

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 23rd 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.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS
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2. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, 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 : *Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

-1 Thessalonians 5:11

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

We will start questions and answers and call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask *starred question* number 181.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state-

- a) Is there any development in regards to inland water transport?
- b) If so, where and when did the government begin their development?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. My answers are-

- a) Yes
- b) Transport Department assume the responsibility for IWT subject on 30th August, 2019 from PWD. Under this project, several developments are underway on the following rivers- Tlawng, Khawthlang Tuipui and Chhimpui.

A hut was also constructed for marboat and boatmen at Maurap. Management of this hut was handed to Lai Autonomous District Council on 1st June 2022.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, Rengkhoa, Silsuri Village Council East and West, Hnahva, Gudasuri and Marpara villages are surrounded by Khawthlang Tuipui. They will benefit from inland water transport. Is there any plan regarding this?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Planning and Programme Implementation Department be pleased to state whether the family oriented SEDP is actually implemented?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, when will SEDP healthcare bill be released to individuals who have submitted their bill?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation Department to answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, several families were included in family oriented SEDP in 2019-2020. We have set aside ₹50,000 each for several families which will be distributed in two installments of ₹25,000 each. Funds for this programme has been sanctioned and will be released shortly.

Healthcare is included under socio-economic development and funds set aside for this programme has reached ₹150 crores. Provision for healthcare bill will be provided by Asian Development Bank through bank loan.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, my actual question is whether the family-oriented programme is implemented as per the policy book.

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to continue.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: It is implemented as per the policy book.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga to ask *starred question* number 183.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are-

- a) Is it allowed to use plastic pipe for water connection under JJM scheme?
- b) Have the owners of completed water connection able to receive actual water?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to answer.

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

- a) Use of plastic pipe (UPVC) for water connection was approved by departmental purchase board and procurement was done accordingly.
- b) Some were able to receive and some were not able to receive water. This is due to the fact that works for water connection has not been completed.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* - Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Is the government aware of the problems faced by Zawlnuam Town due to scarcity of water? If they are aware, when will this problem be addressed?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to answer.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we are aware of the problems faced by Zawlnuam Town due to scarcity of water. We are in the process of providing additional water supply to Zawlnuam.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga to to ask *starred question* number 184.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state-

- a) Why is it that classes have not commenced in MZU Southern Campus till now?
- b) Is renovation of Lunglei Engineering College, which was meant to use as temporary campus completed?
- c) Has the DPR approval for establishment of MZU Southern Campus been received?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

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

- a) This is due to the fact that DPR approval for construction of MZU Southern Campus has not been received till now.
- b) Renovation of Lunglei Engineering College, which was meant to use as temporary campus has not been completed yet.
- c) DPR approval for construction of MZU Southern Campus has not been received.

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

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that it is the exact opposite of what is reported in the media. What will the hon. Minister do to solve this issue?

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

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, when will development of NIT campus at Lengpui be completed?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* - Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, I am not aware that the commencement of classes at MZU Southern Campus was mentioned at this House as alluded by respected member. Is this true?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we do plan the commencement of classes at MZU Southern Campus. However, the actual date cannot be determined. It actually is under the purview of the university and not the government.

Mizoram Engineering College was constructed at Pukpui at a cost of 26 crores. However, approach road of 3 kms needs to be constructed, as well as installation of power and water connection.

We should be aware that establishment of colleges and university cannot be executed by the State Government alone. It requires approval from University Grant Commission and Ministry of HRD, Government of India.

Regarding National Institute of Technology (NIT) at Lengpui, we are waiting for forest clearance. This took longer than we expect as the said campus is close to Tlawng river.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask *Starred question* number 185.

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

- a) When was permission for establishment of MZU Southern Campus submitted to MHRD? May I have a copy as well?
- b) Is the permission for establishment of MZU Southern Campus from MHRD pending till now? What is the reason?
- c) Any initiative taken to resolve this?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

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

- a) Proposal No. 1-24/13/MZU(VIC)/12523, Dated 6.11.2013 for establishment of MZU Southern Campus was submitted to MHRD on November 2013. The copy is enclosed.
- b) Permission was given in principle on 17.1.2020 while I was in Delhi. The condition was that the site must be donated by the State government at free of cost.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question-* Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, establishment of MZU Southern Campus is currently at a standstill even after receiving 100 acre land from Pukpui Village Council and after receiving permission in principle from MHRD. Has the State government given up hope for this project?

Secondly, will it be possible to at least complete the construction and establishment of Pukpui Engineering College?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* from Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. IASE (Institute of Advanced Studies and Education) is severely understaffed. Is the government planning to employ assistant professor/lecturer to address this issue?

Secondly, are there any colleges in Aizawl that have no NAAC accreditation?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in regards to IASE, we recently received permission from DP&AR and Finance Department to create 20 posts. There are several colleges especially in the south of Mizoram who were unable to receive accreditation from NAAC due to lack of internet facilities and other unforeseen events.

With reference to MZU Southern Campus, due to the pandemic, Finance Ministry were unable to create and fill posts anywhere. As such, we were turned down at every turn.

As for Engineering College, Govt. Of India has sanctioned 26 crores for construction. However, we require for construction of approach road, water connection and power supply. We are currently dealing with central government regarding this issue.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred question number 186.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister of Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state-

- a) What is the total amount given as compensation for four lane highway from Vairengte to Sairang?
- b) How many families were given compensation?
- c) Under what package were these families?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Revenue Department is not responsible for distributing compensation. It falls under the purview of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. The amount spent for compensation till now is-

Under package 3- ₹144,86,013,13

Under package 4 - ₹121,32,18,196.49

- b) Compensation is given to 234 families under package 3 and 200 families under package 4.
- c) They were under package 3 and 4.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, is there a written memo from the government to NHIDCL that Forest Department will be responsible for compensations under package 3 and above? Also, package 2 is under the responsibility and jurisdiction of Assam where 15 Mizo families from Vairengte were included. Wouldn't it be more practical if the government of Mizoram took responsibility for compensation of these families even though they are under package 2? This is because it could lead to boundary issue.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Since there is shortage of land surveyors, is there any plan to outsource land surveying to private companies?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question*- Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. My first *Supplementary question* is similar to the one posed by Pu Lalduhoma. What kind of provision is formulated to enable those families from package 2 to receive compensation from government of Mizoram?

Secondly, development of Bilkhawthlir town extension is ongoing, what is the current stage of the development?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Does the government plan to dispense more land pass along the areas that will run through Aizawl West by-pass road? Will VC pass holders receive compensation for their lands?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, compensation for Four-Lane Highway is divided into 8 packages. Construction of this road falls under the responsibility of NHIDCL according to 'The National Highways Act, 1965'. Although majority of them have received compensation, there are several who have not received compensation due to dispute and failure to surrender their land pass. We are not aware if Environment & Forest Department claimed the lands from package 3 as theirs and

are not aware of any letter submitted to NHIDCL. (**Speaker:** Question and answer hour has ended. Shall we let him finish? Please continue.)

In answer to the question posed by Pu Lalduhoma and Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte, 15 families from package 2 will receive their compensation from Kolasib CALA.

There are 15 posts vacant for land surveyor and we expect that recruitment will take place shortly. We are planning to outsource surveying of Saitual Town with funds from SEDP. Surveying of Khawzawl and Hnahthial will also be outsourced.

Bilkhawthlir town extension is ongoing. However, there are several families who do not possess land pass for their lands. Documents for their land pass has been sent for government approval.

Freezing order for lands meant for Aizawl West by-pass Road has been issued on 13th June 2022. No additional land pass will be given.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

SPEAKER : We will move on to financial business. Today, we will discuss the demands of three hon. Ministers.

Let us call upon the hon.Minister Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga to submit his demands.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission and on the recommendation of the hon. Governor of Mizoram, I move the following demands before this House.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
4	Law & Judicial	29,58,51,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	101,86,000.00
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	1,616,513,000.00
42	Transport	56,61,22,000.00
TOTAL		2,48,86,72,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, sir, I moved the demand nos. 23, 27, 33 and 39, a total of ₹13,68,51,83,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2023-2024 in respect of the following departments.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
23	Art & Culture	11,95,63,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	5,05,76,29,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	18,94,00,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	8,31,85,91,000.00
TOTAL		13,68,51,83,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to submit his demands.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, sir, I moved the demand nos. 21, 24 and 40, a total of ₹10,84,56,36,000 only for meeting expenses during 2023-2024 in respect of the following departments.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
21	Higher & Technical Education	2,71,49,16,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	7,51,06,54,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	62,00,66,000.00
TOTAL		10,84,56,36,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Ministers have submitted their demands. We will start discussion for their demands with 10 minutes allotted to each member. Let us call upon Dr. BD. Chakma to start the discussion.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No. 44 Transport Department. Chawngte and Longpuighat has many autorickshaw that is in service. However, many of these autorickshaw do not have permit for their service. Would it be possible to issue special permit for these individuals as it is their livelihood.

Under District Council & Minority Affairs Department (Demand No. 27), Chakma District Council has a deficit of ` 65 crores. On the other hand, there are several instances where clandestine recruitment of government jobs is still ongoing. This is a serious situation and I would like to request departmental enquiry or internal enquiry.

If possible, I would like to request the establishment of PHC at Chawngte. If that is unattainable, then I would like to request the establishment of at least a Community Health Centre. We are in dire need of medical officers at Longpuighat and Borapansury PHC's.

Govt. Kamlanagar College has no NAAC accreditation till now. NAAC Peer Team has visited this college 3 or 4 times in the past. Due to internet and signal issues, necessary and required data cannot be uploaded. As such, this college has no NAAC

Accreditation till now and I kindly request the hon. Minister of Higher & Technical Education Minister to address this issue. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to pledge my support to the demands presented by the hon. Ministers.

There are several developments accomplished by this Ministry such as inland waterways, online payment of fees and application for learners' license, online trade certificate, Kawlbem Small Hydel Project, Vankal Solar Park and setting aside ` 50 crores for NGO.

Lastly, I kindly request the hon. Health Minister to establish Health Clinic Centres at Ngopa Chhim Veng and Kawlkulh. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Under Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department (Demand No. 36), Aizawl Zoological Park does not receive any funding from the government and central government. Its maintenance and upkeep costs more than `10 crores per year. They have no resident veterinary doctor and no 'Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre'. I would like to kindly request the hon. Minister to provide funding for them as it is in dire need of repair.
(*Dy. Speaker at the chair*)

I would like to ask an important question. 'When will Zoram Medical College be given recognition by the government?'. The first batch of students from this college will complete their studies soon. If it is still not recognized, what will happen to them? Also, does the faculty strength reached minimal criteria? Do these faculty qualify according to the norms set by National Medical Commission?

I believe I speak for everyone as I want to mention the state of health clinics and sub-centres around Mizoram. They are in dire need of renovation and require maintenance and other medical equipments.

Moving on to Power Department (Demand No.39), Kulikawn West is in need of a new transformer as the current one is unable cover all the areas. Accessories for Tlangnuam transformer is also needed as they are old. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Forest Department (Demand No.36), thank the hon. Minister for restructuring mahal rate from

₹25 to ₹40. Construction of Saiphai Forest IB will start shortly as well as restoration of Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary.

Soil Department (Demand No. 33) is an important department and more attention should be given to them.

Under P&E Department (Demand No. 39), Vairengte – Bilkhawthlir-Bawktlang line is one of the oldest lines in Mizoram. It requires an upgrade or a new one. North Hlimen and Thingthelh are also in need of electric pole.

Moving on to Health 7 Family Welfare Department (Demand No. 24), Vairengte CHC is urgently in need of quarters for doctors and nurses. I have mentioned this several times regarding the need of an x-ray machine at Vairengte CHC. Also, there are several villages without health workers in my constituency. I kindly request the hon. Minister to address this issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. As I have mentioned before, Tlabung which is in my constituency do not have any infrastructure. My constituency has been suffering from soil erosion for a long time now and I regret that the government is not addressing this issue.

Water level at Khawthlang Tuipui is immensely reduced due to soil deposit. We are excited that detailed project report has been proposed by MS Right Consultancy Firm for waterways transport.

Under Commerce & Industries Department (Demand No. 40), what is the state of development for border haat?

Moving on to Health Department, my constituency is a backward area and prone to malaria. In that regard, we require better medical supplies and equipment as well as better infrastructure at Tlabung sub-division hospital as it is the only hospital in my constituency.

Lastly, under Power & Electricity Department (Demand No. 39), why is it that our transformer is always in need of repair? I kindly request the hon. Minister to provide my constituency with a new transformer. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Law and Judicial Department (Demand No.4). They played a very important and central

role in all the functioning of different departments. They are severely understaffed and requires more staff.

Transport Department (Demand No. 42) is an important department and has a major project in the pipeline. This project is called Inland Waterways transport and will greatly benefit the general public. There are several developments within this department such as online payment system, public transport to ZMC, MZU and Lengpui Airport, multi-level parking and multi-level hall.

Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity, Hunthar and Edenthur is in urgent need of electric poles. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Mizoram has an abundant supply of medicinal plants and herbs which is under the protection of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Demand No. 36). We need to do more for the protection of these plants.

Under Demand No. 42 Transport Department, Lunglei DTO has become too congested for workers. I kindly request the hon. Minister to take note.

Under Law & Judicial, what is the current state of development for Lunglei Court building? Is there any complication regarding the construction process as it has been delayed long enough.

Moving on to Power and Electricity Department (Demand No. 39), construction of Lungsen – Chawngte 132 kv tower has been completed recently, when will operation of this tower be started? Lunglei is in dire need of more distribution transformer and LT line.

Under Higher & Technical Education Department (Demand No. 21), Lunglei Government College is in need of a librarian and college bus. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Although there are many developments in Higher and Technical Department, I see room for more improvement. Especially in Government Polytechnic and Women Polytechnic, more focus should be given to job-oriented training and education.

Under P&E Department, electric lines and poles around my constituency are outdated and is in need of repair. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will break for lunch and resume our sitting at 2:00 PM.

(Recess till 2:00 PM)

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu C. Lalsawivunga to start the discussion.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Under Law & Judicial (Demand No.4), we are all aware that Special Court for Prevention of Corruption is a necessity. Establishment of directorate of prosecution was in the manifesto of the current ministry, it was even transcribed in the book of SEDP. However, we see no such development from their end and I urged this ministry to make good with their promise.

Under Transport Department (Demand No. 42), I believe it is high time that the rules for vehicle replacement is revised for better coordination.

Moving on to Power & Electricity (Demand No. 39), in the 36 years since our statehood, we have not been able to generate enough power to sustain ourselves. I believe this situation will not change seeing that not enough capital is set aside for this department in our budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to mention first that I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers.

This ministry has undoubtedly seen many developments in Health & Family Welfare, Environment, Transport, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. I applaud the Ministers in charge of these departments for their work.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Power & Electricity Department (Demand No. 39). Mizoram has 15 hydel power stations and generate about 17 Mw at its highest. These power stations were unable to generate power consistently and it is a waste of resources. I urge the government to cease development and construction of these unusable mini hydel power stations and focus on developing a more sizeable and dependable hydel power station.

Under Health & Family Welfare Department (Demand No. 24), it is quite apparent that the healthcare scheme that the government has mentioned endlessly has collapsed. This scheme currently has 65 crores deficit.

Moving on to Forest Department (Demand No. 36), I would like to mention for the record that NHIDCL does not have environmental clearance for development of Seling-Champhai road. They did not apply for this clearance at all.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 39- Power & Electricity, when is the commencement date for construction of Zuangtui 132 kv-Lungdai sub-station? There is shortage of linesmen in my constituency and have to employ them out of our own pockets. Is there any way to address this issue?

Demand No.24- Health & Family Welfare, when will Kawnpui PHC be elevated to CHC? Also, Kawnpui PHC is in need of a new x-ray machine. Mualvum is home to 1st IR Battalion whom we rely on during border crises. They currently have no resident doctor. It will be much appreciated if this issue is addressed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, Zawlnuam College has a limited number of faculty in Political Science.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, there is severe shortage of doctors and nurses within the whole of Mizoram. I kindly request the government to address this issue.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I feel fortunate to play a part in the discussion of the demands presented by the hon. Ministers.

There are several developments undertook by this ministry in different departments such as P&E, Health & Family Welfare, Higher & Technical Department, Forest Department and Transport Department.

Under P&E Department, power supply within my constituency, Lunglawn is very inconsistent. This might be due to the transformer. I kindly request the hon. Minister to look into this issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Under Forest Department, ever since NHIDCL took over the development of roads, there has been

several environmental issues. I kindly request the hon. Minister to look into this issue and take necessary action.

Health & Family Welfare Department, Rs. 60 crores are set aside for Healthcare Scheme. Will it be possible to use this fund to pay back the funds owed to the people?

Higher & Technical Education Department, we have submitted a memorandum to utilize the old building previously used by Govt. Zirtiri College to 'Common facility for home trades'. This have not heard anything regarding this matter and I kindly urge the hon. Minister to look into this matter.

We had a meeting with the hon. Chief Minister regarding the DIET building that will be used for Govt. Aizawl North College. When will this matter be resolved? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Under P&E Department, we still have not receive forest clearance for 132 kv line from Bairabi to West Phaileng via Mamit. Can this process be accelerated? Also, is it possible to have power supply for 'Mamit ring road area'?

Land Resource, Soil & Water Conservation Department- is it possible to have a dedicated District Officer for Mamit office?

Under Health & Family Welfare Department, we have communicated to the department several times that Lengpui PHC is in need of an x-ray machine. When will this be realized? Thank you.

(Pu K. Laldawngliana at the chair.)

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Chairman, thank you. Why is it that Geology & Mining is never on the bulletin list and never mentioned. The department may be small but they are revenue earners.

Under Health & Family Welfare Department, we have no health workers at Bawngthah, Chhippui, West Phulpui and Bawlte. Also, x-ray machines are needed in PHC's within my constituency.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department, to us they are development department and played an important role. I implore the hon. Minister to continue with the bus service.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Chairman, thank you. Demand No. 36, the issue surrounding NHIDCL has been mentioned several times. They do not have mud disposal plan, environment-management plan and environmental impact assessment plan. I sincerely hope that this issue will be resolved rapidly.

Demand No.24 Health & Family Welfare, I urge the government to repay the debt owed in healthcare. Also, staff under National Health Mission has not been able to receive their salary since December.

CHAIRMAN : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. Z.R. THIAMSANGA: Pu Chairman, thank you. Under Health and Family Department, I would like to mention for the record that this ministry gives priority and importance to primary healthcare. On another note, Hnahlan PHC is in need of an x-ray machine as they do not have one.

(Hon. Dy. Speaker at the Chair)

Under Forest Department, since Tualcheng is a park area, they require forest rest house.

Lastly, I kindly request the hon. Minister to react to the queries regarding the progress of border haat. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu KT. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity Department, when will Tuipang Lui Hydel Project starts functioning? Also, what is the progress of Chakhei 33 kv Sub-station?

Under Demand No.27, District Council & Minority Affairs, members of District Council under MADC have been appealing for an increment. I sincerely hope that their demands will be met.

Demand No. 42, Transport Department, we are always faced with the same issue in my constituency especially during monsoon season. This is due to the fact that we are unable to traverse Chhimtuipui. We will be grateful if the government can provide us with marboat.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare, the hon. Minister has assured us that CT Scan machine will be provided to Siaha Hospital. They were unable to realize this promise till now. I would like to emphasize that having CT scan machine is a priority for this hospital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Demand No.39 Power & Electricity, my constituency, East Tuipui does not have regular power supply. This is due to the fact that the electric poles are old and needs to be replaced. Khuangleng and Farkawn sub-station building needs ti be renovated. The control panel at Khawbung powerhouse is old and dangerous and needs to be replaced at the earliest. There are no staff quarters at Farkawn, Khuangleng and Khawbung.

Demand No. 24 Health and Family Welfare Department, several sub-centres and staff quarters within my constituency needs to be repaired. Bungzuang PHC is without staff quarters.

Demand No.36- Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Khawbung forest quarters are in need of repair. Also, there are no staff at Bungzuang and Vanzau Forest Office. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Demand No.39- Power and Electricity, due to the widening project carried out by NHIDCL, several electric lines within my constituency were destroyed. They need to be replaced.

Demand No.36- Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, what is the fund flow of wildlife sanctuaries around Mizoram? How much fund is provided by the central government? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, I will start with Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs. I have mentioned this several times as it is disheartening at how the current ministry is handling the affairs of District Councils.
(*Hon. Speaker at the Chair.*)

Demand No.36- Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, we have 'Chhimtuipui Wildlife Sanctuary' at Lawngtlai. It has been neglected by the government and funding is very limited. I implore the hon. Minister to do more for the sanctuary. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Under Health & Family Welfare Department, it is heartbreaking that such substantial amount is owed to the people. The people of Mizoram have lost their faith in this government.

Demand No.36- Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, there are several workers at Thenhlum who have not received their salary for quite sometime. I urge the hon. Minister to solve this issue.

Demand No. 21- Higher & Technical Department, a verbal sanction order was given by the hon. Chief Minister on 9th July, 2022 regarding the Engineering College at MZU Southern Campus. What is the progress of this order? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Demand No.27- District Council & Minority Affairs, it is apparent from the answer given to my question that 100% of funds from PMJVK was taken by Sports Department which is against the rules.

I would like to mention that the hon. Sports Minister has confirmed that NECS is owned by his son. It was also clearly written in his nomination file that he is 'dependent'. An agreement was signed with NECS which was owned by his son, where the father's department was the executor. This in itself is unfair and beyond the norm.

The hon. Sports Minister is still the owner of NECS according to their tax declaration. This comes under 'conflict of interest, office of profit and breach of oath'. Truthfully he is eligible to be disqualified from his membership in the Legislative Assembly under 'Representation of People's Act'.

SPEAKER : We will break for dinner and resume the discussion at 5:17 PM.
(*Recess at 5:17 PM*)

5:50 PM

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga to wind up.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to elucidate a bit about Law & Judicial Department. The department assumed both Secretariate and Directorate function. Under this Directorate, there is Mizoram State Law Commission, Registrar General and Marriages, Advocate General Office, Fast Track Special Code, Public Prosecutor Office and Supreme Court Council Office.

Infrastructure for Law & Judicial Department in every district is enhanced. Construction of Kolasib District Court, Champhai District Court, Lunglei District Court and Aizawl District Court buildings is ongoing.

Under Environment, Tourists and Climate Change Department, we are making every effort to preserve our forests and environment under the 'Forests Conservation Act, 1980' with the help of NGO's.

Nagarvan Scheme, Green India Mission and National Afforestation Programme is ongoing with people's participation.

Development of Wetland at Tamdil and Palak Dil is underway and is expected to be completed shortly. Preparation of Mizoram Bio-diversity and Forest Enrichment Project is in progress. Carbon Trading Project will also materialize soon.

Moving on to Transport Department, this department is expected to meet its revenue target soon. Social and environmental impact assessment as well as environment and forest clearance are currently in progress for Inland water transport.

Construction of multi-level parking, Kanhmun vehicle enforcement checkgate and renovation of Champhai DTO office is almost completed.

Lastly, I thank the officers and staff of Assembly Secretariat for their hardwork and dedication.

Pu Speaker, I kindly request this House for their support to the demands that I presented.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
4	Law & Judicial	29,58,51,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	101,86,000.00
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	1,616,513,000.00
42	State Transport	56,61,22,000.00
TOTAL		2,48,86,72,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has asked the permission of this House to pass his demands.

Those who are in favor say 'Agree'. (**Members:** 'Agree') This House has unanimously passed the demands presented by the hon. Minister. (**Pu T.J. Lalnuntluanga, Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to wind up.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Power & Electricity and react to the question posed by Pu Lalsawivunga. Manipur and Mizoram have the same tariff regulation and we are both required to submit tariff

petition every year. Mizoram followed this regulation and submit tariff petition every year while Manipur does not.

DPR for Tuirial MW 24 and Tuivawl MW 24 is completed and we are awaiting forest clearance. It is unfortunate that due to the pandemic, several projects have been abandoned.

In answer to Pu Rintluanga, utilization certificate was submitted to the ministry on 13th October, 2021.

Art & Culture Department- there are several offices under Art & Culture such as Tribal Research Institute, Mizoram State Museum, Mizoram State Archive, Mizoram State Library, District Library, District Art & Culture Office at Lunglei, Archeology Wing, Institute of Music and Fine Arts Wing.

Several NEC projects have been submitted to the central government. Provisional approval has been received for construction of Tagore Cultural Complex, construction of Aizawl Institute of Music and Fine Arts at Tuivamit, ‘our heritage, our treasure, Vangchhia’ and several other projects.

Demand no.33 Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation. This department has completed several projects and infrastructures. Also, there are several ongoing developments under RKVY and NABARD RIDF such as soil conservation enhancement, watershed development works, Save Tlawng River project and construction of spoil bank for Tlawng.

In answer to Pu C. Lalsawivunga, 31 units of rainwater from 7 places were harvested in 2021-2022. 160 units of rain water from 9 places were harvested in 2022-2023. A total of 191 units were harvested within two years.

District Council & Minority Affairs Department was mentioned by the Opposition Group Leader. I find it unsuitable for a member of his stature to mention and criticize the Sports Minister even though his demands were not discussed today.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, that is not the case. This is not the purview of Sports Department. PMJVK funds is under District Council and Minority Affairs.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I was the consultant on this project and it is my responsibility. No one else must be blamed. Personal attack of this kind is not proper House decorum.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is our stand and we have spoken about this for a long time. It is a long-standing issue.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: This is beyond political appointment. It is under Sixth Schedule.

PU LALDUHOMA : That is not the exact truth. We were consulted by the Parliament before the 125th Amendment was made.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: We are not the only ones with Autonomous District Council. There are other States as well who, we need to consult. Sixth Schedule cannot be amended without their consent.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, Point of Information. During Congress Ministry, I was recommended by the then Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pu CL Ruala, MP. There was no issue from Congress Ministry. MNF Ministry established Parliamentary Standing Committee under 125th Amendment where the stance if Mizoram Government was requested. It was all rejected by the State.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Even if we do want it, other States has to agree on them. That is the rule.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, Point of Order- from my recollection, it was accepted by the Chief Ministers of Meghalaya, Assam and Tripura. Mizoram was the only state to reject.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, these are all verbal assurances. If there is no documentation proof, it is just their way of seeking votes for the election.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Proof of documentation can be provided. Mizoram was the only State who was unable to commit.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: It was my subject for ten years. I am aware if the actual truth.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, there was no Parliamentary Standing Committee during that time since the bill was not yet submitted to the Parliament.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: I am the one who knows the actual truth and not Pu Nguna.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: It might be a mistake on his part. During his ten-year tenure as a Minister, there was no request for comment.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is a mistake on his part since he is not the only one who knows.

SPEAKER : Order in the House.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: There was no comment from *Parliamentary Standing Committee*.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngun, I believe Pu Zira is more accurate at this time.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, he was wrong on this part.

SPEAKER : I believe he knows better since it was his purview for ten years.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: The bill was submitted to the Parliament where a committee was established. There was a meeting at Guwahati. Mizoram Government was also asked about it.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: I was aware of the meeting.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: You were aware. You did not want to commit during that time.

SPEAKER : Please no more interruption.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: I was in the Committee and can still recall the words of the then Chief Minister. It was the strategy of congress party to campaign for the election.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Our discussion today is regarding the 125th Amendment. It was submitted to the government where Parliamentary Standing Committee was established.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: At Guwahati Radisson Blue Hotel.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, let the hon. Minister continue without interruption.

SPEAKER : That is enough. Let him continue.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: We are aware that Autonomous District Council does not have enough for works as 93% is for salary. That is why projects are created through NLCPR, NCC and the concerned ministry.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, we are under Sixth Schedule and thus have the authority.

SPEAKER : No more interruption please. Let him continue.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I kindly request the support of the House to my demands.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
23	Art & Culture	11,95,63,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	5,05,76,29,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	18,94,00,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	8,31,85,91,000.00
TOTAL		13,68,51,83,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has asked the House to pass his demands. Those who are in favor say 'Agree'. (**Members:** 'Agree') The House has unanimously passed the demands presented by the hon. Minister. (**Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to wind up.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Starting with Higher & Technical Education Department. In spite of our exhaustive finance, the hon. Chief Minister has given his consent and regularized 64 contract Assistant Professors and 4 contract Professors from Hindi College.

Regarding MZU Southern Campus, we have not given up and expectation for this campus is still high.

Moving on to Health and Family Welfare Department, it is positive news that Mizoram is first in Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in India.

Procurement is ongoing for medical equipment such as BP checking machine, sugar checking apparatus, scale, x-ray machine and other necessary medical equipment. It is expected that this will be adequate for more urgent situations.

I would like the members to know and understand our predicament regarding shortage of doctors. To some extent, this is due to retirement of doctors. Also, a large number of doctors are away studying for their PG. Members also need to understand and recognize that recruiting new doctors is an uphill battle not because of shortage of funds. It is due to the fact that doctors prefer city post in private hospitals rather than working in villages under the government.

In regards to the issue surrounding recognition for ZMC, inspection is expected to be carried out soon. We hope that recognition for ZMC will come sooner rather than later.

Construction of Super Specialty Cancer and Research project is expected to be completed by 2028. There will be nuclear medicine, PET scan, cancer research and training, capacity building of healthcare personnel.

Regarding healthcare, Asian Development Bank is expected to provide us with loans. The process took us longer than expected. Hopefully this will be realized soon.

Construction and renovation is underway for several hospitals such as Lunglei Civil Hospital, Mamit District Hospital, Serchhip Hospital and Kolasib District Hospital.

Moving on to Geology & Mining Department, as mentioned by Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, they are revenue earning department. They earned 497 lakhs in 2020-2021 and 632 lakhs in 2021-2022. More posts is expected to be created for this department.

Pu Speaker, I ask the permission of this House to support my demands.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
21	Higher & Technical Education	2,71,49,16,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	7,51,06,54,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	62,00,66,000.00
TOTAL		10,84,56,36,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has asked the House for their support to pass his demands. Those who are in favor say ‘Agree’ (**Members:** Agree). The House has unanimously passed the demands presented by the hon. Minister. (Dr. R. Lalthagiana, Minister: Pu Speaker, thank you.)

We have concluded our business for today. The Session will continue tomorrow i.e., 24th February 2023 (Friday) at 10:30 AM.

The sitting is adjourned (9:21 PM).