

**NINTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(SECOND SESSION CUM BUDGET SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTEENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 12th MARCH, 2024
(Time 10:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

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Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

-Proverbs 3:5

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Will the hon. member, Dr. K. Beichhua be pleased to ask Starred Question No. 241.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question for the RD Minister are:

- a) How many people have received housing assistance through the PMAY (Rural and Urban) in Mizoram?
- b) How many families will receive the assistance?

SPEAKER : Prof. Lalnilawma, Rural Development Deptt. Minister.

PROF. LALNILAWMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answers are:

- a) 24,300 families in Mizoram have received their instalment from the PMAY (G). 29,967 families are recorded in the MIS to receive this assistance.
- b) Under PMAY (U), 36,536 people have received their instalment, and 37,244 families are recorded in the MIS to receive this assistance.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua to ask *supplementary questions*.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are-

- a) When will the 2nd instalment be given out?
- b) Has the Central received all the funds? If not, what is the reason? When can we expect?
- c) Some people have used up their 1st instalment. Do these people get the 2nd instalment?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Lawngtlai West to ask *supplementary questions*.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions are- How will the government deal with people who have received their 1st instalments whose account number got changed later get the 2nd instalment? Since geo-tagging is needed to receive the 2nd instalment, there are instances where the village authorities hesitate to click pictures. Is there a way to stop these?

SPEAKER : Pu T. Lalhlimpaia, Lunglei West to ask *supplementary questions*.

PU T. LALHLIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions for the RD Minister are:

i) Among the beneficiaries, how many people have completed the construction of their houses?

ii) What could be the reason for the ones who haven't finished construction of their house? Are we planning to help them?

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Hrahmo, Palak to ask *supplementary questions*.

PU K. HRAHMO : Pu Speaker, the funds that came from central have code numbers beside the name of the beneficiaries, so they cannot be changed. But there are instances where the same code number is used but the names are changed. Is there a way to put it back?

SPEAKER : Prof. Lalnilarwma, RD Minister to answer.

PROF. LALNILAWMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

PMAY(G) was started from 2016-2017, IAY was its former name. From 2026-2017 to 2019-2020, four instalments were received. Initially, we received it as 30,40,20 and 10. From 2020-2021, three instalments were received - 35,35 and 30. In 2021-2022, there instalments were received. In 2023-2024, 3 instalments were received - 60, 35 and 5.

Neither the MLAs nor the Ministers can get involved in the selection of the beneficiaries. Our targets are based on the 2011 census, and from that Automated Priority List (APL) was made. Now, we have 29,967 PMAY beneficiaries.

The completion rates are, on 1st January 2024 it was 29967 and today it is 8253. Till yesterday, we requested the Finance Deptt. and ₹42 crores was released on the same day. Last night, the BDO and the PD kept generating the FTOs also.

14,019 more are ongoing. Those who have received the instalments were marked as those who have received beneficiaries but if there is no completion, the records are affected. Achievement is 95% and we aim to have a 97% achievement rate. We shall report this when we visit the Empowered- committee in Delhi.

The ones who haven't built any house require geo-tagging and we shall visit those places. Also, we are not aware of the beneficiaries changing their accounts. This is a serious case... (*interruption*)

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, some people might make agreements with others and secretly change the details. We even said that it is not right to go ahead without their identity proofs and some VCs are not cooperative. But it is the department that makes the changes.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I didn't mean to blame the department, but I meant to say that we must be aware and be careful when we do these things.

PU K. HRAHMO : Pu Speaker, let me assure you that the beneficiaries' names are changed using the same code numbers. The past is the past but can we make changes to the new ones if a change of names happens by any chance?

PROF. LALNILAWMA, MINISTER: I agree, Pu Speaker, something is not right. Those who violate the rules may be punished. That's, all I can say Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma, hon. House Leader.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we shall take action if you let us know who changed their account names or anything of that sort.

Besides, the beneficiaries were selected during the Congress ministry, it has been a long time. The DCs of each district may do the reselection in case of deaths and resettlement to other places.

The scheme does not go well with Mizo mentality and when some VCs make arrangements, they are not reelected for their second term and things get into haste. So, dealing with all these can be very problematic. Nevertheless, our active Minister and the department will keep trying their best.

SPEAKER : Will the hon. member Pi Prova Chakma be pleased to ask *Starred Question No. 242*.

PI PROVA CHAKMA : Pu speaker, my questions for the Education Minister are:

- a) How many vacant posts are there in the School Education deptt.?
- b) Are there plans to fill up posts for teachers?
- c) If yes, can you give importance to the people residing near the village or from the same village?
- d) Are there plans to balance the student-teacher ratio?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana, School Education Minister to answer.

DR. VANLALTHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. My answers are:

- a) There are 2991 vacant posts under the School Education deptt.
- b) We are going to fill up the vacant posts.
- c) Following the recruitment rules laid by the government, it shall be taken on the basis of merit.
- d) We shall give priority to areas of urgent requirement.

SPEAKER : Pu. C. Ngunlianchunga, Lawngtlai West to ask supplementary questions.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My questions for the Minister of School Education are:

- i) No. of B. PED Teacher of Physical Education Wing pension.
- ii) Whether vacancy was fill-up
- iii) No. of vacant post.
- iv) Reason why vacancy was not fill-up.
- v) Whether B.PED are going to be recruited in New Education Policy (NEP).

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – hon. member from Lawngtlai East, Dr. Lorrain Lalpekliaana Chinzah.

DR. LORRAIN LALPEKLIANA: Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- i) Govt. Region Higher Secondary School, Lawngtlai Girls Hostel constructed in 2019 under PMJVK Scheme worth 40/- lakh was not occupied till date. Why is it not available and is there any plan to continue?
- ii) Science stream was only in name. Is there any plan to improve?
- iii) What is the intention of electrification of School under Samagra Shiksha amounting to 2 lakh.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister for School Education to reply.

DR. VANLALTHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer Pu C. Ngunlianchua - name of retired PE Wing teacher was collected and hopes it will be ready on wind-up. I do not like to employ in casual. So if we are going to do, we do it under normal condition. I am not familiar with the pension post and vacant post. In addition, whether or not to recruit under NEP will be referred to Education Reforms Committee.

To answer Dr. Lorrain Lalpekliaana Chinzah – electrification is not completed yet. There is something wrong in this and we will follow up and keep an eye on it. Samagra electrification was big in the south. It was carried out in more than 100 schools in the name of one person. Here, the price is 2 lakh and estimate is 2 lakh. 4 fans and 23 light are to be installed in every school. MCB is to be installed with its case. I have a talk

with the contractor and asked him to step up. There are still many things to do and I hope he will work well.

SPEAKER : We will go to *Starred Question No. 243* and call upon hon. member from Tuichang Pu W. Chhuanawma.

PU W. LALCHHUANAWMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is –
Is there an intention to open Transport Office in Khawzawl District.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister for Transport Department Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to hon. member Pu W. Chhuanawma's question is –
Yes, there is an intention to open Transport Office in Khawzawl District.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Pu W. Chhuanawma.

PU W. CHHUANAWMA : Pu Speaker, if there is an intention when will they open? There is a vacant space for the office site.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – hon. member from Aizawl South II Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is –
How many weighbridges are there in Mizoram? Is there an intention to make more? Are they used properly?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – hon. member from Lunglei North Pu V. Malsawmtluanga.

PU V. MALSAWMTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is – Is there an intention to give 2 wheeler and taxi permit?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu Vanlalhlana to reply.

PU VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the first question – The Government is seriously considering the establishment of DTO Office. However, the biggest problem is the staff. It is because of short staffed that we cannot open the office in the new Districts. We have to do recruitment before opening the office. Finance and DP&AR approved recruitment of Motor Vehicle Inspector – 3; LDC – 3; Enforcement Sub-Inspector – 6 all for Khawzawl, Hnahthial and Saitual District. 3 posts of Group D staffs were also approved. After this recruitment we hope we will be able to run the office.

Regarding weighbridge, there is one in Vairengte. The government is currently preparing to install at Champhai, Kanmun and Phunchawng. In addition, issuing of two wheeler permit will be in the hands of State Transport Authority.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. member from Hachhek, Pu Robert Romawia Royte to ask *Starred Question No. 244*.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state –

- a) Amount not received due to covid during the previous government.
- b) Amount received from the Central Government due to covid.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Finance Minister and Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma to reply.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) Mizoram Government expected revenue from Central during the regular period was 2370.80 crore. They are:-
 - i) Financial Year 2019-2020 in share of taxes 867.39 crore.
 - ii) Financial Year 2020-2021 in share of taxes 957.41 crore.
 - iii) 15th Finance Commission Special Grants 546.00 crore.

The total is – 2370.80 crore.
- b) Mizoram received assistance from Central Government 90.63 crore. In addition, several grants have been received from NHM under For Management & Control of Covid. There are also funds and equipment received under CSR that are not recognized by the Finance Department.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Pu Speaker, I think the answer to my question should be known to all Mizoram people. This is a national issue, an important issue of the government. Official information from the Finance Department is not the same. Pu Speaker, with your permission –

RTI reply on 19.2.2024 the Finance Department officially replied that the Revenue deficit due to covid-19 is 2632.58 lakh. The House Leader also Finance Minister answer was different. As the Finance Department has different Wings and Sections, the source may be differing. Meanwhile, Share of Taxes, as we know is the regular revenue received by each State under the Annual Plan. RTI reply shows that 193.73 lakh is not received in the Share of Taxes during 2020-2021. Pu Speaker, with your permission, we have not received a copy of the answer yet. However, the Finance Minister reply is 800 crore and more. While it appear the source is the same, answer to the Assembly House is not correct. If the RTI answer is correct, it means the Finance Department gives wrong

information in the Assembly House. If this is true, it is sad and would like to point out that our official's should be careful.

The total difference is 100 crore and that is a lot for Mizoram. Pu Speaker, I would like to say that Mizoram Government has not received the amount of money we should have received. While in the meantime, your right side while they are in the left side used to say 'we received a lot of things because of covid'. Now, the Finance Minister said that we received 90.63 crore beside our budget because of covid. If that is the case, 2632 crore is deficit according to the RTI answer. This figure shows that we received less because of covid. Now my question is –

PU VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: The hon. Chief Minister can give information tomorrow and tell us how much we receive.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Pu Speaker, with your permission – I am asking a question to the Finance Minister. Why do other Ministers interfere? This never happens in the 50 years of this Assembly. Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is – If we do not get more than 2300 crore under Annual Plan, is there a way to know how much we have not received from Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Central Sector Scheme and from others? If it can, can they tell me?

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. Finance Minister and Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma to reply.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Minister does not answer us. However, the questioner takes too long and him to ask question. That kind of incident occurs in the past as we all know.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, point of clarification – they did not ask him to ask his question but said 'we will give you the answer in writing'. They are doing what they are not supposed to do.

SPEAKER : I request him to answer the question. Now our Minister takes the stand and let us hears it.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, We will have dinner day after tomorrow's night and everything will be okay. The reason for the different in the answer between RTI and mine I do not know. Finance Department does not know all the details as many do not go through them. Let us think that they answered using what they knew when they prepared their RTI answers at that time. As time goes, correction and additions were made and updated. I think the current answer may be the right one, it is my opinion. The Chief Minister Relief Fund, Health Department, and NHM received a lot. Many go to Strengthening of Health Response. There are fund for

construction of Hospital, purchase of equipment and machinery, recruitment of manpower, establishment of laboratory, all these comes free. Pu Speaker let me explain this – I asked the Minister for the letter at the time but he does not know anything. We found out that it is endorse in the Secretary from the register. From the Secretary it goes to the Director and then to the NHM. 100% funding to come from the Central they divide into phase 1, 2, 3, was just there without any action taken. Afterward, I asked a lot of question relating to that several times in this House. The government was not interested in such assistance; in terms of procurement however they are quite strong in that area.

I volunteer to buy RT-PCR machine from my MLA fund as the government does not have. But they refused and then Pu Zodintluanga bought it and put it in Lunglei without using it for a long time. While borrowing from someone they refused to accept free gift. India Formosa Foundation also offered to give RT-PCR Mobile for easy collection of sample, they also refused. Therefore, we think that there are a lot of funds as they refused many free gifts. The Finance Department knowledge is limited. There are many things in different departments and that is the way things are. Therefore, if we want to know these things in detail we have to ask all departments. There are many free gifts and donated which does not go through Finance Department. We can only give this information.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, OPP. LEADER: Pu Speaker, please the figure of difference between RTI question and the Finance Minister's answer in the House will be discussed on some platform in the future. Which one should we believe? We are going to discuss his demand tomorrow and it would be welcoming to know the right answer. Besides, the difference in Share of Taxes is not right. Share of Taxes does not come from other source; the House should be furnished with the right answer. It will be the honor of the House and for the Legislators so that there will be no false report.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the RTI reply was given on 29th August, 2022. It is given according to the figure of that time. After, the final figure of the Accountant General was received and then it became clearer through which today's answer came. If we want to know which is the right one, we will look and give information.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. member from Serlui, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Education Department be pleased to state –

- 1) How will the problems caused by teacher shortage be addressed when teachers under SEDP are terminated.
- 2) Whether there is an intention to improve or consider the condition of teachers under Samagra.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. minister for education Department to reply.

DR. VANLALTHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answers to hon. member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte's are –

- i) Plans are being made to address the problems.
- ii) Yes, the scheme proposed by DP&AR finish it will be implemented.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – hon. member from Tuichang, Pu W. Chhuanawma.

PU W. CHHUANAWMA : Pu speaker, my *Supplementary questions* –

- i) What is the status of 161 teachers under Samagra Shiksha that are intended to be recruited?
- ii) Can admission be done to Higher which was upgraded from High School in the new session?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary question* – Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary questions* –

- i) If plan was made to reduce the shortage of teacher, how should teacher be recruited? Is it to be recruited through DPC by advertising. Is there an intention to give important in the interest of the villagers?
- ii) When will school upgraded by the previous government to lumpsum, grant-in-aid, ad hoc grant-in-aid and provincialize function properly?
- iii) If Samagra teacher are going to be regularize, what year will be used for the effective year?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. member from Aizawl West-III, Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, my question for hon. School Education Minister is –

- i) The hon. minister make statement in the House yesterday in regard to question leak out. What measure is taken in order to stop repeat performance of this kind.
- ii) The previous ministry upgraded many schools, are these done according to the law.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary questions* – hon. member from Lawngtlai West Pu C. Ngunlianchunga

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, my question topic is admission test at Govt. Region High School at Lawngtlai –

- i) If they do not pass the test, it would be a disaster for Lawngtlai. Does the government know this? If not, can they cancel it?
- ii) Is there a way to recruit Hindi teacher beside CSS under the Govt. of Mizoram
- iii) There are around 85 Samagra teacher in Lawngtlai District. However, they are moved to Aizawl such as Headmaster at Tuithumhnar RMSA who was posted at CRCC at Vaivakawn. Can this people's government place them in their original post?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. Vanlalhlana to reply.

DR. VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to Pu W. Chhuanawma – 161 teachers recruited for Upgradation of School under Samagra Shiksha were recruited fairly. Appointment order will be issue shortly. I think admission can be done in the upgradation school. Let them take action as teachers list was already there.

Answer to Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte – this case is very difficult as the post is Group 'B'. So, it is not place as PE and to recruit them on contract basis the fund involve is too high. Plan was made and now it is under the DP&AR and we try to do as best as we can. Regarding to give important to the villagers, if it is a Central Scheme, we have a say. But if the State makes a separate scheme, it is a different approach. However, I cannot say anything in regards to the recruitment of teacher to replace SEDP teachers. Function time for upgraded school cannot be predicted. To make it permanent of their service, this cannot be also predicted.

Regarding Pu VL. Zaithamzama's question – investigation and enquiry and proceeding needs to be conducted in relation to question leak out. The MBSE submit FIR as the department takes action by suspending the responsible person. This need to be handle in parallel and that is why FIR was submitted. In order to avoid this kind of incident, CCTV will be place after moderation was done. We are still learning and it will occur again and we need to make adjustment and move forward.

The second question regarding upgradation in the correct way. Before doing upgrade, a Memorandum was submitted to the Council of Ministers meeting (*interruption*)

SPEAKER : Our *question hour* is over. Will we let the Minister to continue (House agree) okay, continue.

DR. VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Some are upgraded in the right way while some need revision. It is in the hand of DP&AR now and we will know what and how far are we going to admit.

To answer Pu C. Ngunlianbunga – I think the school seat is limited and that is why they conducted admission test. If it coincides with our law we will review. If test was conducted due to large application and does not cross the law, it will go through.

Regarding recruitment of Hindi teacher, Education Reforms Committee was formed and it is in their agenda. 85 teachers for Lawngtlai are attached to other post. The reason is many, some of them are language problems. However, we are trying to implement rationalization and transfer & posting rules will be reviewed, we will take note of this.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

SPEAKER : Now, our *question hour* is over, we will go to Financial Business. Today, we will have a discussion on two of our hon. Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova's demand and will try to pass. Now, we will call upon the hon. Minister Dr. Vanlalhlana to submit to the House Demand No. 8 – taxation; Demand No. 20 – School Education; Demand No. 21 – Higher & Technical Education; Demand No. 26 – Information & Public Relations and Demand No. 48 – Information & Communication Technology for discussion.

DR. VANLALHLANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. With the recommendation of the Governor and with your permission, I submit the following demands and move for discussion:

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SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu B. Lalchhanzova to submit to the House the following demands and to move for discussion– Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement; Demand No. 17 – Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.

PU B. LALCHHANZOVA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with recommendation of the Governor and with your permission -

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I submit for meeting expenditure during 2024-2025 and move for discussion, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon. Ministers submit their demands and move for discussion. We will have a discussion and each member will have 10 minutes as practiced before. Who will be the first? Now, let us call upon the hon. member from Palak, Pu K. Hrahmo.

PU K. HRAHMO : Pu Speaker, thank you. As it is 7 demands and our time does not permit us, I will concentrate on Education Department. I do not know the exact literacy rate in Mizoram. According to the national Sample Survey Organization, Mizoram State Literacy rate in 1996 is 95% and we are the 1st in All India. However, as time goes, we go downward and in the latest I think we will be 5th behind Delhi and Goa. The main reason I think is the Autonomous District Council. Education in the ADC is poor especially in the Lawngtlai District. In District wise in Mizoram, Champhai is the best and Lawngtlai is the worst in education. We are neglected by the government and cannot grow in education as we are mean to grow.

Right now, we are facing problem in Elementary Education. We request our parent the State government to give us important. But we are till date still neglected. Right now, in Elementary Education (up to class – 8) only 47 are under MADC and draw their salary from State control DEO. There is 51 MIDDLE School within MADC and teaching staff under State control are about 45-46. This mean that if we post them in each school only one teacher can cover one school. As teacher are short the District Council give them 4 or 5 as the school building and administration is in the hand of the District Council. Therefore, it means there are two head in one school, this parallel administration was practiced for a long time. Nevertheless, it would be welcoming if option were given to the teacher to select whether they want to be under the State or District Council. If this situation is solved, our education system might grow upward. I used to inform this to our leaders but they do not care. School teacher under the Govt. Of Mizoram and drawn their salary from DEO should give option to choose. It is hard for them to choose which way to go as two powers administered them. Because of only 47 teachers about 3000 student faces problems for a very long time. I beg in this House the State Government to give these teacher option and transfer them as soon as possible.

And secondly. Govt. Saiha College, Siaha was established in 1989 and science stream was open in private by the people. In 1990 the Government took over and provincialized it. In 2004 we received a kept in abeyance order that we could no longer run science stream. Not only in Siaha, also in Champhai, Serchhip, and Kolasib science stream are going to be amalgamated to Zirtiri College and order was released right away. However, the people opposed this and beg the State Government not to take away and some even held procession. In 2007-2008, science stream was not taken away but run with BCA in Serchhip, Champhai and Kolasib but Siaha was not allowed. In 2008 abolition order was released and we were unable to have science stream.

It is surprising that we do not know when we developed Autonomous District Council, Mizoram State was developed. It is the problem of the State. Many Mara youth who are interested in science are unable to take the subject. Whether they like it or not they have to take Commerce or Arts. When the Congress party became into power in 2008, we asked them to give us back Science stream. However, order was released to run

Commerce stream in 2009-2010. But it has not been run till date. Therefore, can this new government give back Science stream at Siaha.

Lastly, Siaha DIET school building is located 7 to 8 km from Siaha city. It is a hardship for many students to attend training as many are poor and from rural resident. They have to spend about ₹100-200/- for taxi and auto rickshaw fare. They are in dire need of bus and would like to ask you to provide a bus for Siaha DIET student training.

Pu Speaker, I watched your announcement on TV regarding the House Leader invitation to dinner for MLAs and their spouses. You kiss announcing that those who are not ashamed of their spouse will bring and that ashamed will not. We will see the day after who are not ashamed.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon hon. member from Tuichawng, Pu RM. Chakma.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, today I want to concentrate on my constituency instead of the entire State. This is because we have many problems in School Education. I would like the School Education Minister to note that Borapansuri High School, which was established in 1975 faces problems in teachers. They have only three teachers and one of them is Hindi teacher. We hired two under SEDP, if this was stopped how will we run the school. Is there a way to hire a qualified and from the local or near the village with enough salary? As it is a Chakma village, the Minister said that they do not know the language and that is true. There is no way to teach if they do not know the language. Under SSA recruitment was allowed in the three District Councils. Therefore, I want you to give thought and hire qualified local for teacher.

As mentioned by my fellow member, Lawngtlai District is very low in literacy rate. Many of us send our children to Aizawl and Lunglei and beyond. Student is interest in studying especially Chakma's student. If the facility is good there is no need to send them in other cities. The government need to know how we need special consideration. I have a discussion with the Minister regarding school and will later submit in writing.

On Higher & Technical Education, I want to mention that Kamalanagar College enrollment is not lower than other colleges. The pass percentage is never low. It is the transfer of lecturer and not filling up the transfer post that causes the deterioration of the college. The sanction post is not filled up as it should be. We have many Mizo student as all the western belt comes to the college. Our biggest problem is the driver. From the opening of the college, we have one drive sanction post. He was never in the post from the start and was in Aizawl. Last we heard that he was attached to Lunglei polytechnic College. The previous MLA Dr. BD. Chakma purchase college bus from his MLA fund. The driver salary was also a problem as they have to find other way to pay him.

Chawngte becomes a large town now and there are many students from the surrounding areas. Without a bus student cannot attend the college. There, I beg you to give us a driver as the driver supposed to be there never shown his face. We also need LDC and Lecturer is a must.

On Demand No. 17 – Food Civil Supply. It appears that supply of rice we received from the Retailer fall short of kg. While the same happen to the Retailer when they receive it from the go-down. Therefore, the trouble starts from the go-down and need restriction. This matter should be taken seriously.

Pu Speaker, the two Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana's demand Nos. 8,20,21,26, and 48; and Pu B. Lalhhanzova's demand Nos. 6 and 17 are good and wish them the best in its execution. Begging them to take seriously to the problem I mentioned, I support their demands, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. member from Lunglei South Pu Lalramliana Papuaia.

PU LALRAMLIANA PAPUIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Our demand for today is all interesting topic. I will start my discussion with Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department.

When Taxation Department was started my father was one of the starters. As such, I have some knowledge of the department procedure and working methods. At first, they are short staffed and the existing staff gives their all. I would like to mention that Taxation Department is the largest revenue collector for the government among the government departments. Therefore, they deserve special attention.

Education Department is one of the most popular departments among the members. All members want to have a say in this department. I opine that we need revolution in education. It is hard for us to say what to do in order to achieve that. It is also hard to know the time when it deteriorated. Urban area schools are doing better than the rural. The condition of the rural student is pitiful. Within my constituency some school have no permanent teacher. Mostly they are substitute and Samagra teachers. It appears that many work for their pay not for the good of the student in mind. I think bold and rigorous planning is needed in education. It is sorrowful that the past treatment of teachers is wrong. Political transfer was common within the teacher as it occurs in my constituency. There many political appointments and this causes problems in teaching. Many enters through politic without having any interest in teaching, only in the government job and salary.

I think an Education Reforms Committee has been forms recently. In the past, it was also formed but we never saw the result as desire. This time we are going to need to take bold action and do what was right. I think it is necessary to draw up a plan and implement it,

and follow the report strongly. Whenever education was mentioned, we see in our mind's eye how the Aam Aadmi Party in New Delhi revived and reformed education. Therefore, we need to be strong and allocated enough fund in the budget. We have to start from scratch and build infrastructure to revive education. In addition, good schemes we have from the Central Government under Samagra should be studied internally. I think education does not gain what should be gain as the scheme intend. We need a strong and brave Minister who will can prevent official from doing wrong. Politic should not interfere in education. I think our present Minister can do that and we have a bright future.

On Demand No. 6 – Land, Revenue & Settlement Department, I think this department is the people most complain about. Processing of land survey and others takes too much time. The department excuse is that they are short staffed. If our financial situation permits us, it would be good to recruit more staff. It would also be welcome if the employees do their best in the service of the people. I do not know whether the department register under 'Right to Public Service Act'. It would also be welcome if the Lunglei office have the authority to resolve document related to land lease, LSC etc., without having to go to Aizawl. I want the Minister to find ways to resolve this matter.

On Demand No. 17 – Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, as member from Chawngte mentioned rice received from the Retailer is never accurate. The Retailer excuse in turn is they also received inaccurately. We investigate and correct the wrong doing. If possible, an Enquiry Commission should be set up to investigate. Retailers should also be asked to use digital weighing scale. If the weight is inaccurate from the go-down, let them reject it. It is necessary to start from the basics.

On LPG distribution, I think we are unable to implement home delivery. I think as a whole the people are also satisfied in the street delivery. However, I want to ask if home delivery is possible for the agent if we want it. The department need to make enquiry in the matter and see that the weight is also accurate.

Well, I hope from today's demand we will see a new face of progress, I hope with this budget we will make changes. With this in mind I support our demands for today such as – Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister Demand Nos. 8,20,21,26 and 48; and Pu Vanlalhlana, Minister Demand Nos. 6,17. I hope this august House will support their demands, Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. member from Lunglei West Pu T. Lalhlimpua.

PU T. LALHLIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our demand for today is very important as it effect every family. The two Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova dealt directly with the people and they need our prayer. I am not going to discuss the demand in particular.

Pu Speaker, I think we see a new approach in the recruitment of teachers and under our Minister we made progress. Recently, teachers were recruited under Samagra. The Minister in his Press Conference said that, 'interview will be conducted by the department officials and recruiters as well as 3rd party observers', and he spoke. 'There will be no ZPM list'. What the Minister said was followed and when the result was out, the people of Mizoram rejoice. Now, only the qualified are recruited as voiced out by the Chief Minister for a very long time.

(Dy. Speaker take the chair)

While it is a pleasure to put our love ones and show compassion to those who cares for us. In this government it is not possible because if we practice that, education department and other department will become corrupt and Zoram will remain corrupt forever. Therefore, I am pleased that an opportunity was open wide for any job seekers in this new government.

The Minister mentioned about mobile application called 'Kai' which was created in collaboration with ICT Department. I am thankful that the Minister take initiative to develop mobile application. One thing that is important I would like to mention about is Mizoram Education Syllabus. When class X and XII after passing their exam and continued for further studies, it shows how are syllabus needs reforms. Therefore, I think it is necessary to implement NEP 2020. Class XII student need to go to coaching class in order to enter IIT, JEE, and NEET. Mizoram face problem in facing national test and I think the reason is our Education Policy. As we know, the Chief Minister request special consideration in bank recruitment. While it is thankful, we have to think about the reason. I want to mention about IBPS Exam Centre. With our Chief Minister speech as a basis, we have to think about how the south can have a foothold.

The south needs Exam Centre in order to prevent high expenses and time consumption. Colleges and Higher School we have a word with so far are willing to host. I want our leaders to keep that in mind. Mizoram Education need reform in every corner whether it is administration, institutional, infrastructure or in moral and the syllabus.

I want to mention about legal Metrology under Supply Department. They are a small department but their works is very important. They check the weigh and whether it is accurate or not. Sometime they have to face their own human beings face to face to let them know their wrong. It would be welcome if there is a way to make their work in a more definite way. The Legal Metrology at Lunglei was established in 1977 and they still have no office building till date. They occupied one of the DC buildings and is very congested. However, they are given notice to vacate this building in the month of march. Therefore, their need is very urgent and I want the Minister to take note of this. The administrative may be small but very important.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the two Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova's demands, I suggest this House pass them.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga from Lawngtlai West.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am thankful for having the opportunity to discuss Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova's demands. I will go straight to the topic as our time is limited.

First, I will go to Demand No. 8 – Taxation Department. The new government knows the financial situation of the country very well. Therefore, Mobile Regularization Committee was formed to ensure that we have more funds. As such, it would be welcoming if there is a way to collect Lifetime Tax that we used to collect. It is a problem for us who lives in rural areas to pay road tax at 5 years. This may also be the reason why taxes are not paid full. Besides, when not paid in time there is a penalty and that is very hard to pay.

When we talked about Vety Department, it was said that Feed Plant at Ramrikawn was outsourced. I think that was a wrong information as the Feed Plant was not outsourced but the product to Pigfed. The Feed Plant is like pouring money into a whole if we don't outsource. When we came into power, we asked them to pay ₹1/- per kg as revenue. The Taxation Department need not only to be a collector but to look for revenue to other source. ZDPS under Vety was located nearby. If we privatize this, the entrepreneur should pay taxes to the government and that means we will collect from all sides.

On Demand No. 20 – School Education. The hon. minister answered us in the morning regarding recruitment of teacher. He said 'They do not speak the language and there is no way for them to be there'. As they applied for the post of teacher in that village, we have to recruit one who can speak their language. We have to recruit those who can speak the language according to the village they are going to be attached. When we recruit a person from Aizawl, and Lunglei they make excuses not to go to their post. In the end they are posted in Aizawl. The said village are in need of teacher who can speak their language especially in the Chakma village. When Chakma are recruited there are many complaints. This is not supposed to be as we do not want to work in their villages. If we do not change the way we recruit teacher, education will not move forward in our country.

Our constituency suffers greatly in Samahra Shiksha. Middle School and Primary School are not run properly in our constituency. To become a teacher, one has to be B.Ed. or hold D.El.Ed. However, recruits hold that degree but the substitute is either class 10 or below. There is no way to develop education in our constituency. This new government should show a true new approach to education. Then even from the remotest parts of the country we will move forward. In fact, the reason our children had

to live in the city was to go to school, as schools in their areas are not good. M/S, P/S should be good in their village in order to avoid this. RMSA school are also in the area but only in name. I would like the Minister to visit our constituency and see what really happen in live. Mizoram literacy rate will not be up as long as we neglect this. Our constituency education is very bad as we have no good school.

We have a good Minister in Land Revenue & Settlement and expectation is high. The procedure to register name in the land owner name takes too long. Is this because they are short staffed. If so, it would be welcoming to give them mor staff. At the same time, their administration is lifelong as we inherited from generation to generation, it is very important. Therefore, the government should strengthen its hand and give more manpower. They are the guardian of the Mizoram as a whole and administered land disputes and other problems relating to land. While being in a District Council, I used to take charge of Revenue. There are many problems land disputes and that is because of their lack in manpower.

On Demand No. 17 – Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs. While this is an important department it is regretful that white card holder cannot make smart cards. There are many unfair activities in the division of the cards. While concrete building owners hold white card, some who live in mud or bamboo houses are deprive of white cards. Let the card belong to the right holder, if their entitlement is white let it be, if it is yellow let it be yellow. The poor needs golden cards. Let this be conducted fairly.

Pu Speaker, I think the two Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova's demands are good, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. member from Thorang
Pu R. Rohmingliana.

PU R. ROHMINGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I want to discuss about Demand No. 8 – Taxation. It seems that they exceed their target every year, which is very thankful. As human are supposed to move forward the department is also making progress. If we want them to collect more taxes, we need to provide them with sufficient staff. Their target for this financial year is 1098.5 crore and collected 1026.2 crore already. If this is the pattern they collected taxes, I think they will exceed again. Other department are also important for the department to collect more taxes. We have to make sure that funds coming from the Central should not be blocked. This means that we have to execute funds coming from the Central as it should be in order to receive more funds from the Central. Collection of taxes from GST is very good and the contractors needs to do more works in order to collect more taxes. Therefore, I think it is very important for the various departments to take step in this regard.

Next, I will go to Demand No. 20 – School Education. Hiring substitute teachers is a big issue in this House. It cannot be said that it is good or it is not good. There can be many reasons like illnesses and family problems. Pu Dy. Speaker, transfer & posting issues are also very difficult. The previous government practice that preference will be given to the candidate who qualified and reside in the village. Therefore, it is very important that we are aware of the issue while doing transfer and try to recruit according to the village they represent. Besides this, exam question pattern and the standard was also changed by the department. Many of the students enrolled in CBSE and in other cities.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to know how the government has passed and enforced the laws. We have a lot of Private Schools with hostel attached. However, the hostel facilities are not as good as the law requires. Besides, are these schools congested? I would like the hon. minister to react in his wind up regarding these. At the same time, I would like to mention something about my constituency. My constituency is not that far. However, due to the bad condition of the road it appears to be very far. It is a hardship for many students to go to school in Aizawl and Lunglei. Therefore, it is very important that we put more higher education in these areas. The previous government has established two schools for Class XI and XII in my constituency. While it is very thankful, we do not have college in our areas including Pi Prova's constituency. They have to face many problems to enter college in other cities. If this new government can establish a college in Lungsien we will have many students to enroll.

On Demand No. 48 – Information & Communication Technology. In this computer age, this department is very important. To get information we need good internet. If the internet is not good office work can suffer. Within my constituency they have to wait for midnight to get good internet connection. They have to upload 100 days labor in the internet. The previous government installed towers in various places. However, the internet is not working properly as desired. I want the hon. minister to take note of this. And the e-post, electronic-point of sale is not working if the internet is not good. Thumb print is necessary to take ration and the people faces problem in that. The poor cannot receive ration in the rural areas because of bad internet connection. Sometimes they have to climb a tree or mountain to get the signal. We need special consideration from the Supply Department especially in the rural areas in this issue. Regarding inaccurate weighing of rice, we have to look into the basic. If not, the Retailer will go losing their profit.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support our two hon. Ministers Dr. Vanlalhlana and Pu B. Lalchhanzova's demands, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. member from Serlui, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. There are lots to discuss about in the two Ministers demand. But I will not mention them all as our time is limited.

First, I will go to Demand No. 6 – Land Revenue & Settlement. Revenue Department is an important department. They are a department that can contribute the most revenue to the government. It is important that they are strengthen. Due to shortage of Surveyor, land survey was delayed during the previous ministry. I hear that Surveyor was going to be recruited and I am happy for them. I wish them to take more action to have a proper land record. The previous ministry gives important to land survey. In the three new Districts Khawzawl, Hnahthial, and Saitual land survey was conducted at Saitual and Hnahthial and Khawzawl will follow. What is the current condition now, is there any plan to continue. I want the Minister to take note and give important. The department as mentioned is short of Surveyor. As such land survey cannot go fast. Recruiting 10 new Surveyors will not solve the problem. The previous Ministry knowing this problem makes plan to use survey firms through Survey firm Empanel. Can those be use now? They can do a lot of survey works in many villages. The Revenue Department on 19th September, 2023 done a remarkable thing by unveiling Online Land Tax and Zoram Chhiah Payment. This is a very important system as it will alleviate many problems in paying land taxes. The department in collaboration with the V/C and Local Councils with proper land record will open more easy way to pay tax easily and completely. However, this is only available in the AMC areas. Online tax payment should be introduced in districts also.

LSC and periodic Patta of private land is very important. I think it would be a huge favor for the land owner to give revenue and a lot of taxes will be collected. Especially for the border area like us. Whenever trouble and hardship occur again it would be our main foothold if we have a complete document. The Assam government easily issue periodic patta. Therefore, if the Revenue Department make arrangement for Mizoram border villages and issue LSCs and Periodic Patta as many as possible, it would be welcoming. We hope the department will do its utmost to achieve this.

On Demand No. 8 – Taxation Department, it is an important department we always said every year. The department is the tax collector for the government. While that is the case, we treat them like they have no other uses and do not pay much attention. As for their staff we are not giving them much important while they are responsible for the revenue we received. Do they have office in each district? Is there any plan to open more office for them? We need to make a plan so that Contractors and Supplier's GST payment should be collected better and more completely.

On Demand No. 20 – Education, I am happy to know that step was taken to upgrade schools. The previous government upgrade many schools into lumpsum, adhoc-grant-in-aid and provincialize. In order to success in the upgradation, the present ministry

allocated fund in the budget and is very welcoming. I hope Finance and DP&AR will not cause any problems. It is for our country and the people.

On Samagra, many teachers work more than 20 years. Some are over age for regularization. I think we should give them relaxation. In the previous ministry I used to say that 50% of teachers recruited should be Samagra practice, work in regular and the other one should be new creation. Even if it is not legally appropriate, it would be welcoming to give Samagra teacher important.

Pu Dy. Speaker, in Mizoram we have a shortage in Maths and Science teacher in High School. It would be welcoming if there is going to be a recruitment to recruit more Maths and Science teacher.

In order to achieve development on Education, I suggest that Mizoram Education Services post should be created. In order to avoid transfer and substitute issues for teachers, it will be wise to construct more quarters. Bengali school at Saihpui was converted into Mizo school by the former ministry and two teachers was posted on emergency arrangements, I request that these two teachers who were eliminated be reinstated. I request the government to take rapid steps for inauguration of Colleges at Kawnpui, Darlawn, Vairengte like the pursuance of Thenzawl college. Under Demand No. 26, I suggest District Information Public Officer should be provided with vehicles and that MJA pension scheme which had been approved by the cabinet in the former ministry should continue to be initiated. In conclusion I express my support in passing the demands of our two hon. Ministers, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our morning session and we will resume our meeting at 2:00 PM in the afternoon.

(Recess)

2 :00 PM

SPEAKER : We shall now continue our session and our discussion. I will now call upon Pi Prova Chakma, the concern MLA of Tuipui constituency.

PI PROVA CHAKMA : Hon. Speaker, I'd like to address Demand No. 20. Our state faces a shortage of teachers, and primary education is the foundation for quality education. I urge special consideration for my constituency, declared an educationally backward block. I request establishing a Middle School in Devasora.

Under Demand No. 48, I request digital computer facilities for my constituency. Regarding Land Revenue Settlement, I suggest maintaining land records carefully to avoid revenue losses due to unrenewed passes. On Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer

Affairs, I inquire about the possibility of monsoon stock before the monsoon arrives. I conclude by appealing to our two Honorable Ministers to consider our needs and express my support for passing their demands.

SPEAKER : The concern MLA of East Tuipui constituency, Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Hon. Speaker, I begin by addressing Demand No. 8. As taxation is a revenue-generating department, I suggest augmenting its manpower and funds. I'm pleased to note that funds have been allocated for recruiting new teachers and upgrading schools. I request that vacant posts be filled and additional recruits be made under the SEDP to enhance educational development. I urge the concerned Minister to expedite the recruitment process to prevent disruptions to our educational system. Regarding the Information and Communication Department, I request upgraded internet speeds to enhance governmental efficiency. I also request the functioning of the Airtel tower at Bulfekzawl and the establishment of a new tower at Leisenzo.

To resolve land disputes, I request the concerned Minister to increase manpower in the department under Demand No. 6. I inquire about potential increases in ration supply rates and suggest finding alternative supply chain solutions amidst border disputes. What progress has been made regarding the oil depot initiated by the previous ministry? I also request the concerned Minister to extend the godown at Khawbung, which serves its nearby areas. I conclude by expressing my support for passing the demands of our two Honorable Ministers.

SPEAKER : The concern MLA of West- III, Pu V.L.Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Hon. Speaker, I commence by addressing Demand No. 8. Given the taxation department's remarkable contribution of 93.77% to Mizoram's State Own Tax Revenue, I strongly advocate for increased attention and allocation of funds to this department. To enhance efficiency in the new districts, I propose the creation and filling of the Deputy Commissioner post. Additionally, establishing specialized cells such as investigation and informant recovery cells will significantly improve the department's functioning. Filling the vacant Tax Officers' posts is also crucial.

I further emphasize the need to maximize manpower productivity in the Firm and Society sector, which falls under the Taxation Department's purview.

Moving on to Demand No. 17, I inquire about the initiatives planned to support individuals who are unable to obtain a green card and currently hold white cards.

I appreciate the forthcoming operationalization of the cooking gas bottling plant and the efforts undertaken to establish an oil depot. I am also pleased to note that several

challenges related to land revenue have been resolved. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the resolution presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concern MLA of Champhai North, Pu H. Ginzalala.

PU H. GINZALALA : Hon. Speaker, I begin by addressing Demand No. 17. It is perplexing to note that the weight of rice is inconsistent, whereas the weight is always accurate when taken out of the FCI godown. This difference needs investigation to determine the underlying cause.

As our economy continues to grow, I propose that ration cards be gradually phased out for middle-class individuals and above. This strategic move will enable the reallocation of funds towards subsidy purposes, ultimately optimizing resource utilization.

Regarding the gas pipeline connecting our state to Tripura, I suggest we capitalize on this opportunity to generate revenue and explore the possibility of establishing a gas turbine power plant. This initiative will not only boost our economy but also provide a reliable source of energy. I have been informed that local lands are being redistributed to landless individuals, and I strongly recommend that this matter receives prompt attention.

To enhance revenue collection, I advocate for the integration of IT in taxation departmental works. Adopting a more business-oriented approach will significantly improve our revenue generation capabilities. Furthermore, outsourcing and IT intervention in revenue department work are highly desirable. Implementing a hand-holding policy will effectively promote primary and secondary sectors, leading to increased buying power among our citizens and a subsequent rise in GST.

Moving on to the Education Department, I firmly believe that the shortage of teachers in schools is a perennial issue. To address this, I propose establishing Public Private Partnership Mode in every district capital, which will undoubtedly yield better quality education. In conclusion, I express my unwavering support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concern MLA of Lunglei North, Pu V. Malsawmtluanga.

PU V. MALSAWMTLUANGA: Hon. Speaker, I propose that the Taxation department, being a significant revenue-generating unit, receive increased funding allocations in the future. This investment will undoubtedly yield considerable returns for the government. I appreciate the allocated funds for Tax Collection expenses, demonstrating the government's commitment to enhancing revenue collection.

To further strengthen Taxation department, I suggest encouraging more youths to become Tax Practitioners, as currently, there are only 29 in Mizoram. Our merchants and traders should also incentivize to utilize their services, ensuring compliance and revenue growth.

Regarding Revenue department, I recommend authorizing office staff to renew land passes, rather than relying on the concerned DC. This streamlining will enhance efficiency, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and prevent unnecessary fines for landowners. Lastly, I express my gratitude to the concerned Minister for the increase in stamp duty, a move that will undoubtedly contribute to the state's revenue. I propose that middle and primary schools be unified under the to avoid deputation posts. Furthermore, only qualified health and physical education teachers should be recruited for these positions. I appreciate the Minister's intention to strictly implement transfer and posting rules. To enhance educational efficiency, I suggest promoting the amalgamation of schools and residential schools. Additionally, rules should be established for hiring substitute teachers in unavoidable circumstances.

I also propose establishing a Southern Coaching Centre to cater to the needs of the southern region. I request the concerned Minister to inspect schools constructed using NABARD funds. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The concern MLA of Champhai South Lt. Col. Lalhmingthanga.

LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA: Thank you Pu Speaker. I propose leveraging schools funded by the central and state governments, such as Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Sainik Schools, to provide quality education. These institutions offer education at a minimal cost, following to a centralized pattern that familiarizes students with the national educational system, enhancing their prospects in central services.

Regarding the Land Revenue & Settlement Department, I urge the renovation of the Champhai District building and the allocation of additional manpower to boost efficiency. Furthermore, I request the installation of a new weighbridge, as the existing one is malfunctioning, causing complications. I also suggest establishing a Supply Centre at Mualkawi to cater to nearby areas. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concern MLA of Tuirial, Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am glad that we are discussing the Demands of our two hon. Ministers. I emphasize the importance of

prioritizing our educational system from pre-school to Class XII to achieve quality education. I'm pleased that the upgradation of schools initiated by the previous ministry will continue. To address the shortage of teachers, I suggest that the School Education Reforms conduct an in-depth study. Additionally, I recommend continuing the use of uniform uniforms in schools, as initiated by the previous ministry. Regarding Demand No. 21, I support the application for three Assistant Professor posts and request the concerned Minister to study the eight private college institutions and establish a State University.

I'm glad to see an increase in the budget for Information and Public Relations (I & PR) under Demand No. 26. I suggest continuing the pension scheme for journalists, initiated by the previous ministry. Under Land, Revenue & Settlement, I recommend continuing the use of property cards and addressing the shortage of manpower and surveyors in the department.

Regarding Demand No. 17, I suggest examining the requirement of ration cards for Group A officers as I believe group A can very well survive without their ration cards. The Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant extension should continue, and I hope the Oil Depot will be completed soon. The issues with the weighbridge require immediate attention. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The concern MLA of Mamit, Pu H.Lalzirliana.

PU H. LALZIRLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express gratitude for the progress made by the previous ministry in my constituency, particularly in provincializing Mamit High School-II, Hmunpui High School, and Dampui High School. I hope this ministry will ensure these schools function optimally.

I appreciate the placement of private schools at Tuipuibari under Samagra and the establishment of Primary and Middle Schools at Lengte and Khanthum. I request the Honorable Minister to continue developing these initiatives. Under Higher & Technical Department, I propose opening a Commerce department at Zawlunam and Mamit Government College. I also suggest constructing quarters for teachers within my constituency and promoting Mizo subject, given the significant Bru-Chakma population in these areas. Additionally, I recommend providing grants-in-aid to private colleges for sustainability. Regarding the Taxation Department, I inquire about the possibility of imposing wealth tax to generate additional revenue. I suggest utilizing The Mizoram Sustainability Investment Policy, 2024, to acquire more revenue.

Under ICT Department, I recommend banning websites unsuitable for minors. I also request additional vehicles for the Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) and increase manpower for Information and Public Relations (I & PR) Department. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The concern MLA of Lawngtlai East, Dr Lorrain Lalpekliana Chinzah.

DR. LORRAIN LALPEKLIANA CHINZAH: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I urge the Education Department to focus on improving the literacy rate in Lawngtlai District, which currently stands at 65.88%. To achieve this, I request that the 85 teachers under Samagra be reassigned to their home district, as their attachment to other districts has hindered educational progress in Lawngtlai.

To further enhance education in the district, I propose Empowering Adult Literacy, to cater to the needs of adults who lack formal education and constructing additional quarters for teachers in rural areas and upgrading school infrastructure to provide a beneficial learning environment and to providing more manpower in schools to ensure an optimal teacher-student ratio and to upgrade Bualpui (NG) HSS to adhoc level and provincializing Blue Mountain HSS to improve access to quality education.

By implementing these measures, we can improve the educational system in Lawngtlai District and work towards achieving a higher literacy rate.

Regarding the pressing issue of vacant posts in various institutions in Lawngtlai District, Government Lawngtlai College has 51 vacant positions, with only 29 filled. I urge you to prioritize filling the posts for Librarian and Assistant Librarian in the near future. Government Region Higher Secondary School has 26 sanctioned posts, but only 17 are filled. Lawngtlai District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) is also in dire need of teaching and office staff.

To improve public services, I request the establishment of an office at Lawngtlai FSD godown and the replenishment of our godown with monsoon stock before the upcoming monsoon season. Setting up a District Consumer Safety Office (DCSO) in Sangau, Bualpui NG, or Tuichhak would greatly convenience the public. Furthermore, I highlight the need for a manual assistant at the Legal Metrology department in Lawngtlai District, as well as the vertical extension of the Working Standard Laboratory. The godowns at Lungpher and Vawmbuk are deteriorating and require immediate repair. Installing weighing scales at our godown would also ensure accuracy. I conclude by expressing my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honorable Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: I commend the Taxation department for their diligent efforts, leading to a notable increase in revenue. To further enhance revenue collection, I suggest the department extract GST and taxes from companies operating under PWD, Commerce & Industries, PHE, P&E, Central PSU, and NHIDCL.

Regarding the Information and Public Relations (I&PR) department, I propose introducing a system to showcase the works and involvement of all Ministers, MLAs, and opposition parties. This would promote transparency and accountability.

I congratulate Higher & Technical Department on their achievements, including high grades under NAAC Accreditation and the excellence of Mizoram University in the North East region, thanks to the vision of Pu Laldenga. On ICT department, I urge clarification on the Rs 50 crore aid under SASCI and I believe it was tendered, but with the arising questions I request the concern minister to clarify these and to ensure that no school in the state has only a single teacher. I support the appeal to recruit more surveyors under Land Revenue & Settlement and express concern over the excessive increase in stamp fees. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two Honourable Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : The concern MLA of Hrangturzo, Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte.

PU LALMUANPUIA PUNTE: Hon. Speaker, I'm delighted to address the assembly today, dressed in the traditional Paihte-puan attire. As a former active member of MZP for 20 years, I'm passionate about advancing our educational system. Firstly, I propose providing textbooks in our mother tongue, except for language subjects, and continuing the bilingual introduction initiated by the previous ministry. Reintroducing morning and evening classes would greatly benefit government employees who juggled work and studies due to financial constraints.

I question the motive behind attaching teachers to offices when many schools desperately need teaching staff. I appreciate the Minister's determination to meet school requirements and achieve quality education. Implementing a non-transferable system in schools, as suggested by Pu V. Malsawmtluanga, would be wise. Establishing schools within the MINECO area would greatly benefit children residing in the quarters.

I propose introducing correspondence courses in prisons, providing vehicles to I&PR officers in each district, and establishing a Higher Secondary school at Rawpuichhip. Regarding ration cards, we should reassess our mindset and privileges. I'm pleased that surveyors will be outsourced, and I suggest that revenue taxes for land in Mamit area should be allocated to Mamit District. In conclusion, I express my support for passing the demands presented by our two honourable Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : The concern MLA of Aizawl South – II, Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Chairman. I urge the Ministry to address the issue of the Chekbawk Farming Society, whose lands were forcefully

acquired and redistributed to others. The society's members were allocated land on steep slopes, and their farming areas, converted into LSCs, were sold to others. I request the Ministry to resolve this matter and ensure justice for the affected farmers. Furthermore, I suggest strengthening Revenue Department with additional staff to enhance its efficiency. This will enable the department to address pending issues and provide better services to the public. Regarding Demand No. 21, I note that substantial funds have been allocated for the construction of Pukpui Engineering College.

Administrative building, Academic building, Boys hostel and Girls' hostel were also constructed and crores of rupees were spent. I want to know how the new government is going to take measures on the Engineering college at Pukpui where crores of rupees were spent.

Moving to Demand No 8 - Taxation, it is a small department but it is a high revenue source for the Mizoram Government. So, the Taxation Department should be equipped with the necessary equipment in the clerical line and field staff.

Moving to Demand No. 20 - School Education, the school buildings in my constituency are deteriorating and classes cannot be taken during the rainy season. Clean water and sanitation facilities are also not available and there is a shortage of teachers in some schools. The quality of our education is not good and the traditional system of appointing party workers as primary school teachers has caused us difficulties in our education. Therefore, I hope that the recruitment of teachers will be done properly.

Moving to Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, we should all have our rightful share and we all know which colour of cards we possess and deserve.

Pu Speaker, thank you and I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers.

CHAIRMAN : I request Dr. K. Beichhua.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Chairman and I would like to start with Demand No. 8 – Taxation. Taxation Department is an important department and since it generates revenue, this department deserves to be favoured and equipped. The department does not have enough manpower to investigate tax leakage and follow up complaints and there are no sufficient vehicles. Therefore, I would like the Minister to do his utmost to improve this. Tax-leakage prevention is an important key to the development of the state and the government and this is one of the reasons why the Delhi government is so powerful. I believe that the government will have a great achievement if we collect taxes and investigate tax evasion. Saitual, Hnahthial and Khawzawl districts have no Deputy Commissioner in Taxation and we must have at least an officer rank if we are collecting GST. Joint Commissioner to Additional Commissioner promotion is level 12 but their pay does not increase and we must look

into this. The employees should be motivated and work diligently and that is the strength of the government. Contractors who do not have GST registration cannot be charged GST according to the law. Some departments require employees to collect GST clearance certificate and it is important that we look into this. It would be appreciated if the minister could tell us how much money is being recovered from debtors under the public demand recovery law in the current financial year.

Moving to Demand No. 20 - School Education, we should look into the matter on why the results of private schools and church schools are better than those of government schools. The Government should look carefully at the admission fee and monthly fee of private schools. Hindi is not given priority in our education system and it is unfortunate that we cannot speak Hindi. So, we should at least have a spoken Hindi class and talent and job base oriented mode of learning should be implemented.

Pu Speaker, the bags of the students are too heavy and is there a way to elevate this problem? The PM Shri School is a centrally sponsored scheme initiated by the central government and 14,500 PM Shri Schools will be established across India. Pu DY. Speaker, ECM church was founded in 2008 and has been running for 22 years. We have applied for Deficit Grant-in-aid but it has not been successful. So, I would like to ask the Minister to upgrade us to Deficit Grant-in-aid.

Moving to Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, Master Degree courses are available on MZU campus and post-graduate courses should be available in several districts and not only in Aizawl. The Government should take expedite measures on MZU Southern Campus. Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands of our Ministers to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request Pu TBC-a.

PU TBC LALVENCHHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Information & Communication Technology, Information & Public Relations, Printing & Stationery are the most concern sectors. They are not very large departments but they need to be expanded and led effectively. ICT is worth only ₹5 crore where MSeGS is under it. Under them, websites and e-governance are available and Good Governance Cell is also available under DP&AR. ICT is the key to good governance and transparency and we need to prioritize this. MSeGS portal is also launched but we seemed to be weak in updates and we need to make more effort. Our CM's photograph is the only photo available on CM-online website and there are no activities uploaded/updated yet. When we accessed Mipui Aw, 58 complaints were received and Transport Department performed well. Home Department and Health & Family Welfare Department received the most but they have not even looked at it not to mention the processing. MeSGS has been able to perform house programming and hosting.

Next is Education. We received computers through Smart City and we also receive CSR. Computer Set and Printer will be provided to all Primary Schools in my constituency. Meanwhile, we still have 90% of schools in our constituency that do not have access to clean drinking water and that is still the case in Aizawl. We have a school with 9 teachers and 27 students and similarly, we also have 120 students with only 2 teachers. So, we need to rationalize this issue and we also need to review the Mizoram Recognized School Regulation Rules, 2006. Tuivamit does not have a Primary School and measures are currently taken. Government schools should be made educationally worthy and affordable.

Taxation is only ₹22,52,66,000 and the fund for works are very limited. We are improving on GST registration but we are still far behind Sikkim and we need to make more effort. If we visit meat markets, wholesalers and dealers do not issue tax invoices and Tax Inspector and Group 'B' officers are weak.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement, I believe that the tax revenue and expenditure should be transparent and the citizens should see that these revenues are for their own benefit. Land Revenue DILRMP is also coming to an end and our future is quite bleak looking at the current progress reports. Although we have implemented digital land record modernization, we have not made much progress and we need to take several measures here.

Pu Speaker, regarding Food & Civil Supply, inaccurate weighing scale is a problem in our state. The government needs a source of income in order to implement Mizoram Right to Public Service Act and equip Mizo Aw. Pu Speaker, thank you and I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now request Pu W. Chhuanawma.

PU W. CHHUANAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 8 – Taxation. Taxation is the source of government revenue. The number of vehicles is increasing every day and Lifetime tax is no longer available. MVI's No-tolerance week is used to check improper documents and the amount of fine collected is very high. After the lifetime tax was abolished, we found a lot of incomplete documents and dead registrations in rural areas. The three new districts will now have DTOs. There are many vehicles that do not have proper registrations and they are afraid to enter Aizawl. However, they still need to pay taxes and they will have to pay a high amount including late fees. Therefore, in order to get better taxes, we should forgive the unpaid amount and make a new registration.

Moving to School Education, students till Middle school should be taught in Mizo language. The education system should be carefully reviewed considering the Central Service's decline.

Regarding Land Revenue & Settlement, the initiative and enthusiasm of our minister is welcomed and commendable. Surveying work is to be outsourced and it will be done correctly. There are so many people in several districts who do not have a proper pass and if all these things are outsourced and taxes are paid to the government with a proper pass, a lot of revenue can be generated.

Next is Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. Ration card was mentioned earlier and I applaud the minister's initiative. There is an attempt to figure out and correct the colour of ration cards but it will be meaningless if the system is not working properly. The government is only three months old and there are many problems to solve.

Returning to School Education, it seems that everything will proceed in an orderly manner. However, the teacher shortage is very serious and we need to take measures in this regard. Pu Speaker, I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now request our Leader of Opposition Pu Lalthhandama Ralte.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, OPP. LEADER: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 6 - Land Revenue Settlement, it has increased by ₹116.71 lakhs and we can see that the minister will do his best to oversee the works that need to be done. LSCs that have not been accurate in the past have caused many families and neighbours to have land dispute and so I would like to request the department to make more effort in this regard. I do not know when the progressive tax will be introduced but it is quite important in mobilizing our resources. Many of us waited for surveyors to survey our lands and it is quite difficult to reach them. This causes late revenues and invite unnecessary problems. My concern with resource mobilization is that the railway lines are passing through and the land owners are getting a lot of compensation. So, what percentage of the compensation is taken by the government?

Next is Demand No. 17- Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. The budget has increased by ₹2920.08 lakhs and the minister should have monsoon stock or emergency stock at any time. It will also be a comfort for the people if our godowns are full. It was heard that the government plans to increase the price of rice and if necessary, we should increase it slowly so that it does not affect the people. Ration card colours should be reviewed in the presence of village level committee or all NGO party because this will have an impact on our future economy. We are planning to have a large oil depot at Sihhmu and it would be appreciated if the Minister reacts on whether we will have an oil stock and a large rail head. Gas bottling plant at Mualkhang was planned by the previous government and it is being implemented by the company. So, when will we be able to fill up more cylinders? Inaccurate weighing of rice has been a problem for many years and what actions are to be taken here?

Moving to Demand No. 20 - School Education, we have a fit and bright Education Minister, and I am also willing to help him as much as I can. We had a problem during the HSLC examination last week and it is unfortunate that the Minister had to make a statement in the House. However, the Minister's immediate action to prevent further development is appreciated and this incident reminded us that we should be more vigilant and cooperative in the future. NEP-2020 is being implemented and it is not true when we say that the quality of education is low. We conducted National standard education as much as possible with hardworking staffs and our syllabus is All India standard and our examination system has improved. However, we need to make more effort as competition is getting high. NEP-2020 for All India has been implemented since the previous government. Mizo Nationalism should be included as much as possible in a syllabus. In addition, education sector is divided into directorates such as SCERT, MBSE and SAMAGRA. Most of the administrative unit officials of Directorate School Education will retire in 2025-2026 and the government should pay more attention since there will be a huge gap here. We recruited 881 MR teachers in the midst of difficult times and the recruitment process include preferential to the candidates of its specific villages. There are many Private schools and church schools and cooperation with these schools is very important. Our House Leader once said that private schools and church schools will be given financial support if they form a government. He also said that mathematics and science should be made optional subjects and the compulsory system should be abolished. So, will the education minister implement these measures in the coming year?

Moving to Demand No. 21 - Higher & Technical Education, NIT campus in Lunglei is progressing quite slow and it would be appreciated if the works are expedited.

Regarding Demand No. 26 - I & PR, I&PR and MJA should be supported by our hand-holding policy to move towards development in accordance with new technology. Pu Speaker, we need a proper spokesperson who covers facts when incident occurs and this is also necessary for our state's security. We should also upgrade our media system.

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now request our Hon' House Leader.

PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, when the British ruled us, they did not want us to have elected representatives, they did not want us to establish political parties and they did not want us to establish schools. However, we have the ABCs, the common language, and new religion thanks to our missionaries. Initially, the District Council handed over the education budget to the church and the church used that budget to manage education. The teachers at that time were all church members and they were carefully recruited. As time went on, the church withdrew from education and the government became involved. Government schools are increasing with

qualified teachers and higher salaries, but our results are getting worse. The teachers themselves do not want to send their children to their own schools and they were sent to English medium schools instead. Schools with no students are closed every year and we should be able to admit that we have failed in education. ZPM has carefully drafted its education policy with NEP research wing before the election. Our research wing members travelled to Delhi to see Delhi's achievements and I personally met the Delhi Chief Minister as well. We did a lot of research. Our emphasis is on moving to PPP method. Government schools do not expel alcoholics and punctuality is not really available either. Therefore, the English medium schools and church schools have better administration, management, transfer and postings. So, we wanted this kind of management and we want to provide financial support to English Medium schools and Church schools. We want to implement it in PPP Method.

At the same time, we will not neglect government schools and we will try to improve government schools as much as we can. We also want to reduce the fees of these Church Schools and English Medium Schools so that poor families can also have access to good schools. We have serious problems with transfers & postings and rationalization was also implemented which is not a success. We plan to create non-transferrable posts and this will not require much posts. Teachers' quarters were built with our funds and knowing this, ₹31.50 crore has already been allocated for the construction of teachers' quarters. School repair and reconstruction works will not be billed unless the headmaster signs the completion certificate. The Finance Ministry has recently allocated ₹55 crore for the provision of free libraries and computers in 237 villages where the 1st instalment of ₹27 crore has already been received. They want to pay us the 2nd instalment before the election.

The 3-language formula- Mizo, English and Hindi are all important and we feel that we should be able to use these three languages equally. The biggest problem we have now is that we have too many vacancies. Health and Education are exempted from post fill-up when the Central Government bans them. Nevertheless, there are still many vacancies and teacher-student ratio are deteriorating. We cannot qualify for more competitions with the facilities we have. Serchhip College that has an 'A' grade does not even have the minimum number of teachers and we can lose its Grade 'A' status in the near future. Therefore, the Government has a responsibility and plan to fill as many vacancies as possible.

We have too many non-teaching staffs and the same goes with our doctors. Why should they be attached to the office when they are recruited for teaching? A doctor should also work as a doctor not as an office worker. So, we will be looking into this. Education department is one of the most politically interfered departments where we hire unqualified people and we keep on relaxing the rules. So, this causes us a big problem. It is also a burden that we use school upgradation to seek votes. **(Deputy Speaker:** It is now 5:30 PM and should we let him continue? You may continue) This kind of strategy

causes the state's destruction. Substitute teachers are also difficult to solve instantly but we will do our best to resolve this. Human Resource Development is the most important resource in the world and there is no need to economize the fund. Therefore, I would like to urge the department and minister not to be too worried about the manpower shortage.

Moving to Demand No. 48 – ICT, Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister provided 5G connection (base transceiver station) to Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, Kolasib, Serchhip, Lawngtlai, Siahla and Mamit and the total capacity is 406 BTS.

Moving to Demand No. 6 – Revenue Department, Brig. T. Sailo established Govt Complex, which is government land and it was first encroached by our leaders. Today, hundreds of them have lands on government property and fake LSCs were also available for only ₹10000 for purchase. The revenue minister is responsible for these reforms and he has a very high responsibility. We will introduce LSCs and out-source them. Right to Public Service has already been introduced and we issued a new order on December 29 to all departments to comply with the law.

Moving to Demand No.17- Supply Department, Weighbridge cannot last long and we do not know whether we will prioritize it or not. We know that the gas pipeline is coming and we are planning to bring it to our state as soon as possible. A Corporation is now required and we are preparing to do so.

Moving to Demand No. 8 – Taxation, the department must be able to collect its tax and I believe that every department should take steps to ensure that taxes are paid. Taxation is an important investment and we need sufficient staffs to earn revenue. I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a recess and we will continue at 6:30 PM.

(Recess)

6:30 PM

SPEAKER : I request Hon' Minister Dr. Vanlalhlana to wind up his Demands and beg the House to pass his Demands

DR. VANLALTHLANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 25 members had a discussion on my demands and I would like to start with School Education. We had Press Conference and ZPM government's education policy plans had been announced. ZPM is committed to education and we are committed to implementing it in practice. School Education budget is 20% higher this year than last year and Higher & Technical Education budget is also increased by 32%. In general, poor families are still attending government schools and we need to focus on education and health if we really want to

improve their situation. Therefore, I would like to ask my fellow members to continue to use their MLA funds here. The Central Government has 'Vidyanjali Scheme' and registration under this scheme is required. It is a way for us to help schools when they need assistance and to showcase our identity to other states. As a Minister, I would like to inform the schools in Mizoram to register under Vidyanjali and it has already been done in Aizawl North-II constituency.

Pu Speaker, 50 High School teachers are newly recruited and some postings are still needed to be reviewed. 10 UDCs are also recruited and some contract teachers are also regularized. Salaries and Grant-in-Aid general salary are also increased. School Education Department has recently recruited 8 Circle Officers and Education CEOs last year. 5 Education Officers will retire this year and another 5 officers will retire next year and so, we are in serious need of filling the posts. Pu Lalthianghlina of Govt. Diakkawn High School, Kolasib was awarded the National Award for Teacher, 2023 and this is worth mentioning.

Adult Education Wing is also being implemented. Currently, various projects are being implemented under NABARD, Samagra, PMJVK and SASCI. Several additional jobs are requested under PMJVK and PM-Poshan is also implemented. The government has released a fund recently and we hope that we will be able to pay some of our debts with this. Pu Speaker, we plan to conduct health check-ups for children and provide weekly supplementary medicines in collaboration with the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) in the coming financial year. SSA and RMSA are merged into Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan and Samagra Shiksha has 5626 employees. Recently, PAB meeting was held and ₹ 255 crore was approved for the next financial Year.

The Education Department has separate directorates- Directorate of School Education and SCERT Directorate and there are 25 schemes currently being implemented. Proficiency Cash Award in Science, Proficiency Cash Award in Mathematics, Proficiency Cash Award in English, career Exhibition, Edu-tech Fest, Science Seminar are all implemented. They are also responsible for printing Primary and Middle School Text Books and National Talent Search Examinations are also conducted. I would also like to highlight the proud achievements of the department. Braille textbooks, early learning textbooks, numerical textbooks are published for kindergarten and we also have a new Virtual Reality Laboratory at SCERT where children can learn a lot. The Central has recently selected us as one of 4 award winners out of 150 Virtual Reality Centres.

We plan to upgrade DIET-Aizawl, DIET-Mamit and SCERT to Centres of Excellence. In addition to SCERT, we also have a separate MBSE office and MBSE is responsible for High School and Higher Secondary Board Examinations. D.El.Ed and MTET Exams are also prepared by them including High School and Higher Secondary School text books and syllabuses. MBSE building is currently renovated and we hope to occupy it this year. Bilingual textbook - English to Mizo has been developed and introduced

from the 2023-2024 academic session under the National Education Policy, 2020. Class-XI mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology subjects are also prepared in Mizo language for the 2024-2025 academic session. Efforts are also currently underway to revise the class 12 syllabus. State School Standard Authority has been established as required by NEP 2020 which is managed by MBSE and it is expected to be implemented soon. We also opened another 5 centres for Class XII examination and 7 centres for Class-X totalling 12 centres. MBSE online portal is also launched to facilitate customers.

Mizoram Education Reforms Committee has been formed and we have not yet held a meeting. The Committee has many things to consider like PPP mode, rationalization of government employees and school teachers, revision of rules and acts etc. We also plan to have an education consultant and the file is currently in process and we hope to have it soon. I would like to request the MLAs to adopt at least one school in their constituency in the coming financial Year. The replacement of more than 1,000 teachers under the SEDP is currently underway and is currently processed by DP&AR. The Mizoram Direct Recruitment (Conduct of Examination) Guidelines, 2018 is being used to fill the necessary posts. Random examination will also be held for class 3, 5 and 8 students at the end of the years and this is expected to prevent teachers from being overly neglectful.

School syllabus and question pattern will also be revised so that students can focus on understanding concepts rather than learning by heart. The Mizoram Education Transfer and Posting of School Teachers Rules, 2006 will be implemented so that we can rationalize teachers. During my tenure as minister, notifications were issued twice under Samagra that headmasters were not allowed to sign completion certificates if the work estimates were not in accordance with the budget. Headmasters can now request estimates and drawings. Thus, if there is any bad work, the headmaster or principal will report it to their superiors without signing the completion certificate and action will be taken accordingly. A proposal is also sent to renovate 71 schools under NESIDS and 69 schools under PMJVK and 120 schools under SASCI.

We need to have more teachings about our culture and that is why comics are currently prepared. The comics will show about our way of farming, our traditional household items. etc so that the students can picture them easily. It will also include moral stories and the comics will be available for purchase next year. We will be providing 4 greenboards in each constituency and the rest will be provided according to our budget.

Moving to Higher & Technical Education Department, this department was established on April 1, 1989 as a separate department from School Education Department and the department currently has three offices- Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Mizoram Council of Technical Education and Mizoram Scholarship Board. The Department has 19 Government Colleges and 3 Higher Professional Institutes - Institute of Advanced Study in Education, Government Mizoram Law College and Mizoram

Hindi Training College. It also has 2 Government Polytechnics - Mizoram Polytechnic, Lunglei and Women's Polytechnic, Aizawl and more than 90 private computer schools have registered under the State Council for Technical Education. 20 out of 19 Government Colleges and 3 Professional Institutions have passed NAAC accreditation and Mizoram government is also ranked best in NAAC assessment and accreditation in India. The following Government Colleges were inspected by NAAC:

Government J. Thankima College - A+ Grade

Government Serchhip College - A Grade

Government Zirtiri Residential Science College - A Grade.

The Higher & Technical Education Department has taken a lot of steps to ensure the successful implementation of NEP,2020 and the Curriculum Framework is implemented in government colleges since July,2023. Skill development course is also conducted from January of this year. Measures are also currently undertaken to establish a State University and the Department has newly recruited 19 regular Assistant Professors for IAC through MPSC this year. 17 contractual employees are also regularized. Mizoram Scholarship Board has awarded scholarships to 112,510 students during the current Financial Year and Cash Awards under 'Incentive Cash Award to Mizo Candidates who are Indigenous Inhabitants to Mizoram and Qualified for the All-India Civil Service Examination conducted by UPSC Scheme' were also presented to 15 Mizo candidates who passed the UPSC Preliminary Examination and other UPSC examinations.

With RUSA Scheme being discontinued, the department is currently taking steps to implement the new central scheme 'PM-Usha' (RUSA-II). ₹30 crore has been disbursed to 15 schools under RUSA-II through Infrastructure to Colleges and the fund is used for the construction of school buildings. In addition to this, 4 other colleges are given the 'Upgradation of existing colleges to model degree colleges component' to develop the college infrastructure and works are currently carried out. Last week, PAB - Project Approval Board meeting approved ₹5 crore each for two colleges and ₹10 crore for Mamit and Zawlnuam colleges. Teacher Assessment System will be implemented this year where teachers will be evaluated by students. Teachers' evaluation will be confidential and it will only be known to the Principal and IQ in-charge.

The Higher & Technical Education Department is becoming an important source of income for the Mizoram government and the department's revenue for the current financial year, 2023-2024 is –

Admission fee - ₹37,71,600/-

Monthly fee - ₹1,57,62,463/-

Other sources - ₹705316 /-

Total amount - ₹2,02,39,379/-

Moving to Taxation Department, we have done our utmost to meet the government's budget deficit and the Department's revenue sources are GST, Mizoram VAT and

Professional Tax where GST revenue is the highest. Professional Tax is quite broad and the central government has laws where 1 person cannot pay more than ₹2500 and that is why the tax given by the Chief Secretary and Peon is the same. Taxation target for the current year 2024-2025 is B.E crore ₹1000 which is increased to ₹1,098.50 crore in the Revised Estimates. Currently, we have received ₹1,026.23 crore till February 2024 which is 93.02% of our budget. So, we hope to exceed our revised budget. Professional Tax collection is over ₹15 crore as well. VAT on POL (petrol and diesel), Army and liquor is ₹25 crore and GST revenue is ₹886 crore.

Mamit and Siaha Dy. Commissioner of State Tax office buildings and staff quarters were completed under the supervision of PWD and inaugurated by the former minister last year. Lunglei staff quarters are 90% completed and is almost ready for occupation. Lawngtlai and Serchhip districts have no department office buildings yet and Plan & estimate has been submitted to the government. However, works cannot be carried out due to insufficient funds. Measures are also taken for Hnahthial office building construction works. Saitual and Khawzawl districts have no land yet and measures are also undertaken to achieve a land. Lawngtlai, Serchhip and Champhai office building construction projects have been submitted to the government as well. District Commissioner of State Tax offices are opened in Hnahthial, Saitual and Khawzawl districts and a proposal for several posts is submitted to the Government. Out of 59 State Tax Officer posts, 29 are vacant and we have asked the government to fill at least half of the vacant posts. Currently, the department has 223 regular posts, 2 Contract Employees, 46 Provisional Employees totalling 271 and 91 vacant posts. 3 UDC posts, 3 LDC posts and 6 State Tax Officer posts are recently approved. LDC will be taken through departmental process and interviews will be conducted on the 18th.

VATSOFT has been used since 2010 for Mizoram VAT Administration and is taken care by the NIC, Karnataka. However, as they would not be able to look after it anymore, it has been handed over to the Mizoram Data Center and transferring of data in underway. For this, ICT Department have been given additional funds.

The Department is taking efforts and conduct workshops for Professional tax administration and to implement 'tax net' to identify GST evaders. Computerization of firms and societies are the on-going project by the MSeGS and we hope to see great result by this financial year.

The 2023-24 Budget Estimate for I&PR was ₹12,21,57,000 and the Revised Estimate was ₹14,30,00,000. The Budget Estimate for this year is ₹12,36,44,000 in which ₹80,00,000 is for Grant-in-Aid. ₹30,00,000 for Journalists Welfare Scheme, ₹70,00,000 Printing and Publication, and ₹14,00,000 for Advertising and Publicity is provisioned for this year. The functions of this Department are multifaceted. This includes publishing of government schemes and programmes, display classified advertisements of various departments, medical assistance and ex-gratia funds for journalists, managing

press tours and trainings, developing visual arts, films and photography. The Mizoram Journalist Pension Scheme was approved and gazette notification was released on October 2023. It will come as a GIA under the new Budget and will be implemented soon.

Last year, 74,000 copies of Mizoram calendar and 6,300 copies of Mizoram diary was printed and were distributed freely to Secretaries and Mizoram Houses. With the new government in place, *Choice of the People* was also published and 200 copies were distributed to various offices. I would like to apologize on the delay of distribution of 2024 state calendar and diary due to an issue with the printing machines.

Grant-in-Aid to Mizoram Journalist Welfare Society was increased from ₹20 lakhs to ₹25 lakhs. Last year, 39 journalists claim medical assistance and 3 journalists were given ex-gratia as well. Accredited journalist receives ₹1,50,000 lakhs and non-accredited journalists receive ₹1 lakhs. For medical assistance, journalists could claim up to ₹1 lakhs and ₹80,000 for their relatives.

For the promotion of Visual Arts, workshop competition exhibition, and solo exhibition were conducted. Photography tours, feature film competition and *Mizo Film Award* were given and organized for the promotion of photography and films.

For the remedy of understaffing issue, 5 MIS officers, 2 UDC, 2 LDC, 5 AVPA and 10 IV-Grade (PE) were recruited for the new districts – Khawzawl, Saitual and Hnahthial. Despite this, we are still undermanned and we also have deficiency in vehicles and transportation issue which hamper our effective administration.

Construction of *Lianchhiari Run* have been completed with ₹900 lakhs from NEC and ₹100 lakhs from the state. ₹101,39,000 have been provisioned for furniture and interior works. When it is completed, it will be extremely beneficial for the public as a multi-facility center. There are plans for building a mini theatre, art gallery, open terrace and a big parking space for the people.

Despite its importance, the ICT Department has the lowest budget estimation. It is main channel between the government and the public and is important for ensuring democracy and accountability. The plan and proposals of the ICT Department this year are mentioned below:

- 1) Complete penetration of mobile signals in rural areas.
- 2) Giving 5G services to all the state and district capitals. The Union IT Minister have directed the 5G providers to further improve the telecom connectivity in Mizoram.
- 3) Providing free Wi-Fi to 500 villages.
- 4) Construction of Digital Super Highway to connect with other states and blocks.
- 5) Establishing Village Knowledge Center (VKC) at 15 RD Blocks.
- 6) Developing Mizoram e-service portal.

- 7) Establish Cloud enabled data center for storing information.
- 8) Inaugurating IT Skill development & training center in 7 minority areas.

Pu Speaker, the ICT Budget is ₹528.66 lakhs wherein MSEGs budget is ₹130 lakhs which is sufficient for only 50% of their salary. There are 40 staffs today. Let me highlight the works of this Department.

- 1) Under the 'Bharat net project', VSAT have been installed in 480 villages and 20 are remaining.
- 2) '4G saturation project' and '5G services – Roll out' have been underway. Artel has 130 towers and Jio has 226 towers.
- 3) Right of Way portal has been created for telecom service providers.
- 4) Under PMJVK, IT Skill Development & Training Centers have been established in 7 villages, such as – Chawnge Block, Lawngtlai Block, Bungtlang South Block, Zawnuam Block, West Phaileng Block, Lungsen Block and West Bunglemun Block. The constructor is M/S Okahito Consultancy Services.
- 5) Under SASCI, *Establishment of OPGW and ADSS for background connectivity of Districts and Blocks in Mizoram* is an on-going work wherein we try to connect all villages with optic fibers. In 2023, ₹50 crores were sanctioned but the bidding price were extremely high and we are requesting for additional fundings of ₹68.5 crores under the NEDIDS OTRI.
- 6) Under SASCI, Mizoram Youth Services Portal and Upgradation of Mizoram State Data Center & Cloud enablement will be created with ₹22.50 crores by M/S Interlace India Private Limited.
- 7) Under NABARD, Village Centers are being constructed in 15 villages which will be utilized by entrepreneurs and farmers in the rural areas and will facilitate thee-banking and e-services. This project is under Junior Consultancy Services and will be completed by this year.

Spartan system is currently used for property returns, PAR and ARC. E-District is also used in issuing various certificates from the DC office. Also, online portal and website have been created and utilized for issuing ILP, temporary stay, ILP exemption and Myanmar refugee registration. Leave applications for Group A officers will also be made possible for ease of administration. The *Government Website Contentment Management System* which is being used by 200 websites (*Meri Pachan*) will use a single sign in system soon. Further, MST Online booking system, Horticulture Data Management System, Fire NOC system, AMC Oline license system was developed by this Department. We also have plans to raise IT and media awareness like we have done in the past.

Therefore, Pu Speaker, I request for the adoption and passing of the following demands by the House for the ICT Department for the year 2024-2025.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
8	Taxation	22,52,66,000.00
20	School Education	19,75,64,96,000.00
21	Higher & Technical Education	3,58,43,90,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	12,36,44,000.00
48	Information & Communication Technology	5,28,66,000.00
TOTAL		23,74,26,62,000.00

SPEAKER : Pu. Dr. Vanlalhlana have laid before the august House the following demands:

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The Members who agree to pass this demand may say 'Yes'. If you do not agree, you may say 'No'. (*All the Members agree*)

I may invite Pu B. Lalchhanzova to windup his demands and request for passing the demand in the House.

PU B. LALCHHANZOVA, MINISTER: I am glad to see the active cooperation of the august House in commenting on these demands. The *Right to Public Service Act, 2015* was asked by the Lunglei North MLA, Pu Lalramliana Papuaia. Notification of this Act was issued on 7.06.2022. The Land Revenue Department have 14 services under the Act and this does not require separate registration.

Responding to the Lawngtlai West MLA, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga on the issue of delaying land passes, the area is under ADC and we have to be careful in handling it. (Pu C. Ngunlianchunga: It is not ADC area. It is under Aizawl District.) I will come to that... (Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte: Pu Speaker, I would request the Minister to be careful while saying our names.) I apologize as there are some typing errors in my papers. To answer the Serlui MLA, 5 villages in Khawzawl and 6 villages in Hnahthial have been provisioned for surveys under the Digital India Land Record Modernization programme. The sanctioned money for the project is ₹16,94,200 lakhs. The 'online tax payment system' is in operation at the AMC areas.

Moving on, we are in the process of examining Expression of Interest from 17 firms for survey outsourcing. This is to fill the gaps of deficiency of surveyors and 15 surveyors will be recruited soon. As mentioned earlier, with the collaboration with Empanelment

Survey Outsourcing Agency, we will soon resolve all our issues in the coming future. We also take steps in order to issue house-pass without the need of Ministers signature from February. The Land Committee functions under section 46(a) of the Land Revenue Act, 2013. The Deputy Commissioner is the Chairman at the district level. Civil SDO is the Chairman at the sub-town level and the respective VCPs are the Chairman at the village level. We will strengthen and take more efforts in this area.

As per the *Process and Granting of Mutation Transfer of Property*, section 90, Rule 27 and section 129 of the Land Revenue Act 2013, and Property Registration Act, 1908, joint statement have to be declared by the buyer and sellers of land yet this have not been implemented in the previous governments. Thus, we have to take a big leap and increase the stamp duty to 3% and I hope it is well understood by everyone. To add on, I will look into the issues raised by our MLA Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte on the registration of Lengte land under Mamit District.

The Chekbawk land issue is an important one. It was plotted in 1997, 2002 and 2021. There are 1320 plots which is around 514 bighas and we have spent ₹37 lakhs for construction of roads in the area. I want to assure the people that this matter will be considered extensively with all the stakeholders involved. As per the Department, all rules and regulations were followed in the matter yet there are few aggrieved individuals and I will make sure that they are heard and will resolve the matter as soon as possible. With regards to stamp duty, the works under DILRMP – Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme are slow and to resolve this issue, I met the Pi Nidhi Kharke, Secretary to the Ministry of Land Revenue on 19th January. As a new Minister, our knowledge in this area is limited and they have extensively briefed me on our status. When I came home, I immediately take necessary actions in submitting UCs and other project proposals to the Ministry. I will try to do my best in the future and carry on my responsibilities in an efficient manner.

Additionally, the government is looking forward to implement a progressive tax policy and research have been on-going for it. However, we do not have any plans with regard to Land Ceiling Act as of now. Our department is entrusted to collect ₹30 crores from tax and duties during 2024-25 and I hope that we will fulfill this demand with the full cooperation of the public. Also, as per Section 75A of the Mizoram Land Revenue Act, 2022, 15% of compensations received for temporary pass, house pass, stall pass, periodic patta and land lease must be submitted to the government.

As per the report of our visit to Muanna Veng Godown, the weighbridge is as per the standard. And efforts will be taken to check if weighbridges are correct and precise. I would like to point out that being a Minister is not an easy job. It requires hard work, perseverance and diligence in service. It is a job full of responsibilities and we have to work efficiently in a fast manner so that other developments could take place. Land reforms is the basis of all other developments and we have to take special care of this area.

Shifting of Assam Rifles from Lammual is underway. There are 54 land owners in which 13 have surrendered their land, 3 unreported and 38 yet to be negotiated. I thank the families who surrendered their lands for the development of the state. We shall expect more progress in the coming years. Next, we see many problems with regard to buying and selling of lands in our state. I hope to minimize these problem areas and the Land Revenue & Settlement Department have issued a cautionary note to the public on 11.03.2024. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I may read out the notification: -

“To minimize problems with regard to buying and selling of lands, the following points should be noted: -

- (1) The buyer and seller should make sure that no legal problems are associated with the land.
- (2) The buyer should confirm the legitimacy of the seller.
- (3) Ensure that the owner of the land have the rightful means in the possession of the land in Mizoram.
- (4) The buyer should be certain of the location of the land.
- (5) The sale deed should be registered under the Sub-Registered Officer as per the Registration Act of 1908.
- (6) As per the law, whenever the government gives land to the people, boundary pillar should be constructed and proper fencing should be done.”

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight the efforts of digitization in our department. Under the Ministry of Panchayat, the SVAMITVA – ‘*Survey of Village Abadi and Mapping with Improve Technology in Village Areas*’ is carried on under 319 villages. We have completed land survey by drones in 215 villages. Mamit, Serchhip and Hnahthial are left to be surveyed. I have sent a DO letter to the Secretary to speed up the process. Ground truthing have been on-going at Lunglei District. This will help the rural people in possessing land pass which will be useful while taking out loans from the bank. Under the DILRMP – Survey and Re-survey Computerization of Land Record; Digitization of Cadastral Map; Linkage with ROR with Cadastral Map; Computerization of Registration; Integration of Registration with Land Record; Modern Record Room and Preservation of Old Records are in progress. 1,03,303 land passes have been recorded and 108,19 connected papers have been scanned for Aizawl district. This initiative will reduce the cases of lost passes.

Agreements have been signed between Hualngo YMA and the government for the construction of State Revenue Training Institute at Hualngohmun in 2018. After discussing with YMA leaders on 12.01.2024, we have decided to take cooperative efforts in the completion of this project. We have a Directorate in Aizawl and other offices in the districts. We are planning to bifurcate Aizawl into North and South area. 2 SOs, Senior ASO and technical staffs will be kept to resolve the issue of overburdening. The Directorate will supervise and monitor the works and this will bring administrative reforms in our department.

Under Section 6.1(e) of the Land Revenue Act, the SDO have been entrusted with administering revenues and they are also the Chairman of Land Committee. The 2018 *GAD Study Group on Strengthening of Civil Sub-Division in Mizoram* suggested the appointment of SDO as Sub-Registration Officer which will bring better administration on the collection of ‘stamp duty’ and ‘registration fees’ under the Registration Act of 1908.

On 5.2.2024, notification was put up to declare who can own land in Mizoram. These include – permanent residents of Mizoram; person whose family have settled in Mizoram before 26th January 1959; and all those who are eligible under Article 342(1) of the Indian Constitution. I want to re-iterate that land cannot be given to non-tribals and tribals in Mizoram cannot give land to tribals outside the state. To curb corruption, we have issued a notification on social media on 5.2.2024. Pu Speaker, we shall also re-examine and revise the Mizoram Public Invest Board. Additionally, the Gurkha community can acquire land as per the Gurkha Census 1950.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned by our House Leader, if periodic patta and Agriculture LSC is converted as a normal LSC, 40% of the land should be surrendered and 30% in the case of agriculture LSC. For this, we need better Land Banks. I suggest that if the lands given by the government as periodic patta or agriculture LSC is being utilized as it initially intended, surrendering of lands should be avoided. To reinforce Stamp Duty collection, e-Stamping Rules is prepared as it is under the Law Department for vetting and will be implemented soon. District Valuation Committee that was established in 2022 will also be strengthened. There are several queries with regard to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Pu Speaker, I am of the opinion that retailers were chosen on the basis of party lines which cause problems in the future. Home deliver for LPGs is taking place in AMC area and we try to implement this system in the whole state soon. To resolve the issue of incorrect weights, it was mandated to use Digital weighting scale from 20920 and if any retailers do not follow this method, one could lodge a complain to the Legal Metrology department. There are currently 71 retailers who faced problems with Epos – Electronic Point of Sale machine and these are exempted from using it. Toll free phone no 1967 is available during office hours to complain anything regarding issues with any retailers. Also, efforts have been taken to strengthen our monsoon stock.

I would like to thank our Chief Minister for his collaborated efforts on the construction of Mualkhang Bottling Plant which will be inaugurated very soon as the IOCL have submitted clearance letter to the Kolasib DC today. Oil depot is extremely important which have been recognized by all the past governments as well. From the 37 reported lands, we have shortlisted 7 areas and the Department is now looking at 4 lands with the help of IOCL and Kolasib DC. I have also learned the difference between gas pipeline and a domestic cylinder wherein the former take mores time to cook. We will also observe and inspect the godown weighbridge at Champhai Jail locality and the Mualkawi supply godown. Under NABARD wire housing scheme, 200 metric ton

capacity is being constructed at Lungpher and Vawmbuk. For the far-off rural areas, there is a provision to establish a common service center at various places.

There are certain sections of the population who cannot have Aadhar card under Govt. of India for which the state government will make provision so that they can get their rations. We have to understand that certain sacrifices are required in order to have good things. As recorded, there are 2,87,159 lakhs of ration cards in the state which means that there are 11,69,314 persons. There are 25,891 AAY cards which is 64,380 persons and there are 1,50,252 blue cards which is 6,40,193 persons. Under the Non-National Food Security Act, there are 1,11,016 white cards which is around 4,64,741 persons. We have open door for re-organization of ration cards. Appeals and request could be made to the DCSO and to the VC in some areas for shifting to other cards. Final selection rests with the committee created under Food security Rules, 2016. Since we still do not have state quota for rations, it is still important to be under food security to avail healthcare scheme. The Mizoram Healthcare scheme will use the ration card data in identifying beneficiaries. I have suggested our Chief Minister to take more efforts in pushing the Center for increasing food security quotas for the state. With the help of the Center, AAY Card holders are given 1kg of sugar every month which is ₹24 for 1 kg.

The construction of 3500 metric ton at Sairang godown is also underway. With the assistance of the Center, 2212 quintals of rice are given to 202 Homes and Welfare Institution & Hostels with the rate of ₹600 per quintal. To cover the deficiency of the Food Security Act, 14900 quintal is received as a tight-over and 40,000-50,000 quintals are received for the white card holders. ₹15 crores are spent every month for rations and this does not include the transportation costs. We get back around ₹8 crores and ₹7 crores is spend on subsidies. I believe that everyone agrees with the requirement of increasing the ration price. For this, the government have plans to further categorize the white card holders but the specifications will have to be decided.

Pu Speaker, I request the august House to pass the following demands –

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6	Land Revenue & Settlement	34,88,83,000.00
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2,99,41,45,000.00
TOTAL		3,34,30,28,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : I want to highlight to our Minister the roof of Phullen godown in my area is leaking and rations cannot be store during monsoon season. Thus, our Minister Pu B. Lalchhanzova request for the passing of the following demands in this august House –

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The Members who agree to pass this demand may say 'Yes'. If you do not agree, you may say 'No'. (*All the Members agree*)

The demand is passed by the august House.

We have finished our business for today. We shall continue our session tomorrow i.e., 13.3.2024 (Wednesday) on 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (8:29 PM)