

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
(FIFTEENTH SESSION)**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR THIRTEENTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018  
(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.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :
  - i) Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the First half of 2016-17 (April 2016 – September 2016).
  - ii) Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second half of 2016-17 (October 2016 – March 2017).
  - iii) Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the First half of 2017-18 (April 2017 – September 2017).
3. **PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a Statement of correction on the reply given on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 to Starred Question No. 529, Ballot No. 173 asked by Pu K. Sangthuama regarding “Transport Department Bus chungchang”.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**  
***DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS***

4. **PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under her charge.
5. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**  
***Bill for introduction, consideration and passing***

6. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2018".

**ALSO**  
***to introduce the Bill***  
***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***  
**AND**  
***to move that the Bill be passed.***

S.R. ZOKHUMA  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.  
James 2:13

We will start with Starred Question No.189. I invite Hon. Member Er. Lalrinawma to ask the Question.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue & Settlement department be pleased to State: -

- a) The number of people to be affected by the improvement of Aizawl-Tuipang road to double lane road?
- b) Total hectares of land to be affected?
- c) The value of such affected lands?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister Pu R.Romawia to answer the question.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) 3288 Nos. people will be affected by improvement of Aizawl-Tuipang road to double lane road.
- b) The preliminary notification is 399.22 hectares.
- c) The value of these lands is not calculated.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. When will the work be started and when will compensation be given to the affected people as some of them have no other lands.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Thanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My Question is - Will the Mizoram Land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2016 be adopted on this project? If not, why? Will the National Highway Act, 1956 be adopted in the stead? When will the notification be issued?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, to answer the Question of Pu Er. Rinawma, we do not have a definite date fixed for the start since we have to deal with compensation case first. Regarding the question of Pu Thanliana, it is not the purview of Revenue Deptt. but of higher level. As of Pu Ruatkima's question, we are unable to adopt MLARR, 2016 due to writ petition submitted by some of the landowners. We are currently discussing as to whether to adopt the Highway Act 1956 or the Central Act provided to us. Likewise, we are also determining if direct purchase system should be implemented. Thank you.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, we still have question regarding the notification which has not yet been answered.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, there are numbers of land holding of VC pass. Should such land pass be taken into consideration?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Regarding notification in question, it has already been issued. As of VC pass, it may be considered if such land is of outside a notified town. However, if one produced a VC pass outside the perimeter of the concerned village, compensation could not be claimed for it is an act of encroachment.

**SPEAKER** : I believe it is clear enough.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, one problem we have in Khumtung of my constituency is that the authority could not issue LSC though the area falls within a notified town.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** As mentioned earlier, it is under the jurisdiction of the notified town Baktawng and is eligible to have its LSC. However, at the time of the survey, those land holders claimed they were of outside Baktawng area but later admitted they were. No survey was made since then as the department is in short of staff to deal with the case.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Sangthuama

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, there are large number of VC pass being issued since District Council era. Will such passes be cancelled? What is the opinion of the government in this regard? (SPEAKER: I believe he had given the answer already.)

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, land ownership was under the authority of the Executive Committee since the time of District Council; however, there is no written rules and documentation which gives authority to the VC.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Land passes issued by Village Council was declared to be invalid since 1962. However, there are several instances where VC's still issues land passes till recently.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to mention one more point. An order was issued stating that LSC's along the proposed road on Aizawl to Tuipang are not allowed to be amended. However, most of such lands especially within the perimeter of Khumtung village are of VC passes. Can the government act on this? Also, does Railway Act incorporate VC pass as well?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** I have answered most of the questions. VC pass

is valid within the village perimeter. If it is outside the perimeter, then it is considered to be owned by the government.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to Question No.190 and I invite Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma. If he is not here, then we will move onto Question No.191. I invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state answer to Starred Question No.191?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Currently there are 155 Nos. supply godown in Mizoram.

- a) As per the record on 6.3.2018, there are 112326.21 quintals of rice stocked across Mizoram supply godowns. This will have increased in numbers.
- b) 17 Nos. supply godowns are not suitable for storage.
- c) As per the record on 6.3.2018, 50.36 quintals of rice at Phalhrang godown are not suitable for human consumption.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, that rice which is not suitable for human consumption is mostly of old stock. It is mixed with the new stock which increases the amount which is not suitable for consumption. Is there any way to remove these old stocks?

Secondly, several godowns are prone to flooding which makes it impossible to store the rice for a longer period. Is there any plan to renovate these 17 godowns?

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, we are very grateful for construction of Hnahlan godown and its surrounding quarters. Will it be possible to construct the approach road? Also, will it be possible to repair the road approaching Champhai godown? Lastly, will it be able to construct a godown at Rabung?

**SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, we once had funds available from BAFFACOS, why had the said 17 godowns not been repaired from such funds?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, how many godowns have been constructed from NABARD funds and who are the contractors? How many more godowns will be constructed from the same source of fund? Is there any plan to construct more godowns under NEDP? If the godowns at Tarphe, Hmunpui and

Maubawk being closed down?

School students at Hmunpui have to walk 15 kms to get their midday meal. Is there any arrangement in place to deliver their meals to their village?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer it.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, these old stock rice have to be verified by veterinarian doctors to confirm if they are suitable for consumption by farm animals.

Supply godowns at West Phaileng, Chawngte, Vaseikai, Bungtlang South, Parva, Chhiahtlang, Thenzawl, Champhai, Khawzawl, Biate, Vairengte godown-I, Zawlnuam godown-I, Mamit godown-II, Vairengte godown-III, Mamit godown-I and III were not in use due to the construction of new ones.

In answer to Pu T.T. Zothansanga's question, approach road to Hnahlan and Champhai godown will be constructed. As for Rabung godown we are waiting for the funds from the government.

Pu Speaker, I have no such information regarding BAFFACOS. 27 Nos. staff quarters and godowns were constructed under NABARD. Currently there are no plans under NEDP to construct godowns. I have not received any complaints regarding midday meal within my constituency, i.e. Hmunpui as it is delivered directly by the retailer.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, could our Hon. Minister answer my question regarding Tapho godown? Is it still open or being closed down?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, closed godowns are sometimes used for storage during monsoon when the road conditions are uncertain.

**SPEAKER** : We will move onto Starred Question No.192 and I invite our respected MLA Pu John Siamkunga to ask the question.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for School Education Department be pleased to state answer to Starred Question No. 192?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer it.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Research and analysis is currently being conducted on private schools built by the local communities.
- b) Appropriate actions will be taken to improve the quality of these schools after research is completed.
- c) The answer is the same as (b).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, how many of adhoc aided schools are there? Recently, teachers were recruited for Mualthuam South high school and Vanhne high school in which 18 out of 42 applicants were trained teachers. Why the trained applicants were not selected?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Ngurdingliana

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, if the selection for construction of school buildings under NABARD and NEDP being finalized?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, we have thrice submitted an application for ECM higher secondary school to be established under adhoc grant-in-aid. What is the decision of the government regarding this? Also, will the government be able to establish a higher secondary school at Tuipang as there is only one higher secondary school in my district?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer the questions.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in answer to Pu Ruatkima's question, the government is not involved in the recruitment process as they have their own managing board for adhoc grant-in-aid schools.

In answer to Dr. Ngurdingliana, we have completed the final selection for schools to be repaired and constructed under NABARD and NEDP for the year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

My answer is the same as the main answer for Dr. Beichhua's questions.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, although these schools were under the management of a Managing Board, interviews were conducted in the presence of DEO Lunglei in accordance with Mizoram Education and HRD department Group 'B' recruitment rules. Is there any plan to reverse this outcome since untrained applicants were selected instead of trained teachers?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer since this is an important question.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, since adhoc grant-in-aid schools are under the administration of a managing board, we are not involved in the recruitment process and were not aware they were recruiting. An order was issued by the Central government that as of 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019, only trained teachers should be recruited. We will look into this matter.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite Pu K. Sangthuama to ask Starred Question No.193.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for PHE be pleased to state: -

- a) Is the government aware that staffs at PHE bill payment counter of Chhinga Veng refused to accept bill on the last date of bill payment?
- b) Is it possible to increase the number of bill payment counters?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer the question.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we have verified this on the spot and it was denied by the staffs at PHE. However, we have instructed our officers to look into these matters so that this does not happen again.

There are 15 bill payment counters across Aizawl and there is no intention to increase. In fact, we are planning to decrease the number of counters since we have established online payment system.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu K. Sangthuama

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I asked this question from my own experience and would like to add that not even 10% of the consumers have used the online payment system. I am thankful to our Hon. Minister personally for looking into this matter.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, when can the water supply scheme for West Phaileng be commissioned? Also, when can the project of Phuldungsei water supply scheme be initiated?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Mahima

**PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The combined water project at Leite-Rotlang was initiated in 2009. When will this project be completed?

**SPEAKER** : Next is, Pu Sangkunga followed by Pu Rinliana

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will it be possible to distribute water barrels at Farkawn?

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, will it be possible to complete the water supply scheme of Khawzawl before the general election?

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to initiate the agreed project of Hnahlan?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer the question.\



**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The water supply scheme of West Phaileng will be commissioned in the near future. Projects for Phuldungsei, Hnahlan, Farkawn and Khawzawl will be started soon. Regarding the combined water project at Leite-Rotlang, special engineers are employed and the funds for this scheme have been sanctioned by Finance department.

**SPEAKER** : We shall move on to starred Question No.194 and invite Er. Lalrinawma to ask the question.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for School education department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many school teachers are currently under attachment at different departments?
- b) Does the government hire replacements for these teachers?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite our Hon. Minister to answer.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Currently there are 254 attached teachers.
- b) No replacement is hired for these teachers.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu Rinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have an adhoc aided high school at my constituency Hualtu. The problem is that one of the teachers is attached to Serchhip office allegedly on the recommendation of officials and another teacher unfortunately passed away. Is it possible for the government to transfer this teacher back to Hualtu?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Hmingdailova

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Speaker, it is learned that several vacancy are there for mathematics and science teachers at RMSA schools. When will such vacancies be filled?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Ruatkima

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, how many primary schools are there with a single teacher? Also, what happened to those schools since redundant of Hindi teachers?

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister to answer it.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter regarding the adhoc aided school teacher at Serchhip. We are aware of the shortage of mathematics and science teachers at RMSA schools and recruitment of more teachers thus is proposed as soon as possible.

In answer to Pu Lalruatkima, there are 27 primary schools with a single teacher. In regards to Hindi teachers whose contract have ended, we have asked them to continue but they refused our terms and conditions. We are looking for ways to resolve this problem.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour has ended. I deeply regret the incident regarding the leakage of the question and answers. The perpetrator has been apprehended and is an employee of Assembly Secretariat and will be sentenced accordingly. I will not mention the name in this House as the details will be given out later. I sincerely apologize for this unfortunate incident.

I now invite the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to lay the Papers on the Table of this House.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay the following Papers before this House: -

- i. Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2016-2017 (April, 2016-September, 2016)
- ii. Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the second half of 2016-2017 (October, 2016- March, 2017)
- iii. Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2017-2018 (April, 2017-September, 2017)

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. Let us invite the Hon. Minister, Pu John Rotluanglina to lay his paper.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Before laying the paper, Pu Speaker, I would like to say a few words. As mentioned by the members, there was a printing mistake on yesterday's Question about transport bus in which the figure was shown as lakhs instead of instead of crores. I sincerely apologize for this mistake.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay on the Table of this House 'Statement of correction on the reply given on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 to starred Question No.529, Ballot No.173 asked by Pu K. Sangthuama regarding "About Transport Department Bus".

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, will the next figure i.e. 22 also be corrected as crores?

**SPEAKER** : Please read again if there is any another mistake.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, loss of 22 crores is

not only for transport bus, it includes the salary of drivers and conductors and their MR bills.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, the question is the number of buses owned by Transport department, also the loss incurred and the profit it makes. I suggest that our Hon. Minister examines this carefully for it will be put into record.

**PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will revise this paper again.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : The question is only for transport bus but the figures imply otherwise. Let our Hon. Minister revise this since it will be recorded.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to Financial Business and discussion of the Demands of Hon. Minister, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and Hon. Chief Minister and House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla. I believe this will be the first time that a female Minister will submit her Demand. (Pu LAL THANHAWLA: Pu Speaker, it is not the first. However, it will be the first for a single female Minister.) Yes, a single female Minister.

Also, our House Leader holds the record for being the longest House Leader in Mizo History. I would like to request all the members to acknowledge this and discuss our Demands on a positive note and with respect.

Let us now invite our Hon. Minister Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to submit her demands.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, and with your permission, Sir, I move the demand Nos. 35, 37 and 41 for ₹46,01,58,000 for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments:

Demand No.	Department	Amount (₹)
35	Fisheries Department	9,02,40,000.00
37	Co-operation Department	17,65,12,000.00
41	Sericulture Department	19,34,06,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>46,01,58,000.00</b>

Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : We will start the discussion with 10 minutes assigned to each member. Let us invite Pu K. Sangthuama to start with the discussion.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.35, Fisheries department. We have to commit ourselves and put more efforts into fisheries industry to sustain our demands and produce more fishes.

There is a lot to gain from Co-operative Society and as such we need to learn more from cooperation department. *(Deputy Speaker's at the chair)*

Pu Speaker, priority should be given to Sericulture Department (Demand No. 41) as there is potential for rapid success especially in Mulberry plantation and should encourage its plantation under NLUP.

I feel that intervention from the government is a necessity in the administration of the District Council i.e LADC, MADC and CADC. The development fund set aside from their budget is meager. So, my question is what kind of development could be achieved from such a small amount.

Under demand No. 36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Deptt., i am a bit apprehensive that the government is too caught up in opening sanctuaries. I believe Forest department do not have enough manpower to maintain its current holdings. In the case of Serhmun, may I know where the whole population will be relocated? Also, I opine compensation of 10 lakhs per family is insufficient to start over in this day and age.

Pu Speaker, vacating such lands for sanctuary is the same as giving lands to the Central government and i will always be against this. I suggest the government to reassess this decision.

I regret to say that there is little improvement in Forest Department despite a huge budget. While i was the Chairman of PAC, we identify several anomalies in utilization of the budget and i would like the government to look into this.

Lastly, i would like to pledge my support to the Demands submitted by Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and our Hon. Chief Minister. Thank you.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The budget for Demand No.35, Fisheries is very unsatisfactory considering the ongoing volume of work and projects. I believe we are on the road to sustenance in terms of fish production. We have to be cautious in distributing the funds from Fisheries development fund and establish a proper channel so that the funds are evenly distributed.

We received 241.50 lakhs in 2016-2017 for the welfare of Fisheries industry. I have no knowledge of fishermen residing in Mizoram and would like to know how the funds were utilized. 450 fishermen were provided with housing assistance and i would like to know where this housing is developed and who claimed them.

Moving on to Sericulture, i believe there is potential for Mizoram in this sector as there is a pre-existing market and does not require extensive labour.

We have seen considerable progress in Co-operation Department such as Mizoram Cooperative Fish Farming, Mizoram Apex Sericulture Cooperative Society (MASCOS), MIZOFED, PIGFED and Apex Bank.

Under Environment, Forests & Climate Change, unlike our respected member before me I support reserving lands for protected areas. Mizoram has a total of 1858.75 square kms of protected areas and it can be imagined how these forests

reserve will be destroyed if it is not protected.

Under GAD and SAD, I would like to call for development and improvement of our infrastructure for the future generation.

Lastly, i would like to pledge my support to the Demands submitted today. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Col Z.S. Zuala

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I see considerable increase in our fish production which is 44,760 quintals for the past year. Although this is an immense achievement, it is not sufficient to meet our demands and i would like to encourage our fisheries department to continue with their hard work. I would like to suggest the preservation of rivers so that we can cultivate more fish in the future.

Under Sericulture department, the Hon. House Leader has mentioned this previously where the prospect of muga culturing is favourable with an existing market.

Moving on to Legislative Assembly, our Secretary has been promoted and renamed as Commissioner & Secretary which indicate the progress we have made so far.

I would like to make a suggestion regarding SAD which is to tighten and improve the security at Secretariat compound.

Under GAD, I am grateful that the government has established Mizoram House in different cities across India. These Houses have become a source of support for those visiting these cities.

Demand No. 36 Environment, Forests & Climate Change, i believe the most important approach to protect wildlife is to raise awareness and tighten gun control.

Lastly, i pledge my support to the Demands submitted today. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN (Er.LALRINAWMA):** Pu Hmingdailova

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Chairman, thank you. I would like to start with Demand No.35, Fisheries department. According to the question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga, there are 2,997 fish ponds in Kolasib District and have become suitable to earn a living through fish farming. I would like to state that distribution of funds for the development of fisheries is uneven and i thus advise the government to improve the system.

Cooperation department have performed exceptionally well under Apex Bank, gas agency and oil. However, we must give priority to Cooperative society especially in rural areas.

Thirdly, under Sericulture, i would like to advocate the culture of muga as it requires less labour with an existing market.

Under Demand No.1, i would like to commend the officers and staffs at Legislative Assembly for their efficiency and hard work.

Moving on to Demand No. 11, SAD, I have seen it firsthand the workings of this department while i was Parliamentary Secretary. They are overwhelmed with work and they work extremely hard. I would like the government to look into these matters so that this does not affect their efficiency.

As a police officer, the security at the police compound needs to be tightened and improved. We have seen countless improvement in the environment and management of Mizoram Houses in various cities and i applaud GAD for their effort and performance.

During the previous term, inter-village competition was organized at District level to raise awareness for fire prevention by Environment, Forests & Climate Change. This proved to be an effective approach in raising awareness and i would like to suggest continuation of this project.

Lastly, i pledge my support to the demands submitted by our Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Pu Lalthanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Chairman, i would like to propose an early end to our Session today since we all have an important programme at the church this evening.

I would like to start with Demand No. 35, Fisheries department since it is a top priority for me. I am not satisfied with the budget for this department considering its importance,

**CHAIRMAN** : Excuse us while we change seats. (*Deputy Speaker's at the chair*).

You may now continue with your point.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Also, Pu Dy. Speaker, there should be a balance between distribution of fish for production and distribution of fish food. I suggest distribution of 50/50 in terms of fish and fish food.

Under Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department, i would like the authorities to take into consideration that muga is long term and would require extensive labour.

There is one thing that interests me under the budget of Legislative Assembly. There is ₹1 lakh "write off/losses" under their budget which do not exist in other budgets.

Moving on to GAD .....(*Warning bell*)..... This will be my last point, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to suggest the establishment of Mizoram House at Chennai for the benefit of the students at Chennai and Vellore as well as medical patients travelling to Vellore for medical checkups.

Lastly, i do not support the giving of land for sanctuary under Forest department; we should give priority to our existing sanctuaries. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I thought you will have a short speech for you have called for an early end to our Session today. We will have a recess and continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : To continue with our discussion, i invite Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. This will be the last demand that we will discuss during this term and i am grateful that i am a part of this. Starting with Demand No.35, Fisheries department has a low profile with vast potential. Due to the pattern of the administration, the department is being neglected compared to other departments and i would like to request the concerned Minister and DP & AR to inspect their rules and regulations.

Also, there are no clerks at the district fisheries offices of Serchhip, Champhai and Lawngtlai and I urge the government to give priority to this issue.

I appreciate GAD for the efforts in improving the management and administration of Mizoram House across India.

Under Environment & Forest & Department, I would like to suggest the creation of parks for planting of trees across Aizawl city.

Lastly, i pledge my support to the Demands submitted by the House Leader and Pi Vanlalawmpuii. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. To start with GAD, i would like to request renovation of Champhai Circuit House and for the addition of Circuit House at Aizawl.

I believe there are about 18 departments without service rules under DP & AR and would like to urge the government to revise their rules. I believe joint cadre as superintendent/assistant and director rank would be ideal and would most benefit the department.

Under Environment & Forests, collaborating with NGO's made a huge impact with the public and continuing with this collaboration is a requisite for better performance.

Moving on to Fisheries Department, Er. Rinawma and I submitted the same question but received different answers. I suggest they should be more meticulous in the future so that this does not happen again. Also, fishery nursery should be created at every district for the benefit of the public.

Under Sericulture department, the amount granted to muga growers was different for every district and I would be grateful if an explanation can be given for difference. Also, I believe it is appropriate and convenient to report the developments of each district to the concerned MLA.

Lastly, I support the Demand submitted by our Hon. Chief Minister and Minister. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. Ngurdingliana

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : I would like to thank our House Leader and Chief Minister for his efforts in civil aviation (GAD) such as the operation of helicopter service and direct jet airways service from Delhi to Aizawl. I pledge my support to the two Demands submitted. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Starting with demand No.15, GAD, I would like to thank our Hon. Chief Minister for prioritizing New Latawh Airport. We are in the process of developing New Latawh Airport which will benefit the public and will help to develop tourism. Apart from this, I request renovation of our DC Office, DC Bungalow and Circuit House. Also, there is a post vacant for Lakher clerk at our DC Office and i request filling up of this post at the earliest possible.

Under Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority, i appreciate your kind concern for the development on our district, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Moving on to demand No. 36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, i would like to recommend collaborating with NGO's and to increase the volume of roadside plantation.

Under Demand No. 11, Secretariat Administration, we should look at ways to increase our efficiency and movement of files.

I would like to urge our Hon. Minister and the department of Fisheries to increase their efforts in fish production so that they we meet our demands for fish.

Lastly, I placed considerable expectation on Sericulture Department in the plantation of mulberry trees so that we can be a silk producing state. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I would like to



start with Demand No. 37, Co-operation Department. Co-operative society played a prominent role especially in rural areas and as such, we should take more efforts in improving this department. Also, it is necessary to develop our marketing board to benefit farmers and workers to help market their produce.

Under Demand No. 35, Fisheries department, as mentioned before, I believe collaborating with NGO's will be the optimum measure to achieve success.

I believe optimum results will be achieved under GAD if we allocate a clear list of business between each department so that their operations and functions do not overlap.

We should take more efforts to bridge the gap between the government and the public. One important example is the imbalance in Health Care between government workers and the general public. So, more funds should be allocated to the public health care. We should revise our system in regards to family planning and educate the public so that our population does not suffer.

Under Demand No. 36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change department, we should make more efforts in dealing with issues that arise from afforestation and the preservation of wildlife.

Lastly, under the topic of Legislative Assembly, priority should be given to recommendations made by each committee. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalruatkima

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Fisheries, Sericulture and Co-operation departments are interrelated and its success depends on one another. Especially in the case of co-operation, its potential is not utilized and i would like the government to take further efforts to utilize its potential and generate better income for the public especially in rural areas.

There are several projects undertaken by Fisheries department such as Blue Revolution, NLUP, FFDA and RKVY and i would like the government to increase their efforts in these projects so that they can achieve sustenance through these programmes. I suggest allocating funds from NEDP to assist in any projects for this department.

I regret the incident at Lunglei last night (DEPUTY SPEAKER: This does not concern the demand of the department.) Pu Deputy Speaker, it is under the concern of our Hon. Chief Minster. The government needs to reflect on this issue so that this does not happen again.

Administration of the State cannot function without the Cabinet Meeting, and as such, rapid and efficient functioning of this meeting is necessary.

Under GAD, formation of Mizoram House at Manipur is necessary for the Mizos residing there so that they can feel secure.

We have only one airport and we need to equip our airport with AC. I am grateful that Aizawl-Delhi jet airways direct flight will commence shortly. However, Aizawl-Kolkata jet airways flight will cease to operate. Is there any possible way to continue this route?

Under Demand No. 27, District Council & Minority Affairs, only 10% of the budget from District Council Affairs was repose for development while 90% was used for government affairs. The government needs to consider what kind of development can be achieved with this kind of budget and revise it accordingly.

The DC of Lawngtlai was abruptly transferred creating complications for the public and the DC office.

Under Demand No. 13, we need to reflect on ourselves and determine the frequency of Combined Civil Services recruitment as this seems to be the main reason for the absence of All India Civil Services candidates among the Mizos.

Under Demand No. 36, we should be informed about the clear statistic of our Inner Line forest reserve, river reserve and the state of our dispute with the state of Assam. Also, we should take more efforts in preserving our roadside reserve forest.

Lastly, i would like to call for the reshuffling of the allocation of transaction of business. Thank you.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I will start with three departments which are Fisheries, Sericulture and Cooperation departments. These three departments are intertwined and cooperation is the department that connects these three. Cooperative movement is necessary for the economy of our State and we should give priority to this department if we want to become a sustainable State.

Under demand No.1, the officers and staffs at Assembly Secretariat deserve compliment and recognition for their hard work and efficiency. Likewise, Environment & Forest Department deserve our compliment for their stellar performance. I also commend GAD for their efficiency and hard work.

Lastly, under Personnel Administrative Reforms, we are all aware that the number of candidates recruited at Central Services has diminished considerably. I would like to suggest the government to award incentives to candidates who are recruited at State level.

I pledge my support to the Demands submitted today. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, we need to send a prayer for Manipur as the government issued an order to open all banks and government offices on Good Friday.

Starting with Fisheries department, i would like to request the government to increase the number of fishes distributed for production. We also have rules and regulations regarding the preservation of rivers and this rules should be applied and practiced if the need arise. The government has been collaborating with NGO's such as YMA in the preservation of rivers and better rewards and incentives thus should be given to these associations for their valuable works.

We should give more priority to Cooperation department as cooperative societies are the rate regulators and as such they perform an admirable duty to the public.

I would like to express my gratitude for renovation of SDO Civil Office at Sakawrdai as well as the budget for Chhinlung Hills Council.

I commend Environment, Forests & Climate Change department for their outstanding work on preservation of wildlife, deforestation, fire prevention and raising awareness on these subjects.

Lastly, i pledge my support to the two Demands. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, i would like to commend Fisheries department for their efforts and for their performance in spite of their small budget. I would also like to request for the allotment of funds from NEDP for this department.

It is necessary to give more priority and make more efforts to uplift Cooperation department as it play an important role in our economy.

Under Demand No.36, Environment, Forests & Climate Change department, i would like to express my gratitude to our Hon. Chief Minister for formation of Northern Circle as well as for performance of the department as a whole.

The progress and development made by GAD is admirable and i am positive this is due to the hard work of the concern Minister, officers and staffs.

Lastly, i would like to pledge my support to the Demands submitted today. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalzawma

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with Sericulture by proposing the utilization of Serlui Hydel Project and Tuirial Hydel Project as a breeding ground for fish. We can adopt the caged culture and i am positive that it will be a success.

Mizoram have not been successful in the plantation of mulberry trees and i would like to propose a partnership of Sericulture and Forest department to achieve

optimum results.

Under Cooperation department, it is necessary to educate the public on the purpose and objectives of Cooperative Society to be able to work together and achieve success.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Excuse us while we change seats.

**SPEAKER** : Please continue.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Moving on to GAD, i would like to suggest the recruitment of at least one hotel management graduate at each Mizoram House across India for better service and management.

Under District & Minority Affairs, i believe government intervention is a necessity for better development. Even though they have autonomy under Sixth Schedule, they are under the District Council Affairs, Govt. of Mizoram.

I would like to mention that we should be cautious when addressing ourselves at Legislative Assembly and should use the appropriate and correct designation and titles as this will be on record. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zothangliana

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I stand before this House today to clarify and explain that information received about the District Councils was inaccurate and misconstrued. We cannot judge these Autonomous District Councils for their past as this is unfair.

There should not be any discrimination against them as we are all a part of Mizoram. I regret that degrading and demeaning terms were used against them. There are several good people who are hardworking and honest and we cannot stereotype such honest people due to a few dishonest people.

Lastly, i would like to pledge my support to the Demands submitted today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Alright, we will end our discussion. Before we invite our hon'ble Ministers, I have an announcement to make on correction of leave of absence of Pu K.S.Thanga. He applied for two days i.e. 27<sup>th</sup> for stomach problem and 28<sup>th</sup> to attend a function in his constituency as Chief Guest.

Now, the Hon. Minister Pi Lalawmpuii Chawngthu may wind-up the discussion of the Demands under the departments of her portfolio. She may make clarification and explanation as needed and beg the House to pass the demands.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I would like to convey my thanks to 15 members who participated in the

discussion of my demands. All their discussion is based on improvement and development for the departments and I am very thankful.

I will react as necessary from our discussion. First, Demand No. 35, Fisheries. Mizoram Fisheries Rules is now in process and is sent to Law & Judicial department for vetting. It is also criticized that the system of distribution of grant for fish farming as uneven and this will be noted. It is the desire of the department to work together with CYMA in preservation of wild life. In the process, incentive award is given to 18 YMA Branches in 2007 along with CYMA. Financial aid to fishermen was distributed in different districts under the National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen. Besides, developing fish pond and preservation of river valley is in progress and Tamdil farm is being selected for cultivating Nghahrah.

As mentioned by the Hon. Member, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Kolasib and Mamit District ranks the top in fish farming in our state. With the help of District Officers, we will try our best in the selection as many have stated the system of the distribution. I also want to mention that the District level Committee under Fish Farmer Development Agencies (FFDA) is replaced by Blue Revolution Scheme in 2016-2017. Fisheries Board therefore is no longer functioning without the new guideline for this scheme. Under Blue Revolution Scheme, we submit a proposal to cover 200 hectares. Our budget may seem small but we are not afraid that development will stop as we have leaders who know how to deal with it.

Pu T.T. Zothansanga mentioned about Fisheries Nursery Seed. We do not have Fisheries Nursery Seed but have Fish Seed Farm. As mentioned by Hon. Member Pu Lalruatkima, we are going to take step in the potential areas if our leaders can give us fund from NEDP. I assure the Hon. Members that we are going to take more steps in developing Fisheries. During 2018-2019, we have a few plans for development. Under Blue Revolution, we intend to make a new pond covering 30 hectares and renovate old pond covering 100 hectares. We also intend to supply fish seed and food to those who owned 200 hectares of fish pond. We will also build a hut for fishermen and arrange skill development training for 1,000 persons. In order to use Hydel Project Reservoir, a unit of 166 cage culture will be introduced for the nearby fish farm community. We also try to make Tuirial Hydel Project useful to fish farmers. I cannot react to all the members but I want to assure them that we will try our best in developing fisheries and try to meet the demands.

On Demand No. 37, Co-operation Deptt., 9 members participated in the discussion and I am thankful for that. This department is not popular to the public but serves many poor who depends on it. We have offices in 6 districts with 124 staffs out of 214 posts. We have 90 posts vacancy which need fulfilling. If the government can fulfill these vacant posts, it would help us a lot to our businesses. Under Co-operation Department, we have Society, State Society and Primary Co-operative Society. It is appreciative that all our needs are obtained through NEDP. Recently, we received 340 lakh for construction of MULCO land retaining wall. The Apex Bank, MIZOFED, ZOFISHFED, PIGFED, WOMENFED and MAHFED make a profit from their respective businesses turn over. However, MAHFED is unable to purchase broom this year due to marketing problem.

As per Office Memorandum, the department practice financial restraint in every possible ways. POL quota is reduced to 20% as so is its expenses. Cooperative Act and Rules is amended by increasing the rate of audit fee which result in revenue increase of the department as we exceeded our revenue of 2016-17 by 43.5 lakh. Back in 2012-13, State Level Cooperative Federation and Primary Cooperative Society has been given financial assistance but could not be continued due to financial problem. I would also request the concerned authority to cover Cooperation Department under RKVY.

Next on Demand No. 41, Sericulture, cocoon (Muga) farming, though already been introduced, we cannot yet distribute the seed to the farmers. As of the question of Pu T.T.Zothansanga regarding financial aid to muga farmers, I may furnish the answer in written later on. Regarding Muga Farm at Kawnpui, provision for improvement and infrastructure are in process under NERTPS. As mentioned by the Hon. Members, this is a department which provides the business which can be done from our own home and many poor people thus depends on it. Pu Speaker, I do not think it is necessary to worry of its marketing since it is always available.

Today, I try my best to showcase the handiwork of Sericulture by wearing these clothes. I am thankful to those who participated in the discussion of my demands. The department is here giving out a necktie to each members to show our thanks for appreciating our works. Thank you to all of you.

I beg this august House to pass the following demands such as: -

<b>Demand Nos.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
35	Fisheries Department	₹9,02,40,000.00
37	Cooperation Department	₹17,65,12,000.00
41	Sericulture Department	₹19,34,06,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>₹46,01,58,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Minister beg the House to pass Demand Nos. 35, 37 and 41 totaling ₹46,01,58,000.00. Those who agree to pass the Demands may say, 'agree' (*Members: Agree*) If there is any 'nay'? No.

This House has unanimously passed Demands under three departments for 2018-2019 totaling ₹46,01,58,000.00.

**PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I want to make an appeal to all the members and officials attending this Session to stay till the end.

Now, we will invite the Hon. Chief Minister to wind up the discussion and beg the House to pass his Demands.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I would like to extend my apology as my voice is not strong enough due to cold.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful for the praises you bestow on me. I also convey my thanks to the people for giving me the chance to sit in this House for 9 terms out of which only once in the opposition bench.

Pu Speaker, as Good Friday is approaching, we all are all in a hurry to attend Church service as there some elders among us. I will try to make my point in short otherwise some of us may feel weary.

GAD may not look that great but the work done is enormous and so is SAD. I want to point out this in the first place as we cannot dwell on their performance in detail.

Pu Speaker, since there is unceasing enmity between the government and HPC 'D', we try to find a way to prevail peace during my party's ministry way back as we have even signed MoU. However, the HPC 'D' failed to abide with the agreement as there is always unrest especially in their areas. Now, there is talk between our leaders and peace negotiation accepted by both parties. I want to inform the House that the signing of peace treaty will be held on Easter Monday with the Chief Secretary to represent the government.

Pu Speaker, it is grateful that we mentioned about District Councils. We cannot put all the blames to the existing Council for the wrong was done way back. The existing Councils try their best to correct the wrong as we give them advice on fiscal discipline and they in turn try to move accordingly. We have learned that the newly formed Councils made recruitment regardless of post vacancy or fund availability. Our Hon. Governor too concern for their administration and financial dealing as he imposed a ban on creation of posts without his prior permission. We know that larger portion of their budget funds go to salary component. DC Lawngtlai, Dr. D.D. Arun T, IAS had even prevailed an inquiry to the Chakma District Council on recruitment of number of posts recently. Earlier also, some Members of their Council had loaned the Council fund and the government had given a notice to recover the loan amount from their salary without taking action against them. Besides, numerous posts had been filled without prior permission of the Governor as DC Lawngtlai had eventually took an inquiry in this regard. Their suspension was then suggested and action was taken accordingly. Thus, administration of the District council was put in the hand of DC Lawngtlai.

However, as requested by the leaders of the District Council and concerned MLA, the DC Lawngtlai was transferred before the general election for being non-Mizo and for fear of miscommunication. We know that he is officer who is known for his efficiency with his work wherever he is posted so far. While being served as DC Lawngtlai, he had taken step to have a medicine link with JIPMER, a Medical College in Pondicherry. I hope that he will continue to be useful in wherever he is posted.

As of now, we are inflexible in Secretary Level as we do not have IAS from Mizoram for a long time. For the same reason, we could no longer have a Mizo Chief Secretary or DGP for a while. Knowing this, the Youth Commission takes measure to improve the situation and urged the government to provide incentive to any aspirant students. Likewise, YMA Serchhip arranged open coaching class for students so as to

find out their interest. We have to make an effort in this regard.

As I mentioned earlier, the three District Councils have a high autonomy and we cannot intrude into their administration as we wish. The Governor also gives priority and a meeting was convened including the CM and the Accountant General to discuss regarding financial discipline; I want to inform the House the progress which has been made so far in this regard.

Regarding GPF as previously mentioned, the Finance Minister is bound to impose fiscal discipline due to our financial constrain; yet, withdrawal is now opened for our financial condition is improving. We have learned about the alleged involvement of middleman in the process of withdrawal of GPF which is against the law and is not permitted by the government. If anyone involved in such practice is found, severe action will be taken.

There are so many allegations relating to medical reimbursement. It is a fact that our MR bill is mounting for health is of utmost important. However, we have to take great care of our health on our lifestyle. I was informed that in some advanced states and countries, their MPs, MLAs and even the government servants are necessitated to contribute their salary for healthcare; it will be of a great help if we introduced the same. The former Chief Secretary was asked to set up a Committee in this regard. However, we do not see their recommendation till date. I this is important as it will solve a lot of our financial problems.

Some members have pointed out security of the Secretariat. It is our Govt. headquarters which need tight security. There are many drug addicts who roamed around the place at night and a good security is thus needed. Besides, it is inappropriate that the public road goes through the Secretariat and it cannot be controlled unless diversion is made. 21 Nos. CCTV's are being installed at various important and vulnerable points. In addition, UD&PA is constructing a multi-level car parking near SAD to alleviate congested parking lot with CCTV to be placed in there to cover all the parking areas.

Regarding the dismantling of Pi Lalnuntluangi's store which is inside the Secretariat compound, even after a notice being given to her to close down the store from April, 2017, it has not been followed and the store was thus dismantled as per order of DC, Aizawl.

Regrading Sele (mithun) at Ngengpui, the victims of this animal were compensated by Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department. Likewise, the same is in process for the victims of Ramsial (wild Gayal) of Lungzarhtum. While trying to relocate the animal in Phawngpui Sanctuary by giving a tranquilizer, they are afraid for her life and abandon it. She has now given birth to two calves much to the delight of the people of Lungzarhtum. This is indeed good news as it often terrorized the villagers.

Pu K. Sangthuama seems to oppose the idea of having sanctuary but somehow necessary to have it as it is connected with climate change. Besides, it should be noted that sanctuary is not of a central but the state but we receive fund for its maintenance.



This fund is very useful for our State. We now have about 10 (ten) sanctuaries in Mizoram covering the area of 7.8%. Mizoram is one of the largest coverage forest areas in the country; yet, our forests are not in a good condition and we have to put more efforts on preservation.

NGOs and YMA take its step in preservation and rebuilding our forest and wildlife. We now have tiger, elephant, bear, monkey, gibbon, (sambar) deer, barking deer, serow (wild goat), vapual, vahai, jungle fowl, pheasant and gaur at Dampa Sanctuary. However, only a few of serows are there for they generally live on a sloppy hill. The numbers of other animals that live here is not known. According to the Anti-Poaching Squad of Forest Department, there are number of wild animals living here but cannot be counted since no census is held.

It is sad that Mizoram ranked number in burning of forest allegedly due to jhum system and important is thus given to in this regard which is much appreciative. The concerned department Forest with NGOs and Local Authorities make intensive effort to preserve our forests from wildfire and awareness campaign is given more and more.

Preservation of our forest results in building a new wildlife and we thus need to make restriction on our firearms. Many have surrendered their firearms which truly are appreciated. In this relation, arm license has not been issued since long time back except to army and few persons who were identified as not misusing such arms. Regarding the loss of Pu Dokhuma's firearm, the department makes the replica and is in store.

Pu Speaker, Lengpui is the only Airport we have in our state and also the only one under the maintenance of the State Govt. Airport Authority of India offers us to take up the maintenance but we were not in a condition to approve it due to security problem where as in most Airport, security is taken up by the CISF. In our case, the Civil Aviation Minister suggested we provide security for ourselves but we have declined the offer as well as it implicates partiality. Due to Chinese threat, we have been offered glass pane and we agreed to have only four glass panes. Besides Tezpur, none has radar station in the Northeast region and permission is thus given to install one in the southern part of Mizoram.

In the meantime, Lengpui Airport is now busy where as in the beginning, incoming and outgoing was planned only for 100 people but is increased to 300 on the advice of experts. Now, it becomes congested for 300 and we need air condition provided by the central since the cost for installation is quite high. However, we installed 20 air coolers and 11 rooftop ventilators to relieve the atmosphere. Presently we have only one direct flight for Kolkata - Aizawl i.e. Air India. So, other flights such as Jet Airways for Aizawl - Guwahati and Indigo are expected shortly. As I mentioned a few days ago, we are trying to commission a small aircraft plying the entire northeast States capital from Kolkata. It may be noted that our leaders takes measure to improve our state with air communication.

Pu Speaker, before India attained independence, the southern part was once the gateway of communication with the neighboring countries. But after

independence, we have turned our vision towards the northern part. However, our leaders have now a vision that the southern part will again become the gateway in the future. I opine that we may need to turn our mindset in this regard.

Regarding Bru infiltration, they have entered Mizoram as a group in 1997 but left despite our request to remain in Mizoram. They are now settled in our neighboring State as refugee till date. Pu Advani, the then Home Minister had even alleged our Churches, YMA and the State government as trying to force them to convert into Christianity. However, the spot-visiting team of National Press Journalists and our IPR officials proof this wrong and it is found out that their not returning to Mizoram is allegedly due to their leaders who restricted them to do so as fund provided by the Govt. for their rehabilitation had been spent up for personal benefit. Yet, there are many who are willing to return and we always welcome their home-coming. It is further learned that their leaders restricted those who are willing to return for fear of losing fund for rehabilitation. The same problem goes with those Chakma refugees. We carefully using 'illegal immigrant' to term such refugees otherwise we may be alleged as being too communal in dealing with the issue. It is important that we carefully deals with the issue and wait for the reaction of the central Ministry.

Pu Speaker, as I mentioned earlier, development of road communication of the Southern region is in full swing as it is going to be our gateway. As known to us all, Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Project and construction of the national highway within Mizoram is completed. However, work for the same has not been started on Burma side despite fund already been issued by the Govt. of India. When the project is completed, we will be able to maintain trade relations with the Southeast Asian countries. Since such countries are developing economy, it is hopeful that we benefit a great deal in the process. We would also have the chance to extend our mission of preaching the gospel to such countries which supplement the interest of our leaders on this project.

We also propose trade relation with Bangladesh and the Central Govt. too gives much interest in it. We will start with constructing bridges as the DPR has also been approved and we will receive the fund immediately. It is suggested by our leaders that rail head to Sairang to be extended up to Kawrpuichhuah as survey works for this purpose has also been finished. From Kawrpuichhuah, it will heading to Lawngtlai and to Kaldan Multi Modal Transit Project as approach is made for survey work to be done during this dry season.

Pu Lalthanliana has pointed out the need for Mizoram House at Chennai and Jaipur and it is a concerned that the Mizo society there are congregating in a private house. It is regretted that we are refused of using our congregation place at Green Park for our habit of consuming tobacco products. So, we need to be very careful in our behavior as we are refused in many places for such conduct. We apply for land in Chennai during the ministry of Pi Jayalalitha but she passed away before achieving. As of Mumbai, we are allotted land for the same but the builder appointed by the government cannot fulfill it. Now, we are leasing a flat near TATA Cancer Institute particularly for cancer patient who are referred to Mumbai. As of Vellore, we have set up Mizoram House for medical patient during the time of Rev. Chanchinmawia

and the Mizoram Synod then takes up its management. We are also informed that the same is needed in Pune as well since there are many Mizos living therein. I approached the hon. Chief Minister and he assured for consideration. As of Bangalore Mizoram House, it has already been achieved with caretaking officer posted therein. We were once being offered a land at Indira Nagar near Manipal Hospital but nothing comes up for not pursuing. As we again applied for the same, we were offered an alternative land in a prime area. It is important to have Mizoram House in Bangalore as the place is one of the most visited cities by the Mizos on church programme or else.

As of Kolkata, the one at Salt Lake is now becoming congested. In the beginning when we laid the foundation stone, we were much criticized by the opposition party and even alleged me as practicing corruption in the process of its construction. However, times tell the truth and now it becomes a home for all the Mizos visiting Kolkata. There is a reservation for any student and travelers at Ballygunge Mizoram House. Yet, the building is now old as step is taken to dismantle the building for a new construction. We have even built a new House with the plan of Tata Cancer Institute, Bombay to extend it Branch at New Town Kolkata.

As mentioned earlier, there are numbers of Mizo tribe outside. The 'Kom' and 'Anal' in Manipur also are the descendent of Mizo tribes but the Naga claims they are of Naga tribe. I have given instruction the officials of Mizo House at Delhi to welcome them whenever they visit the House or request to use our hall for their function; they may as well be attended politely if their students ever visit the House for lunch and I will bear the expenses. It is our desire to make them feel at home at our House. We want our House to be useful for all tribes of Mizo and we should try our best to accommodate any of them. If possible we should try to give important to any patient and their attendants.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I hereby submit the Demands of various departments under my charge for favor of unanimously pass by the House, such as: –

<b>Demand Nos</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>
1	Legislative Assembly	25,40,40,000.00
2	Governor	13,60,000.00
3	Council of Ministers	4,57,94,000.00
5	Vigilance	57,25,000.00
11	Secretariat Administration	1,16,54,15,000.00
13	Personnel & Adm. Reforms	3,87,77,000.00
15	GAD	1,30,18,07,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	3,65,45,96,000.00
36	EF & CC	77,58,22,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,30,33,36,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Hon. Chief Minister begs the House to pass the Demand of 9 Nos. departments under his charge for meeting expenditure

during 2018-2019 totaling to ₹7,30,33,36,000.00. Those who agree to pass may say, 'agree' (**Members:** Agree). As all the members agree, the Demands of the Hon. Chief Minister totaling ₹7,30,33,36,000.00 are unanimously passed by the House.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** I thank the House, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We have one legislative business, we will invite Pu F. Lalsawta, Finance Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2018" and move the House to pass the bill.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2018" and pass by the House.

**SPEAKER** : Do we all agree? Yes, we agree. As introduced and begged by the Hon. Finance Minister, The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2018 is passed by the House.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, the Sitting will now be adjourned till the next meeting on Monday at 10:30 AM.

*The Sitting is adjourned (5:50 PM).*