the development of Aizawl and many projects have also been completed.

According to our resolution, the aim of Smart City is to provide playground and indoor stadiums for the youths. Originally the term will end in June and whether it will be extended or not is not known, but the extension happens due to CM's request. Laldenga Cultural Centre will also be taken care of. For the New year, it is stated that UD&PA's program is 'AMRUT-2' and a lot of schemes have been sent. Under AMRUT a lot of changes is bound to happen such as prioritizing the cleanliness of the environment.

I would like to share my excitement on how a budget of 650 crore has been sanctioned for Solid Waste Management Centre and I would like to express my gratitude to the Finance Minister. Under Smart City Project Aizawl New Market is well known by all it is quite a difficult task for it involves Geological & Mining to carefully observe the area. Work has commenced from January and it is designed in such a way that all vendors will have their fair share of seating space and we do hope it will add to the beauty of Aizawl.

As we are well aware the work of PHE scheme is split into two i.e., at the urban and rural areas. Fortunately, the central has made effort for every city JJM - Jal Jeevan though Mission and currently there is 51 hamlet, and 677 cities, in total 728 cities. In this scheme, people can get water connection and all hamlets are included in this project and sometimes water gets pumped out using solar pumping and sometimes by means of gravitation.

Currently 1,00,726 out of 1,33,060 (75%) connection has been given. And the remaining 32,330 within the month of December as per orders from the central. Our target is to let - 55 litre per house or person receive it and this scheme is also practiced in the rural areas as well. Money is contributed and it also flows from the UC.

Apart of the District Headquarters, 'town' have to go under the urban scheme of Aizawl and Lunglei which means it cannot be covered by JJM since they are big. Fortunately, we can make progress with the help of AMRUT-2. We used to have schemes from NABARD and from Special Assistance to Capital Expenditure and there used to be funding source from these big cities. Currently we have finished half of NABARD scheme 15 and the other two scheme of NABARD - Farkawn solar pumping and Ngaizawl, Champhai North has also been approved. This is during financial year 2022 - 2023. The development of the city lies at the hands of AMRUT-2 which his from the Ministry of Urban & Housing Affairs. Allocation of money has already been made with a total of 14503 lakhs to be given by AMRUT-2 to Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, The CM is very kind and thoughtful enough for the people of Mizoram. 580 lakhs have been put aside for Augmentation & Extension of Greater

Serchhip Water Supply Scheme. The representative has spoken and seems like he was aware of the arrival of equipment from Pune. Besides these, although we have just recently completed works at Biata it is not yet up to par 135 lakhs is being sanctioned. Although Thenzawl is making progress, 280 lakh is put aside for Augmentation & Extension. The representative of West I have spoken about Sairang and I would like to state that 912 lakhs have been sanctioned for Sairang, ₹312 lakhs for Vairengte, ₹228 lakhs for Kawnpui, ₹601 lakhs for Kolasib as well as Bairabi and in order to complete the existing scheme at Aizawl, ₹900 lakhs have been sanctioned to make barrels as well.

At Lawngtlai, ₹460 lakhs have been sanctioned for the improvement of the Existing Greater Water Supply Scheme and Mampui might've been covered as well. ₹700 lakhs for Champhai, for Khawzawl, and for the repairment of water pipes under Extension of Distribution System Lunglei has been given ₹990 lakhs and ₹790 lakhs for Tlabung. Same goes for Saitual and Aizawl for the purpose of 'Urinal Septate Treatment' where ₹3,900 lakhs is sanctioned. This is the new plan for this financial year.

Pu Speaker, Conception of Reservoir on Development of Re-creation Centre, Keilungliah, Champhai has been practiced. Last April I asked if they will be able to finish in due time to which they answered in a positive note. During this rainy season, water have been overflowing which reminds us the need of money to complete it. Therefore, the CM has sanctioned ₹3,897, lakhs for Keilungliah project and works shall commence at once.

Under the NECIT, the 75% water from Tawitlang has been used. Pu Speaker recently, we have new sanction under JJM they are - Rianglei Water Supply Scheme (Solar Pumping), Kanan Veng - Kawnpui (the road between National Highway leh Durtlang Veng, which is to be given from Mualvum), Keicham -Bilkhawthlir, Zero Point - Saihapui VK (water to be pumped from Kolasib).

Although we dared not hope for the recent JJM – Additional, we are very delighted to receive it from them. JJM has been handed out to 263 villages with 465 remaining. With water connection given to 98,460 although previously reported as 1,00,000. The numbers increased everyday therefore 1 lakh family now has proper water connection. Therefore, the total remaining family is reported as 34,500 in numbers. Promises are kept and progress have been made and we are very delighted, Pu Speaker. Although there is certain question remaining, let us continue it tomorrow. Sometimes we are too engrossed at the topic making it hard to hit the brake but when prominent information arise we are always welcome to give our reaction.

Since our Home Minister had 9:00 pm in mind for the session to end, it might be convenient to wrap it up for now. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demands-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount in ₹</i>
13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	5,06,95,000.00
25	Public Health Engineering	4,80,98,40,000.00
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	5,91,85,16,000.00
TOTAL		10,77,90,51,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Dy. Chief Minister has requested his demands to be passed and all those members who agree to the demand may say “Yes” (**Member:** ‘Yes’.) The House has unanimously passed the Demands of Pu Tawnluia. (**Pu Tawnluia, Dy. Chief Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker)

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today and we will continue tomorrow i.e. February 28th, 2023 (Tuesday) at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned. (8:59 PM)