

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 21st 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) Appropriation Accounts 2016-17.
 - ii) Finance Accounts 2016-17 Volume-I.
 - iii) Finance Accounts 2016-17 Volume-II.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House The Sixteenth Report of Business Advisory Committee.
4. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - i) Twenty Sixth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - ii) Twenty Seventh Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department.
 - iii) Twenty Eighth Report on the Report of C&AG of India on State Finances for the year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. (Excess expenditure).

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

5. **PU ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
6. **PU K.S. THANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, and his tongue talks of justice.

Psalms 37: 30

I now invite Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 69.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Cooperation Department be pleased to state –

- a) Since when MIZOFED taken up supply of rice to FCS & CA?
- b) From which source MIZOFED purchased the rice for supply? Who are the names of the suppliers and what is the price per quintal?
- c) At what rate per quintal that MIZOFED supply rice to FCS & CA?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Hon. Minister for Cooperation, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to give the answer.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows -

- a) MIZOFED supplies rice to FCS & CA with effect from 8th August, 2016.
- b) It is purchased from the following vendors: -
 - i) Rem Rem Enterprise - Prop. Lalrindika Ralte, Zarkawt.
 - ii) C. Lalrampari - Aizawl Venglai
 - iii) Hmingdailovi - Mission Veng
 - iv) Vanlaldiki - Chanmari
 - v) Lalzampuii - Aizawl Venglai
- c) The supply rate of such vendors as well as the MIZOFED depends on the outsource rate which fluctuate frequently.
- c) MIZOFED supplies @ ₹2,750/quintal to FCS & CA w.e.f. 31.8.2017. The previous supply rate is ₹2,500/quintal.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, is it possible for MIZOFED to procure directly from FCI in the stead from middlemen so that it is supplied at lower rate? As seen from the record, 25,68,426 quintals is supplied by Pu Larindika Ralte at the rate of ₹2,480/quintal. Meanwhile, there is another supply order from the Managing Director of MIZOFED at the rate of ₹2,450/quintal. May the difference be explained?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, MIZOFED has been making an effort to eliminate the middleman, however that is not possible at the moment due to our financial situation. Also, it is difficult to pinpoint the rates as it fluctuates constantly.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I suggest that FCS & CA takes measure to resolve this issue.

SPEAKER : Let the Hon. Supply Minister answer.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to mention that the current method is the prime method after several unfortunate incidents which affected the quality of rice.

Also, it is impossible for MIZOFED to purchase rice directly from FCI due to high rates. The method which is now in practice saves expenditure of the government by 4-5 crores. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will move onto Starred Question No. 70 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state –

- a) The existing number of bridges on the National Highway; how many are in need of repair and how many are under construction.
- b) What is the estimate for the repair and construction of such bridges?
- c) What is the physical and financial achievement?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon. Minister to answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows -

- a) Currently there are 52 bridges on the National Highway with 13 in need of repair. The following bridges are under construction:-
NH44A DIALDAWK Bridge, NH150 Tuirini Bridge, NH502A Ruankhu, Bridge, Ngenpui Bridge, Bawklawk Bridge, Lunghuaka Bridge, Khawrawp Bridge, Hmawngbu Bridge, Zochate Bridge and Zocha Bridge.
- b) Estimate for the repair is ₹271.80 lakhs with ₹46.65 lakhs being released. Estimate for construction of bridges is ₹3,628 lakhs with ₹233.53 lakhs being released.
- c) Physical achievement for the repair of Tlawng Bailey Bridge is 705 and there is no financial achievement as yet. Financial achievement for the repair of Luaklui and Luakzal Bridge is ₹14.15 lakhs with the building materials

already placed at the site. Physical achievement for Phairuankai and Tuichawng Bridge is 90% and financial achievement is ₹32.50.

Following are the achievements of construction of new bridges: -

Sl/Nos.	Name of Bridge	Physical Achievement	Financial Achievement
1	Dialdawk Bridge	10%	₹98.81 lakhs
2	Tuirini Bridge	<i>Pier foundation is laid and no financial achievement as yet.</i>	
3	Ruankhum Bridge	4%	NIL
4	Ngengpui Bridge	10%	NIL
5	Bawklawk Bridge	5%	NIL
6	Lunghuaka Bridge	40%	NIL
7	Khawrawp Bridge	45%	NIL
8	Hmawngbu Bridge	7%	NIL
9	Zochate Bridge	NIL	NIL
10	Zocha Bridge	NIL	NIL

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. So far, 6 bridges collapsed with 3 fatalities since 2014. Whether the Govt. prevail an enquiry for such incidents?

Regarding the bridge at Teirei - Dapchhuah of NH44A, why did the government appoint security to guard the bridge? And, regarding the incident at Tuirini Bridge, what is the final report of the magisterial inquiry? Will the government be able to provide us an explanation as to the cause of this accident? Lastly, I urge the government to provide employment to any of the children of the deceased for he was bread earner of the family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The physical achievements of Lunghauka Bridge and Khawrawp Bridge are 40% and 45% respectively and no financial achievement. May the Hon. Minister explain the reason? Chhingchhip Mualpui Bridge is in the process of dismantling, may the Govt. find alternative for the public to minimize the problem?

SPEAKER : Pu Pianmawia

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, if there is any expert assigned to study construction of the collapsed bridge? Tender has now been floated for construction of bridge at Vairengte-New Vervek on the NH306A. Is there any plan for resurfacing this road?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, enquiry is in progress and no responsibility has yet been fixed. ₹20,000/- is given to the victim family of the collapsed Tuirini bridge. As of appointment of Govt. job, we will look into it.

Regarding deployment of security at Teirei-Dapchhuah Bridge, it is done to prevent theft as well as overloaded vehicles from entering the bridge. Several parts were stolen from Sihhmui-Tlawng Bridge which obviously weakened the bridge. Also, overloaded vehicle of SLT Infracon Ltd. Company entered the bridge which happened to be the immediate cause of the bridge to collapse. Bailey Bridge of Tlawng-Sihhmui collapsed on 8.12.2017 during construction as the nosing fell in the water. (***Pu LALRUATKIMA:** Pu Speaker, that bridge has collapsed several times already and it was planned for triple structure with 52 lakhs remaining from the sanction. Why it was not constructed as planned?*) Pu Speaker, enforcement of this bridge is now in progress.

A jeepable suspension bridge over the river Chhimtuipui at Darzokai too collapsed on the 13th of this month while it was under construction and 85.5% being completed. The main cable holding the bridge on both sides slipped and caused the bridge to collapse which result in one casualty. PSC Bridge over Bairabi-Zamuang road of Tlawng River collapsed on 22.5.2016 as the shuttering was washed away by floods. Enquiry is in progress for the collapse of Tuirini Bridge on NH50.

Regrading the question of Er. Rinawma and Pu Pianmawia, I have no such information as of now and answer will then be given later.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No.71 and Pu K. Sangthuama to ask the question.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state -

- a) Is the survey of Aizawl-Serchhip-Lunglei road being completed?
- b) If so, the amount required for compensation and how many families are affected?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to give the answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is as follows: -

- a) PWD does not have any knowledge regarding the surveys for it is outside its jurisdiction.
- b) The road in question is of the National Highway and Infrastructure Development Inco-operation Limited (NHIDLC). As such, PWD has no knowledge or control over such roads. However, I have learned but not officially that work tender has been floated.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Starred Question No.72 and Pu John Siamkunga to ask the question.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA: Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state-

- a) Name of the assigned contractor for cell-filled concrete of S. Vanlaiphai-Muallianpui road;
- b) Date of starting the work and its completion;
- c) The amount of such tender;
- d) The amount as per agreement.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to give the answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) The assigned contractor for cell-filled concrete of S. Vanlaiphai-Muallianpui road is Pu Zoramchhana of Electric veng, Aizawl.
- b) Work started on 21.12.2013 and the estimate time for completion is 21.6.2015 with revised target on 31.3.2018.
- c) The tender amount is ₹794.02 lakhs.
- d) The amount as per agreement is ₹748.56 lakhs.

Pu Speaker, the length of this road is 13.5 kms with cell-filled concrete pavement. It is extended 7 times and warning being given by PWD with the condition that the contract will be terminated if not completed within the stipulated time.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I was informed when i spot-visited this road that the assigned contractor for this particular road has sold the work on sub-contract and the buyer sold the work subsequently to other. Serious question in this regard is the quality of the road. Thus, I suggest terminating the contract, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the cell-filled cement road of Rawlbuk-Lungtian road is taken up by G.S. Adventures for certain amount. However, the contractor has disappeared hampering the work progress. What plan has the Govt. to resume the work?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: To answer Pu John Siamkunga, I see no reason to continue with the work where as funds for extension being received. As for the question of Pu Zothangliana, we will look into the matter, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No. 73 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state –

- a) Does MAMCO currently have a project at JNV School of Khawzawl and Mamit? If so, from which ministry and what is the sanction amount?
- b) Since when does the bill not given to the contractor for this project? What is the amount of the pending bill? What is the reason for non-payment of this bill?
- c) When was AA & ES received from the Ministry of HRD for construction of KVS School at Lunglei? What is the amount and, what is the progress?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to answer the questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, following are the projects by MAMCO under Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti -

- a) JNV Khawzawl - Sanction amount ₹1,179.60 lakhs
JNV Mamit - Sanction amount ₹1805.64 lakhs

Last payment of running bill for JNV Khawzawl was on 12.12.2013 and for JNV Mamit was on 18.11.2015.

- b) The amount of bill pending for JNV Khawzawl is ₹356.53 lakhs and JNV Mamit is ₹210.45 lakhs. The pending bill will be released after the revised estimate is approved.
- c) The AA & ES for KVS Lunglei was received on 25th November, 2014 and go-ahead approval for construction was received on 2nd May, 2017. The sanction amount is ₹23.85 crores; the contractor for this project has already been selected and work will be started during this season.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Ruatkima

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, what is the physical achievement for JNV School at Khawzawl and Mamit? What is the reason for the delay of work for JNV School Lunglei?

Secondly, which movable and immovable assets that MAMCO have at present, including vehicles? Why do MAMCO still have Board of Directors and how many times meeting is held since declaration of its termination?

Thirdly, how many of MAMCO staff and vehicle remains in the construction site of Skill Development Centre at Lunglei after termination of MAMCO's jurisdiction?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. How many contractors are being employed under this project? Also, my understanding is that MAMCO is involved in agriculture and marketing. What is the reason of MAMCO in taking up contract work of another department?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Who contract construction of KVS School at Champhai? What is the amount, and what is the physical achievement?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, what are the criteria for setting up JNV School at Khawzawl and Mamit? Is it possible to set up the same at Tlabung?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer it.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am unable to provide the answer of the overall physical achievement of JNV, Khawzawl. However, here is the detail of minor physical achievements:

- i) Type-I staff quarters - 87.40%
- ii) Type-II - 86.34%
- iii) Type-III - 43.70%,
- iv) Type-III (B) - 88.30%,
- v) Principal residence - 100%,

- vi) Boys dormitory I - 36.95%,
- vii) Boys dormitory II - 40.10%
- viii) External water supply - 75%
- ix) UG tank and pump house - 80%
- x) Retaining wall - 100%
- xi) School building - 34.20%
- xii) Kitchen and dining hall - 68.20%
- xiii) Boys dormitory III - 92.35%,
- xiv) Boys dormitory IV - 66.55%
- xv) Girls dormitory I - 92%
- xvi) Girls dormitory II - 92%.

Construction at KVS Lunglei is being held up due to delay of go-ahead approval. Pu Speaker, I regret to inform the House that I cannot answer the questions regarding the skill development centre at Lunglei as of now.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister be pleased to answer my questions regarding MAMCO? It is known that the project is not of his concerned department.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will look into the matter. In reply to Er. Rinawma regarding the contract taken up by MAMCO, we are only continuing incomplete work of the previous ministry.

Pu Speaker, I am unable to provide sufficient information as of Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma's question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister answer my question regarding MAMCO assets and Board of Directors?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister answer my question regarding the number of contractors and vehicle being employed and the reason for the continuation of MAMCO as a contractor for the previous ministry?

SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, how many of MAMCO staffs being deployed by Commerce & Industry Department on deputation? Is there any plan to terminate their service?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer it.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have no ready information as of the assets and cannot answer it at moment. The Board of Directors had its meeting 3 times during the period in question. We are currently working on termination of the Board of Directors but is a long process which takes internal audit works.

As of the question of Er. Lalrinawma, the following are sub-contractors deployed by the contractor at Khawzawl: -

- 1) Pu T. Lalremruata
- 2) Pu P.C. Liansanga
- 3) Public Vanrampari
- 4) Lalzikpuii

(Er. LALRINAWMA: You do not have to read out the names so that we can save more time. You can give a copy of the names later.)

SPEAKER : You have started already, so you may proceed.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To continue with my reading, next is -

- 5) Lushai Engineer Pvt. Ltd.
- 6) Lalsangbera Hnamte
- 7) Lalzirliana Viz Engineer Pvt. Ltd.
- 8) Israel L. Fanai viz Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
- 9) Manaobi Singh, viz Engineering Pvt. Ltd.
- 10) Israel L. Fanai
- 11) Vanlalhruii
- 12) Lalngurliana
- 13) Lalthara, HRS Construction Pvt. Ltd.
- 14) Lalchhuanmawia
- 15) VL Zawmliana
- 16) Thangkhuma
- 17) Vanlalhruii
- 18) Manaobi Singh
- 19) A.Lalvunga, HRS Construction Pvt. Ltd.
- 20) Lalhmunsiamia

To answer the question of Pu Joseph, the said staff remains in attached to Industries department.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Question No. 74 and Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask the question.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state -

- a) Is Schedule of Rate for PWD prepared by the government or the E-in-C office?
- b) At what interval the Schedule of Rate has to be renewed?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) Schedule of Rate of PWD (Buildings) is prepared by Chief Engineer, PWD (Buildings) Office.
- b) National Highway and State Road is prepared by the Chief Engineer of Highways and approved by the Engineer-in-Chief. Works under PMGSY is prepared by the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief.
- c) Schedule of Rate is prepared every year as per price escalation.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) When was the existing SOR of PWD being prepared?
- b) How to deal with the price escalation prior to revision of SOR?
- c) If this SOR is applicable to other departments and private firms within Mizoram?
- d) Will the contractors whose contract being terminated previously be blacklisted?

SPEAKER : Pu Rinawma

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Whether PWD has a separate rate of demolition? If so, is this applicable to other departments?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer it.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have no ready information for Pu T.T. Zothansanga's question and will be given to him later. As of Er.Lalrinawma's question, PWD has a demolition reserve rate.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, can it be applied by other technical departments such as PHE, P & E and Minor Irrigation? (SPEAKER: *Let him finish answering.*)

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, SOR of PWD may be applied by other departments as well.

SPEAKER : Question hour has ended. Two Hon. Ministers such as Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pi Vanlalawmpuii asked permission of absence from the House and were granted.

We will now move onto Laying of Papers and I call upon the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to lay 3 papers of his concerned department.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I lay the following papers such as Appropriation Accounts 2016-2017; Finance Accounts 2016-2017 Volume-I and Finance Accounts 2016-2017 Volume-II before this august House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will present BAC Report No. 16, if the House approved. Do we approve? Alright, let the copy be distributed.

We shall now call upon Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee to present 3 reports of his concerned Committee.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and authorized by the Public Accounts Committee, I present the following reports to this House -

- i) Twenty Sixth Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Health & Family Welfare Department;
- ii) Twenty Seventh Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department;
- iii) Twenty Eighth Report on the Report of C&AG of India on State Finances for the year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 (Excess expenditure).

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We can now move on to Financial Business and will be started with Discussion and Voting on Demands. We have two Demands from two Hon. Ministers, Pu Zodintluanga and Pu K.S. Thanga. I call upon Hon. Minister Pu Zodintluanga to submit his Demands.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 25, 46 and 48 for ₹6,12,02,08,000/- for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments:

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
22	Sports & Youth Services	41,85,38,000.00
25	PHE	1,95,10,05,000.00

46	UD & PA	3,69,66,97,000.00
48	Information & Communication Technology	5,39,68,000.00
	TOTAL	6,12,02,08,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Hon. Minister, Pu K.S. Thanga to submit his Demands before the House.

PU K.S. THANGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 31, 33 and 47 for ₹2,94,26,03,000 only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments:

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
31	Agriculture	2,26,67,78,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	16,42,62,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	51,15,63,000.00
	TOTAL	2,94,26,03,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now open the discussion and members will have ten minutes each. Pu Hmingdailova will start.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with demand no.22 Sports & Youth Services Department and the promotional fund given to Mizoram State Sports Association. It paved way for the recognition that sports and games enjoyed at present and would like to request for the increase of this fund. Since the ministry started its term in 2009, Mizoram have improved in the field of games and sports with better infrastructure and athletes playing at national and international level with several medals under their belt.

Now, Demand No. 25, PHE Department. Since 2009, the Mizoram Greater Water Supply Scheme has improved the quality of life for the people to a great extent. We also have several projects which are in process.

Under UD & PA of Demand No. 46, the department works a lot by extending assistance to other departments as well. District office has been opened at Lunglei, Champhai and Kolasib. Construction of Lunglei Convention Centre and Sports stadium at Champhai, Kolasib, Lunglei and Serchhip has all been completed.

Likewise, construction of the 3-storeyed building for the underprivileged has also been completed.

Agriculture department functions as a link between farmers and the Govt. by supervising implementation of NLUP and other related projects. In fact, NLUP raised our GSDP at a level higher than the national GSDP.

Under Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, I suggest the deptt. to hand over the coffee garden at Bualpui North to VC or YMA of Bualpui North to prevent encroachment.

Lastly, I express my support to Demand Nos. 22, 25, 46 of the Hon. Minister Pu Zodintluanga and Demand No. 31 and 33 of the Hon. Minister, Pu K.S. Thanga. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You do not have to mention the Demand numbers in case you made a mistake. Now, Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the Hon. Minister for Agriculture Department for sanctioning 30 crores for construction of link road as it will be benefitted by the farmers immensely. I would also like to thank him for the Oil Palm Mill at Kolasib and providing tractors, power tillers and other machineries on subsidized rate.

Secondly, Irrigation & Water Resources Department has been a friend of farmers and field workers for decades. I would like the department to look into the issues faced by the farmers as last rainy season has damaged their water channels. There are several measures need to be taken as well at Serte, Sertlang etc of my constituency and I request our leaders to give importance.

Moving to Sports & Youth Services Department, Pu T.T. Zothansanga raised an Unstarred Question on how many medals were received by our sportsmen from 2014-2018 and I would like to read it with your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker.

The following are the medals received by our sportsmen during the period 2014-2018:

International Level	Gold	Silver	Bronze
	42	15	19
National Level	202	145	196

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is quite impressive to have a successful sportsmen and I hope the members are also impressed. Extreme measures are taken at Zobawk,

Lunglei and an excellent sports complex is under construction. Lena Stadium at Serkawn, Ramzotlang is also undertaken and a Multipurpose Hall at Sazaikawn was also inaugurated by our Minister the month before last month. So, it is quite appreciating to have a Minister and Chief Minister who pave ways for the youths and I am grateful to them.

Next is PHE. It is that time of a season where wildfires often happen and it is impressive that fire hydrants are kept at important points. A foundation was also laid for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Augmentation Phase-III. On the other hand, I would like to request our Minister and officials to expedite the works on Lunglei Greater Water Supply Phase-II and repair the old reservoirs at Bazar Veng, Kikawn. PHE provided a dedicated line at District Jail and this reduce a lot of burdens for District Jail and the people of Sazaikawn.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Vanhne is always facing problems on water supply and I request our Minister to expedite measures.

Lastly, UD & PA takes countless measures within Aizawl and the Chief Minister has also initiated Rural Housing Scheme; this is exciting especially for the people of rural areas. However, it would be appreciated if this Housing for All is expedited at Lunglei District. That will be all, Pu Dy. Speaker, and I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : A house burnt down at Muanna Veng on Feb, 2018 and fortunately, there is a fire hydrant at Thuampui where they could refill the tankers easily and this is quite impressive. Pu Lalrobiaka is next

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you for the time, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25, PHE. PHE is an important department and the employees are also hard-working. They complete their works in no time and we also receive many projects through our Minister.

The previous Ministry made a project of only ₹42 crore during 1998-2008 while we have new projects at 172 villages from 2008 till today. The MNF Ministry spent ₹201 crore on 1,73,000 projects for the year 1998-2008 while this Ministry spent ₹90,446.449 crore and the difference is ₹70,334.76 lakhs. This shows how commit our Govt. is. Besides, ₹1,169.67 lakhs is also spent on Phaileng Water Supply Scheme. However, though Swatch Bharat is launched and the Govt. provides household and community-owned toilets at every village but we do not have excess water supply and these villages are in need of more supply. It is also appreciating that project estimate and schemes are made for Reiek Solar Water Supply Scheme and the people are quite excited.

It is appreciating that ₹80 crore is allotted for Urban Infrastructure in Cities and Towns under UD & PA. ₹10 crore is allotted for Aizawl Junction Improvement Scheme and the works can also be seen at Vaivakawn and Venghlui. Apart from this, measures are also taken on multi-level car parking at Thakthing and Zodin Cinema Hall which will be of great significance. AMC fund will be released through UD & PA and additional fund will be added on Urban Local Body Fund according to the work performances.

Agriculture made a lot of progresses and our productions are rising. We also made improvements on oil and it is grateful to have a powerful Minister. It is appreciating that there is ₹463.595 crore for RKVY and ₹30 crore is also allotted for agriculture growth centre. ₹1,679.11 is also allotted for agriculture link roads and this is one reason for our rising productions. (DY. SPEAKER: *Your time is up.*)

Pu Dy. Speaker, Rubber plantation under Soil Department is introduced in several constituencies and the people are also quite interested. Thus, I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You exceeded by 5 minutes. Now, Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you for the time, Pu Dy. Speaker. RKVY is a big scheme where ₹19.55 crore was received in 2016-2017 and ₹10.22 crore in 2017-2018 and it seem that the amount is decreasing.

While Oil Palm Development seems to be a success at several places, there are some companies that failed. These companies are about to quit and it seems that the Govt. also approves it. I am afraid the Govt. will lose money and I hope the Govt. has a good condition for them if they quit.

Mission Organic Value Change Development was launched in 2015-2016 and it would be appreciated to discuss what will be most effective for this scheme. We have heard about Agriculture mechanization and it seems that implementing Custom Hiring Centre will serve a good purpose. IFAD is one of the projects under NGO for improving agriculture and I would like to ask how it would be implemented and where.

Next is Soil & Water Conservation Department. We faced a lot of disasters last year due to heavy rainfall and we always condemn Disaster Management, Geology & Minerals and PWD. Soil & Water has its Engineers and does this department contribute any works being the soil department and conservation department?

There are several farmers who cultivate rubber near Vairengte and within Kolasib District and is there a way to take extra measures?

It is appreciating that measures are taken on agriculture roads and since it is for farmers, water is also needed. High productions require more water supply and works can be carried out from state fund by making joint project with Irrigation & Water Conservation Department.

Irrigation department lacks maintenance when constructing water-gate on rice fields and it would be appreciated if more efforts and thoughts are given.

Though Agriculture Department is the nodal department of NLUP, it seems that they only work on their department allocation but still answers to all NLUP questions and so, this needs some adjustments.

Next is Demand No. 22. Is it possible to increase incentive cash award for our sportsmen, Pu Speaker?

PHE is an important department and I encourage them to continue making an effort. Whereas UD & PA carry out several works within the city and I request our Minister to take measures on road junction at Industry Peng. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, and I would like to start with the Demands of Pu Zodintluanga.

Sports Department is taking extreme measures in several constituencies including the opposition constituencies and gives incentive cash awards to sportsmen. The department also discovers 11 football players for Indian Super League and helps Ms. Lalremsiami of Kolasib and Ms. Lalhhanhimi of Khawzawl to participate at Commonwealth Games, 2018.

Next is Demand No. 25, PHE. Sawleng in my constituency is chosen as a model village and it would be appreciated if solar water pump is carried out. The department prepares hydrant at every locality for some unfortunate incidents and they also operate sms to notify the people when connection water are supplied. 54 employees of PHE got promotions and 76 people are newly employed and this is quite impressive.

Demand No. 46, UD & PA. The deptt. takes extreme measures in cities and other notified towns. My constituency is favored a lot and an Indoor Stadium is also

currently undertaken and it would be appreciated if we are on the priority list on PMAY.

Next is Demand No. 31, Agriculture department. We are grateful on the measures taken on link roads though there are still many upcoming works. NLUP is made quite useful in our constituency and the department also gave promotions to 108 employees which is quite impressive. However, we have staff shortage on Gram Sevak and it is necessary to give importance to this.

Next is Demand No. 33, Soil & Water Conservation Department. Soil & Water Conservation Department of Darlawn Range carried out the works on Ruangva project and it is appreciating that many developments occur through them.

Next is Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources Department. There are hardly any undertaken projects other than Tuiphu project and it would be appreciated if more measures are taken. I support the Demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. 90% of my requests were fulfilled for these past 4 years and I would like to thank the Hon. Minister and the Department on behalf of my constituency.

Starting with Demand No. 22- Sports & Youth Department, the reason behind the success of our sportsmen is because of our Minister and the department for providing the necessary equipments, place, training kits and gears.

Next is Demand No. 25, PHE Department. The works carried out all over the state is impressive and I would like to thank the department on behalf of my constituency for their help and works. Khawruhlian Water Supply Scheme was commissioned in 2013 where the fund of ₹98,80,000 was released from NABARD and Phuaibuang water Supply Scheme was also inaugurated the month before last. 16 Nos. tanky of ₹36 lakhs each were constructed at Suangpuilawn and Khawlian and reservoir tanky worth ₹15 lakhs each were also constructed at Lailak, Hmunnghak and Daido. 3 Nos. at NE Tlangnuam Water Reservoir were also completed last week where each reservoir costs ₹26 lakhs each.

It is appreciating that our Minister provided ₹1400 lakhs for Phullen-Thanglailung Water Supply Scheme and ₹214 lakhs for solar pumping under Vanbuang Water Supply Scheme. It is also appreciating that ₹25 lakhs will be provided for Dilkhan Water Reservoir and the total amount released for our

constituency during the past 4 years is ₹ 2538.8 lakhs. So, I would like to thank our Minister and the Department officials on behalf of my constituency.

Moving to Demand No.48, Information & Communication Technology Department, we give importance to education and we make a lot of progress. Our Minister and the department officials provide 7 computer sets and printers to 6 villages in my constituency knowing that the students are eager for education and need equipments.

Moving to Demand No. 36, Agriculture department, knowing our constituency is lagging behind, several link roads are excavated and 200 families are involved in RKVY and Captive Farming. Custom hiring centers are also opened at Phullen, Suangpuilawn and Phuaibuang and 3 Nos. apparatus are also provided. The Govt. also subsidized 5% and more awareness on MOVCD is needed. I support the demands of our 2 Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and continue at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 6 members had shared their discussion and I now request Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 25, PHE. We still face problems on water supply for there are many poor in each locality. Around 20 pipes are needed for a connection but is quite expensive for such section. For example, there is an available source near Kurung where T-cluster could be easily fixed but the people of that area forbid Sairang people from availing the supply this source. There are also some families at Luangmual who faced problem and the available source is quite far for them. So, I request our minister to keep all these in mind.

There are only 17 counters of power bill payment within Aizawl and there are times when the bills are rejected on the last date.

We all know SIPMIU of UD & PA performs extreme works and I would like to request them to be more careful when burying pipes and not to cause problems for the concerned locality.

Pu Dy. Speaker, 23rd April is the date scheduled for handling of the charge of CADC election but no notification is yet given. I think it may not be possible unless extension is made.

UD & PA prepared a huge pipe at Seventh Day Tlang in my constituency and it is appreciating that sufficient amount of water can now be pumped up.

Regarding Sports Department, incentive cash award is only ₹30 lakhs and it would be appreciated if it is increased so as to encourage our sportsmen.

Next is Demand No. 31. I would also like to mention that the way NLUP is distributed is not as per recommended and is against the office procedure.

Pu Dy. Speaker, link roads are important and we need to be careful and particular when excavating so that it can be crossed without any difficulty. There are still many rice-fields to be extended so that more rice can be produced as our production is decreasing.

I would also like to request the Agriculture department to put more efforts on rubber plantation and encourage the farmers more often. Thanks you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. I feel obliged to have the time to discuss the Demands of our 2 Ministers and it is impressive that our Finance Minister and the House Leader provides a tremendous budget amount.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Information & Communication Technology Department. Having a wise vision of the need to improve this department, budget allocation to this department increased by ₹292.48 lakhs. Online bill payments for electric and water are now being introduced yet most of the consumers are unable to use the applications. Digital classrooms are also now introduced to help the students to be more enthusiastic and advanced in the application of modern technologies.

Next is Sports Department. We have achieved a lot in Sports and one thing which comes into mind is of how much our sportsmen earns in a month as a result of sports development.

PHE perform works on 172 villages for better water supply and it is impressive that the distributions are notified through SMS. Fire hydrant is quite useful and the people also need to know its importance. However, there is pipe leakage in several places and the department needs to take care of this. We need to take measures on re-afforestation so that we can have more water sources.

Agriculture and Irrigation goes together and the concerned Minister being the same person. Several works are carried out and more than 1,679 kms of link road is excavated. Irrigation Department has completed 439 projects and 48 projects are still due.

The works performed by UD & PA can be seen everywhere in Aizawl. Yet, AMC may be encouraged to put more efforts on solid waste management like wastes piled up near the Assembly House. I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, starting with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, it is impressive that our budget has increased. However, the budget amount and Grant-in-Aid general salary change a lot and other charges are also decreasing in this new budget. Sport is becoming the most important competition and our Minister is also exerting himself.

There are 8 districts in Mizoram and it would be appreciated if works are carried out equally so that many talented youths could be discovered. My constituency hardly has any sports infrastructure and facilities but I am pleased that there are sportsmen who still succeed.

Moving to Demand No. 25, PHE, funds allocated under salary head is decreasing and I request the department to make more efforts since water is a necessity. Saiha Augmentation & Greater Water Supply is very complex right from the start and the agreement was signed without vetted by the Law & Judicial and approval of Finance Department. It is also not commissioned till today and the Committee report shows how the department lacks sincerity and work supervision. It would be appreciated if treatment of water supply is given in my constituency to reduce high IMR of my district.

The budget of UD & PA of Demand No.46 is increasing but the wages on the new budget is quite less as well as Grant-in-Aid and general non-salary.

Pu Dy. Speaker, 'Housing for All' is implemented and many people from our district are recommended as beneficiary. However, we have not heard of any report till today but 5 people from Siaha have received Credit Loan facility.

As mentioned earlier regarding CADC election, it would be appreciated if the date for election is given since 23rd April will be the 1st sitting.

Moving to Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology, Grant-in-Aid of ₹1247 lakhs is allotted while nothing is seen for 2018-2019. On Demand No. 31, Agriculture, salary of Grant-in-Aid has also been dropped here in the new budget.

I share the opinion of my fellow members regarding discrimination existed in the distribution of NLUP funds. I also think it is of a serious matter as only 4 members out of the total of 40 are excluded from receiving DO letter from the Chairman of NLUP Implementing Board. It is unfortunate that this provision is made from the state fund but not from a party fund whether or not it is central scheme or flagship programme.

Next is Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources Department. The budget allocation of this department decreases by ₹1064.17 lakhs. Since civilization starts from water, we will also make progress on agriculture if we emphasize this department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department.

The department has taken extreme measures and paves the way for development. So far, we received 48 Gold medals, 33 Silver medal and 36 Bronze Medals at the international level. We also received 1552 medals at the national level and 1,016 medals at regional level. Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Hawla Indoor Stadium, Dengthuama Indoor Stadium etc are now functional as numbers of mini-sports complex have also been constructed. It is great that our very own Mizos are now able to compete in different sport disciplines.

Next is PHE Department. Considering the fact that only Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-I and Phase-II is less enough to feed the entire city of Aizawl, Phase-III is now being taken up. Regarding the routine set for supply of water to each household, it is impressive that giving information by means of SMS is now being introduced. It is appreciated that Hnahthial has now receiving enough supply of water. At the same time, I urge concerned Minister to appoint one operator to look after water pump at Cherhlun.

Next is Demand No. 46, UD & PA. With the increase of our population, the department is taking measure on disposal of waste materials on regular basis by means of 54 Nos. dump trucks to each AMC. On the contrary, it may be noted that the

people need to perform their parts in the process accordingly. It is appreciated that measure is taken on sewage treatment plant as well.

Moving on to Agriculture Department, we produce only 61,516 metric tons of rice in a year where as the demand is estimated as 1,80,000 metric tons. There are more than 74,000 hectares of potential area in which only 17,000 hectares is used for cultivation. We therefore need to put more efforts in this regard. Pu Dy. Speaker, staff quarters of Agriculture deptt. at South Vanlaiphai is becoming old and will be appreciated if it is renovated.

It is appreciated that ITC of Hnahthial is now functional as the govt. is now giving training on regular basis. Likewise, KVK of Hnahthial also is in full swing in resolving the burden of many farmers.

Regarding Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, it is grateful that 17 families in my constituency are engaged with coffee plantation and are supervised by KVK and the concerned department.

Rubber Plantation is concentrated at Mamit district under NLUP and NABARD and it may turn as a valuable asset for our state if enough effort is given. At the same time, I request concerned Minister to consider renovating staff quarters of Soil Deptt. at Thingsai, Cherhlun and South Vanlaiphai.

Demand No.47, Irrigation & Water Resources Department performs extreme works and the MI project covers 18,000 hectares; 439 MI projects are now functional and my constituency too benefits this department immensely.

Moving to Demand No. 48, Information & Technology Department, it is notable that connection of optical fibre has now covers all the 763 villages in Mizoram. However, we have some sloppy and inconvenient places and that is why electric poles are worked on. That is all, and I support the Demands of the 2 Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman and I would like to start with Sports Department. I want to thank our Minister for providing ₹10 lakhs for Vairengte field and ₹5 lakhs for extending the pavilion of field No. 2. We made a project for Indoor Stadium at Vairengte field No. 1 and it would be appreciated if it is expedited.

PHE provided ₹780 lakhs for pumping water at Bilkhawthlir and was inaugurated by the Governor. ₹133 lakhs is provided for extension which is now

completed and pump repairing at Vairengte is also currently carried out. We have SDO, PHE post at Vairengte and it would be appreciated if works are observed from the appointed post.

Construction of water supply for Thingthelh is in progress and we need power supply for the work which may be by Power Deptt. A tanky worth ₹110 lakhs is constructed at Bukvannei and also at Phainuam, Saihapui-V, Buhchangphai and North Chhimluang. Yet, the works need water supply for tank at Phainuam first.

Next is Demand No. 46, UD & PA. We have seen various developments since the Hon. Minister Pu Zodintluanga takes over UD & PA as roads are being extended and excavated; it will be appreciated if Zotlang - Vaivakawn road is widened. The department performs several development works at district headquarters and it would again be appreciated if works are performed at the notified towns.

Next is Demand No. 31. It is appreciating to have agriculture link roads and we need to have more so that the farmers can earn their profits and that their harvests are sold at cheaper rate. It may as well be noted that most of the newly excavated roads become muddy from rainfall and measures thus be taken for all weather roads.

Regarding NLUP, the Govt. implements NLUP and it is impressive that many families will have a means of livelihood again. So, NLUP productions should be given price support to encourage our farmers.

Soil & Water Conservation Deptt. has a project worth ₹197 crore and the department is also doing its best to perform the works.

I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with PHE.

There are 83 villages in my constituency and the majority has now enjoying have water supply. Yet, there are 4-5 villages which remain untouched. Longpui Ghat is the second largest village in my constituency and it is more successful than Chawngte on business. However, it still has no water connection and would be appreciated if connections are made at least by means of solar pump. Likewise, there is no water source for Parvatui and Damdep and the problem here is intensive. I request the concerned Minister if there is a way to supply rain water harvesting at every household.

Chawngte is developing township and the existing water connections are barely enough to feed the whole community where as Kamalanagar-IV has no connection till today. So, it would be appreciated if Kamalanagar-IV is drawn under Greater Water Supply Scheme.

Regarding I & TC Deptt., fiber optic line was given in my constituency but were all stolen. It would be appreciated if this is carefully observed.

Next is Sports Department. It would be appreciated if our Minister helps us excavate football ground at Chawngte this year or maybe next year.

Our Agriculture Minister is hard-working and I applaud him especially on link roads and NLUP. Some members complained that NLUP fund enters only 34 constituencies but as written on our Budget Speech point 33, "as per requirement, the allocation for NLUP may further increase over and above the estimate for the year 2018-2019". I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Pu Zodintluanga is fortunate that the budget for Sports Department increased at 94%, 70% on Information Department and PHE has decreased by 1%. In the case of Pu K.S. Thanga, the budget allocated to Agriculture Deptt. increased by 24% while all the other have decreased.

I would like to start with PHE Department. PHE is an important Department and our Minister also gives his best effort. As mentioned earlier regarding Saiha Water Supply Scheme, the agreement was so bad. The stipulated period as per agreement is 30 months with the rate valid for only 24 months. However, it is not valid even for 6 months and would be appreciated if it is clarified.

It is learned that there are many holes on our tank which causes leakage of water. So, it would be appreciated if our Minister gives importance to this and if solar pumping system is implemented.

Er. LALRINAWMA : I believe that we may be sufficient with water supply by introducing smaller water supply schemes from financial sources like NEDP. I also felt the need to improve rainwater harvesting especially in rural areas.

We have SDO post at Tlungvel but no staff quarter is there whereas even JE lives in a rented house. I beg that staff quarters should be constructed at Tlungvel.

Regarding UD & PA Deptt., we were happy when Housing for All Scheme was implemented but no work is seen till today. I wish this could be started soon. Regarding Credit List Subsidy Scheme, it is often claimed that withdrawal of money is such a problem. I request that the Bank also to release the money as it is already approved by the District level Screening Board Committee. If not, it is responsibility of the govt. I also believe that we should give more importance to footpaths. If we do not reserve space from now, it will become a huge problem in the future.

Regarding Information & Technology Deptt., matter relating to e-Governance is included in the Allocation of Business. In this connection, it seems that some departments are given completion certificate without actually having the knowledge and skill for implementing e-governance. This is shown in the report of Subject Committee-I regarding computerization of Civil Hospital, Aizawl. It is vital to have the required skills and potentials to meet the expenses we incurred under this scheme.

Agriculture is an important department especially for our state as we hardly have alternative resources. I am glad that construction of link roads is introduced. In this regard, I believe that the need of the people and the community should be given priority. We have seen from the Macro-Economic Framework Statement 2018-19 that Agriculture production decreased during 2011-12 to 2015-2016 under NLUP. This may also imply that production and development in food processing is decreased. The traditional practice of shifting cultivation could not be changed suddenly. We should therefore pay attention towards it as well regarding construction of link roads.

It is very unfortunate that opposition MLAs are left out while MLAs from treasury bench are informed about allotment of fund of 4 crore each from NLUP. This practice is unethical and very undemocratic. I hope this could be eliminated.

Regarding Soil & Water Conservation Deptt., I wonder if we make enough use of the Watershed Committee. It is important to undertake any project under the guidance of Watershed Committee. I also consider rubber plantation very important and economically viable as the transportation cost of its product is quite less.

It is important to give more importance towards irrigation also. Many canals are damaged last year due to heavy monsoon. As a result, the budget allotted to this department should likely be increased. However, it is decreased by 17.2%. I consider this unfortunate while we are trying to bring agricultural development. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am happy to discuss the Demands of two Hon. Ministers today. Firstly, I appreciated the works done by Hon. Minister Pu Zodintluanga for development of Sports Department as it is an important aspect of manpower development. It is also good to hear that sportspersons are given incentive cash awards. However, it seems a little late in several cases and so may be given earlier in the future.

There is little development regarding youth welfare activities especially under NSS, NCC, Scouts & Guides and YSC. This is important to tackle several social evils among the youth. I consider sports policy very important as we have mentioned in the previous ministry but could not be a success till today. I consider this very unfortunate.

On Demand No. 25, PHE, we are having only few power bill payment counters. Apart from this, the period for payment of bills is very short which creates an immense problem for the people. Thus, it is desirable that the counters are opened longer. SMS information for water supply is done for a while but is not continued; I request this be continued. Providing free water connection for Anganwadi Centres is also an important matter.

Regarding UD & PA Department, I have visited the office recently and have seen a huge stockpile of files and printed materials. I opined that we should take steps to minimize these hard copies of files and other materials while we are going towards paperless government transactions. The Hon. President of India has recently inaugurated the BSUP complex but without electric supply or water supply. I believe the Hon. Minister concerned should look into the matter.

As the world is moving towards renewable energy nowadays, it is much desirable that solar powered street lights is introduced at least on the main street of Aizawl. It seems we are not yet satisfied with the implementation of Housing for All scheme also.

May be due lack of proper supervision and agency, it is unfortunate that the works under NEDP and NLUP convergences are less satisfactory. We have to bear in mind that it is public money and proper supervision thus is necessary.

We have a State Election Commission. The CADC Election is due on 23rd of next month and the Governor has already made his recommendation. It seems that the state government is delaying the election which is against democratic principle.

I have received a reply to my question during the last question that the expenses of foreign tour of MLAs and Govt. officials are incurred from AMRUT scheme through incentive fund in which 10% is allotted for international exposure component. It is said that ₹15.7 lakh out of ₹16.3 lakh available. However, it is realized that this is incorrect from expenditure sanction. It is incurred under budget head 2217 according to budget provision. I consider this very unfortunate that the Hon. Minister has given us wrong information. We need to realize that most of the questions we raised are based on available documents.

Regarding ICT Department, the service provided by the available internet service providers is very disappointing. The main service provider is BSNL and many times when internet could not be accessed. I kindly request the Hon. Minister to look into the matter. As we are introducing e-governance, computerization of any Govt.

offices is also initiated. I believe that the ICT is capable of monitoring these developments and I hope improvements are made in this regard.

I recently visited Hnahthial and there is a Community Hall which was constructed three or four years ago but remain not inaugurated. Meanwhile, ₹15 lakhs is again released for its maintenance before its very inauguration which I think is misuse of public money. Thus, we have to pay better monitoring in our expenses.

Regarding Agriculture Deptt., we have organized NLUP Festival which involved huge amount of money. Meanwhile, it is important that we pay attention towards agricultural marketing. While this is the case, it is unbecoming that MAMCO, the corporation concerned to agricultural marketing is made to sell liquor and do contract works. This is really unfortunate.

All the expenditures under NLUP is public money and not of a particular political party. While this is the case, it is a shame that only MLAs of Treasury Bench were informed to select 400 beneficiaries from their respective constituency for ₹400 lakhs to be allotted to each but MLAs of the opposition parties were simply kept in the dark. This is sole violation of our privilege as the representative of the people. This indicates our lack of good governance and accountability in this ministry.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have also learnt that there is a potential area of 75,000 hectares under WRC and only 17,000 hectares being cultivated. I opine we have a lot more to do in this regard. Whereas construction of agriculture link roads is an important step and we need to pay attention towards its maintenance also. The roads are also of a very low grade as it is not monitored by engineers at the time of its construction. It is very important that any of such construction is done under the guidance of the engineers.

On MI and Soil Department, even though the Hon. Minister concerned had said that there is no new initiative by the department, there are certain ongoing schemes like JICA, PMKSY, IBY, etc. It is important to work harder to meet the need of the farmers. Besides, allotment should be made for maintenance of link roads. If not, intensive problem will arise at the time of monsoon.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is seen that amount of production from 8,402 beneficiaries under NLUP is estimated as ₹2579.46030 lakhs, However, when calculated with the actual beneficiaries, monthly income of a beneficiary is only around ₹2,557.96 which means only around ₹102.31 per day. This is really disappointing. It is vital to take necessary steps to uplift the farmers and we need to improve monitoring by actually visiting the places. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology Department. I opined a great job is done as its importance also is increasing immensely nowadays. It

has now provided internet service to 20 departments with strength to provide more to other departments as well if requested. I am also glad to learn that IT Education Programme is introduced in 150 schools and digital classroom in 20 schools. I am eagerly waiting that it is also introduced in other districts as well.

On Demand No. 25, PHE, the commitment and service of the department is praiseworthy. Meanwhile, I request that water supply scheme for Khawhai village should be completed soon. There are rumours that Khawzawl Water supply is not safe for consumption but it is not true. The Assembly Committee has also look into this matter and found no negative outcome.

Regarding UD & PA Deptt. of Demand No. 46, though the function does not concern my constituency, I found it noteworthy. The department works are witness in many places within Aizawl as well as different places of Mizoram. Meanwhile, I request that narrow roads at some junctions as of Electric Veng, Republic Veng, etc. should be widened to enable smooth flow of traffic.

Regarding Sports & Youth Services Deptt., I think Khawzawl contributes a lot in sports and I request that more initiatives should be taken for it so that more talents could be tapped. Our development in Sports as a state is also noteworthy.

On Demand No. 47, Irrigation and Mineral Resources, I am aware that there are many developments within the department. Meanwhile, I believe that we should put more stresses in maintenance because the canals are often damaged by monsoon rains and could not serve the purpose unless importance is given on maintenance.

Regarding Agriculture Deptt., I think that there is nothing much we can do as of now. The cooperation between the Hon. Minister and officials of the department is great. We can see in this department that the Government's flagship programme NLUP Scheme has been a success in this department despite a few beneficiaries who are not successful with their trades. However, it is great to see that immense economic programme has been brought about.

On Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, it seems that development is not up to the mark even though it is an important department. It also has a role to play in prevention of natural disasters we faced nowadays. Last of all, I would like to praise the efforts made by the Hon. Ministers in their departments respectively. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is now 4:00 pm; shall we finish today's business? If so, let us call upon Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department of Demand No. 33.

As already stated, it seems we are giving less importance towards this department despite its important functions which is not less in urban areas as well. However, there are many works under its concern in rural areas. In my very constituency, vast areas of ploughed land are degraded by rain every year and the same in other places also. This kind of problem should be checked immediately.

The Irrigation & Water Resources Department has done a great job even in remote areas. However, the works done earlier are damaged at various places and could not be repaired as there is no fund allotment. It is quite desirable that fund should be allotted for maintenance under NEDP scheme for this purpose.

Regarding UD & PA Department, we are all witnessing the works done by the Hon. Minister. I would like to add that expansion of Aizawl city is necessary so as to resolve problems like traffic jam; this could be done in several sides of the city under the guidance of the Hon. Minister.

On Demand No. 22, the development we are witnessing on sports field is great. We are winning several medals in National as well as International levels. I hope these developments could expand towards remote areas like my constituency also. It is also my desire that at least one turf playground is constructed in each constituency.

Regarding PHE Department, we are almost forgetting our tradition of fetching water from the fountain even in rural areas as a result of the good work and development done by PHE Department in providing sufficient water supply to the people. I would also like to praise the MoU signed with YMA on preservation of water.

Regarding Agriculture Department, I would like to praise the Hon. Minister for providing machineries like tractors and tillers through the department. This is very important nowadays. I would also like to mention about NLUP in a few words. There may be barely another scheme better than this scheme. Providing financial assistance of ₹30,000 to each household is a great move towards development. Rumours like NLUP beneficiaries as being selected only from Congress party is obviously false from my constituency. The availability of funds from central government is immensely increasing in compare to the previous ministries as a result of immense efforts made by the government.

I will end here as the time does not permit to go through all the details. I am supporting the demands under discussion today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoramangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No 22, Sports & Youth Services, we can see that the budget is increased by 94.05% which clearly shows that this government is sincerely striving for development of the youth. Several infrastructures like playgrounds, indoor stadiums, etc. have been

constructed under this department. Regional Sports Centre, Saidan and grass turf playground is under construction within my constituency. I would like to thank the Hon. Minister concerned in this regard also.

On Demand No. 25, PHE Department, we face an immense scarcity of water at Kolasib lately. However, with the help of the Hon. Chief Minister and the department officials, ₹702 has been sanctioned for new water supply scheme as well as for maintenance of the old water supply system. Sufficient water supply is now available for Bairabi even though it is not yet officially inaugurated. We are very glad for all these works within my constituency. Besides, information given through SMS service is also praiseworthy.

On Demand No. 46, UD & PA, many development works are carried out through this department at Kolasib as it is a District capital and its efforts in waste management and beautification of Kolasib town are really praiseworthy. I would like to praise the department officials also in its efforts and commitment despite shortage of manpower. I would like to mention that we are in need of Engineering Cell at Kolasib in order to tackle damage of cultivated land due to monsoon rain every year. ₹6 crore is also set to be sanctioned in this regard.

Regarding Information & Communication Department, I support all the points stated by other Members. I would like to reiterate the importance of this department as development of the youth is really depends on this department.

On Demand No. 31, Agriculture department, I am overwhelmed to see the success of farmers from rural areas as a result of assistance provided through NLUP Scheme. I believe that we should all be happy with this kind of development even if we are from opposition parties. Among many other things, I believe that the cost of construction of link roads should be estimated more carefully according to the places. It may be difficult and need more funds, and easier in some areas.

I am also overwhelmed to witness the contentment of the farmers as they were provided irrigation facilities through MI Department. The farmers are also provided with better equipments and machineries. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the Demands discussed today.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 46, UD & PA Department. We had prepared Champhai Master Plan during the last Assembly under my chairmanship. However, no further step is taken since then. Yet, there is a proposal to establish Champhai Municipal Board. It is the centre areas occupied by the Mizos in the surrounding areas. It is desirable that officers of UD & PA Department at Champhai are of expert in planning so as to have better development for Champhai. I also request the Hon. Minister to

give importance to planning and beautification of Champhai town along the development trends recently. Regarding Aizawl city, I propose that some hospitals and workshops should be shifted in the outskirts of the city.

On Demand No. 25, PHE Department, we are pleased that Keilungliah project has been approved as a result of the efforts made by the Hon. CM. Besides, water supply project is under process for Rabung which cost ₹159 lakhs. We are very thankful for all these development works. Meanwhile, there are some infrastructures which need maintenance. We felt the need of a new water supply project from Bukzau. If this is successful, there will be sufficient water supply for the whole area of Champhai.

The waterway of Hnahlan village is recently damaged by heavy rain at Behliangtlang as immediate action is taken for its maintenance for which we are very thankful. I would like to mention our desire for the success of Mumte Lui project for Hnahlan village. I beg the Hon. Minister to take note of that matter as well.

Regarding Sports Department, I would like to thank the Hon. Mminister for construction of artificial turf ground at Chhangphut Field of Champhai. Another 8 tracks lane field was also constructed at Zotlang and we are very thankful for that. I beg the Hon. Minister to bear in mind the need for guest lodge for these fields in times of some events.

I will not repeat about the medals won by sportspersons. In this connection, I opined that sportspersons should be given better incentives which may be included in the budget also. Development of sports is important to lead the youth towards healthy lifestyle and to keep them away from social evils.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in connection to Agriculture Department, all my questions regarding cold storage were answered based on the old ones. A new one was already constructed. I request the Hon. Minister to clarify this also. The areas within my constituency are agriculturally damage prone area. We suffered huge damage at Hnahlan, Vapar, Ngur, Pamchung and Rabung during last year due to heavy rain. I sincerely beg the Hon. Minister to find a way so that such damages could be rehabilitated. I would also like to invite him to visit Laili plain to enquire the possibilities of agriculture project in that place. Besides, the river Tiau used to change its course from time to time and is desirable that this could be fixed.

It is very useful for the farmers that Power Tiller and other machineries were distributed. Since exploiting cattle for cultivation is now becoming an obsolete method, we need for Power Tillers, Custom Hiring Centre, Mini Power Tiller, etc. immensely. I would like to add that the respective MLAs should be informed of all the initiatives taken within his constituency regarding Agriculture Department as all other developments are also a result of cooperation between politicians and department officials. I am also glad that we are having a capable Minister.

Regarding Irrigation Deptt., there are 439 irrigation Projects in our state. However, study conducted under JICA shows that 50% of such projects requires maintenance. After that survey many projects were again damaged. I beg the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps so that funds could be availed for maintenance of irrigation projects.

Lastly, regarding Soil Conservation Department, I would like to mention that Champhai plain area need to be improved with proper anti-soil erosion project. I beg the Hon. Minister concerned to take note of this also. I support the demands to be passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 33, Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Deptt.; my constituency suffers a lot from floods every year as it often causes immense soil erosion. If we do not check this problem through check dam or embankment or other means, it will lead to more severe problems in the future.

It is also vital to preserve our water resources. We can see that a number of rivers in our state are depleting which may turn out to be a huge problem in the future. Therefore, it is very important to give importance towards Land Resource, Soil & Water Conservation Department.

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming to Demand No. 25, PHE Department, Tlabung Water Supply Scheme could not be started till today allegedly due to lack of a separate transformer. I request the Hon. Minister to take necessary steps so that this project work could be started soon.

We have a pleasant village within my constituency called Puankhai; it is situated on a hilltop and is developing fast. However, there is one problem i.e. water supply. However, it is believed that water could be pumped by solar energy. Thus, I beg the Hon. Minister to take note of this and enquire about it.

In connection to Demand No. 46, we are start facing problem regarding waste management at Tlabung with the increasing population. We need nip this problem in the bud so that it may not remain a big problem in the future.

On Demand No. 31, I would like to praise the Hon. Minister concerned. There are many achievements within this department. However, there is only one custom hiring centre within my constituency. We are of potential area in agriculture as production is also increase under NLUP Scheme. Therefore, I request that at least two or three custom hiring centres is arranged.

There is a huge shortage of manpower in SDO Office. There is no single clerical and Grade-IV staff. I beg this post could be filled as soon as possible.

I am supporting these two Demands. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It seems that anyone who wants to discuss has taken their time. Let us now call upon Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Information & Communication Technology Department. This seems to be of a small department but its importance could not be overlooked. We need to improve in this regard as fast as possible. This requires training and skill development for government officials also so that we may utilize more and more from the equipments we are having today. If we lack development in this sphere, there will be a huge problem in administration and working of departments. I hope more funds should also be sanctioned for this department.

Regarding Land Resources, Soil & Water conservation Department, we need to bring about our development and every works based on our land. Amidst different spheres of development, it is vital that preservation of our land should be given immense importance.

It is the same regarding Irrigation and Water Resources also. It is a fact that there can be no real development unless we preserve, develop and utilize the available resources of our state wisely. It is necessary to give importance which is not regarded by the department as important in the past.

Regarding PHE Department, it is correct that the deptt. has done a great job. However, there are times in which problems are brought for the community the site of their works sometimes being left unattended. I have witnessed at Maubawk this very morning that the community face a problem as their roads which has been damaged during the work done by PHE Department has been left unattended. I request the Department to pay more attention towards this kind of problems.

Regarding Sports & Youth Service, my fellow members have stated infrastructures established in their respective constituencies. Unfortunately, we have nothing to say about such infrastructure in our constituency. Even the Basketball and TT court at mission Vengthlang are constructed under UD & PA Department. (*Speaker's in the Chair.*) Thus, I beg the Hon. Minister to give importance towards Aizawl West-III constituency regarding sports infrastructure.

Again, regarding PHE Department, there is a plot of land reserved for water reservoir which has been left out for a long time. I would like to mention this also so that it may be given priority.

Regarding UD & PA Department, there is a huge allotment of fund in the department. However, I doubt that they could handle it with their current strength of staff. There are only few engineers and technical staffs. I opined that this department should be strengthened.

Regarding SIPMIU which is also under UD & PA Department, waste management is taken up by AMC Department. Collecting waste materials was done by PPP mode in the past. However, waste collecting vehicles were bought which ruins the prevailing system. This creates problem for the people and waste management. I think this is really unfortunate.

Regarding Agriculture Department, we have heard about construction of link roads and its importance. However, I opined that it may be better to give priority to maintenance of the prevailing roads.

Regarding NLUP, as mentioned earlier, DO letter to Ruling MLAs informing them to select 400 beneficiaries under NLUP scheme while the opposition MLAs were left out; I consider this act as a serious issue. It is really unfortunate to utilize public money for the sake of a particular political party.

It is thankful that farmers from rural areas can now enjoy a slice from the budget. At the same time, it is appreciated that the Disaster Management Department is prioritizing the members for granting us silpaulin. Thank you.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding the claim that only Congress party Members as being notified sanction of NLUP, we are not aware of the Opposition Members being left out and the Minister himself is not present today to clarify the fact. (Pu VANLALZAWMA: Pu Speaker, he is present though.....) If one claims he was not informed of the matter, it is quite difficult to prove it. All we can say is we were informed but we are not aware of about the other Members. (Pu LALRUATKIMA: The assigned Minister of such notification informed me at the recess room that we, the Opposition Members had not been notified presumably due to our lack of interest in the case. Pu Speaker, he is in charge of the nodal department and the same priority should have been maintained to all the members in dealing with this kind of public money.)

SPEAKER : The assigned official may send such information to whomever he wants to receive it and we cannot force him.

Discussion is closed. We will now invite Pu Zodintluanga to wind up the discussion and ask the permission of this House to pass his Demands.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the Members who took interest and participating in the discussion of my Demands. I will only react only to a few points since our officers have noted down all other matters deem important.

Under Demand No. 46, UD & PA regarding the election of CADC, the file for notification is still at the Governor's office. I would also like to point out that since it is the autonomous body, the government is not much involved in such matter.

Regarding the DPR for Housing for All, it has been approved and we are waiting for decision of the sanctioning committee.

Most of the constructions under BSUP are completed as some have already been occupied with the condition of bearing the utility bills by the occupants. Pu Speaker, with the advent of Congress Ministry in 2008, we have several schemes from Central and Asian Development Bank which concern waste management and garbage disposal. We can see the results today with a much cleaner Mizoram. Due to the efforts of the department and the officials, we have completed various projects of the notified townships such as construction of Lunglei Convention Centre, Serchhip Social Development Infrastructure, Development Scheme for Champhai Town, Zotlang Sports Stadium, Serkawn Sports Stadium, Kolasib Sports Stadium, Serchhip Auditorium and Stadium, Saiha Greater Water Supply Scheme, Tlabung Water Supply Scheme, Khawzawl Water Supply Scheme and Biate Water Supply Scheme.

Apart from this, numbers of project under JNNRUM and BSUP are about to be started such as a much and criticized project for extension of Bawngkawn junction. Despite such land being contributed by the owner for extension of this junction, the land lease is issued in the name of the then Ruling MNF party President and has not been used for the purpose. It is further learned that the donated land has been split and resold to various individuals that is absolutely against the laws. However, the government has now redeemed some portions.

PU LALRUATKIMA : To evade incorrect record of the House from the Hon. Minister's clarification, let me stated Pu Speaker that I have even went to the Revenue Office to examine the case and found out that there is no record that such land as being donated for extension of the said junction as claimed and the LSC is kept as land lease as a rule. It is stated that the land is purchased for MNF party office. There will be no record of Revenue Department of the reason of the land being given by the owner. I would like the actual reason for the record of this House, like, if the MNF purchased the land which is the most important.

SPEAKER : I will move on from this topic. Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, the land was purchased not for extension of the said junction but for MNF property and so is inappropriate to make false allegation in this regard.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister will explain it.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have discussed the matter with Pu Lalrinmawia and his wife; i believe that they have told the truth that the land is given away in exchange of contract work under PMGSY. At the same time, Bawngkawn community expressed their concern for extension of the said to the then Hon. Chief Minister who was regularly practicing badminton at Bawngkawn and assured them that extension will be made for this junction. As such is the case, Pu Lalrinmawia then purchased the said land and handed over the LSC to the President of MNF party. There is nothing to hide and is true that it was purchased for extension of this junction.

SPEAKER : No more interruption please; the hon. Minister will continue with his wound up speech.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Under Demand No. 25, PHE, I would like to mention that the department works non-stop and incessantly to improve the system for the benefit of the public. A standard bidding system is in practice for tendering the project of Sainik and for the construction of water tanky at Khatla and has been approved under IRMA; SMS blasting system has already been practiced and so is fire hydrant. Likewise, improvement of the system of Aizawl city water supply also is now in full swing.

Moving on to Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, there are some complaints that the incentive cash award given to a successful athletes as meager. It may be noted that this reserved cash is just a token and additional cash reward will be given at the end of financial year by Finance Department. The amount of reserved cash cannot be calculated at the beginning as the number of medal winning athletes cannot be predicted.

To answer the question of Dr. K. Beichhua, construction of a hall and shooting gallery at Siaha has already been completed. As for construction of sports stadium, they are unable to acquire the land for the stadium which is the reason for the delay.

Lastly, Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology (ICT) department has proved to be essential in our day to day life. It is safe to say that we cannot function without it since introduction of online bill payment, online shopping, for setting of departmental websites, promote e-governance and maintenance of Rural Information Kiosk and Common Service Centre as well as State Data Center.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my Demands such as No. 22 - Sports & Youth Services of ₹41,85,38,000; Demand No. 25 - PHE of ₹1,95,10,05,000; Demand No. 46 - UD & PA of ₹3,69,66,97,000 and Demand No. 48 - Information & Communication Technology of ₹5,39,68,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our hon. Minister has requested this House to pass his Demands totally ₹6,12,02,08,000/-. Those in favor may say, 'Yes' (Members: Yes.) The Demands is unanimously passed by the House.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu K.S. Thanga to wind up the discussion and move the House to pass his Demands.

PU K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. This is my first time as a Minister in this august House and I ask for your consideration if my performance seem unprofessional. (Pu VANLALZAWMA: Pu Speaker, since we cannot accept the Demands of the hon. Minister, we will be leaving this House and I ask for your

understanding.) Pu Speaker, please let them reconsider and stay so that they will listen to the explanation I have to make.

There is a question about huge reduction in the budget of Irrigation. Pu Speaker, it must be noted that the funding pattern for the command area development is 50:50 between Central and State and we can afford only 90:10 at the present strength. Since there is no departmental allocation under NEDP at the moment, we are currently preparing DPR for maintenance under NEDP.

In regard to the suggestion made by Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte to relinquish control of Bualpui North coffee plantation to the VC's whereas left side of the plantation belongs to Coffee Board and right side belongs to the department.

In answer to the point raised by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, there is no cold storage being constructed under the Govt. of Mizoram at present. However, Primary Processing (PPC) is constructed by Zoram Mega Food Pvt. Ltd. through Industry department at Champhai, Lunglei and Thenzawl.

On 7th March 2006, The MNF ministry signed MoU with 3F which concern the Mizoram Oil Palm Regulation of Production and Processing Act, 2004. Some issues then came along and were being referred to Law Department. Subsequently 3F is asked to withdraw as per the advice of Law Department since penalty clause has not been included in the MOU.

To avoid marketing problem for oil palm growers, budget is allocated under NEDP and agreement is made with Godrej Agro vet for its marketing. It may be noted that this Ministry has done the best to improve condition of the growers.

To answer the question of Pu K. Lalrinthanga, we do not have price support for NLUP farmers due to lack of funds. Yet, construction of link road is in progress and for the benefit of the farmers. Likewise, we are expecting to receive funds for maintenance of irrigation under NEDP.

Budget allocation for Soil & Water Conservation Department is typically less. However, the government is finding ways to increase the budget so that provision in support of the existing projects is made available.

Pu Speaker, in Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources, there are several projects underway. The proposal for irrigation project under PMKSY has been submitted to the government of India by 50% share of the Central-State which is more than ₹432 lakhs. Proposal for repair/renovation/restoration of water bodies also is in progress under PMKSY. We also received ₹17 lakhs for Khuaihnuai-Sesih waterway under New Economic Development Policy. DPR for anti-erosion scheme covering WRC area of 430 hectares has also been submitted to NEC.

An important central scheme, the National Hydrology Project is introduced with the initiative of Ministry of Water Resources, RD & DR and World Bank with aims to provide accurate and dependable data in terms of water resources. The

expenditure for this project will be borne by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.

An agreement was signed by Mizoram government and Japan International Co-operation Agency (JAICA) for the project called 'The project on capacity enhancement for sustainable agriculture and irrigation development in Mizoram' which covers Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Agriculture department, Horticulture department and Land Resources, Soil and Water Conservation.

I would also like to mention a few points regarding Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department. We are planning to introduce an upgraded version of NLUP with the involvement of UNO. An agreement was signed by IFAD which is under UNO and Mizoram government with additional sanction of 530 crores. The Nodal department will still be Agriculture department and will cover 4 districts for the start such as Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib and Mamit.

Pu Speaker, another project under NEDP is underway for installation of rice mill so that our rice production is not exported.

A tentative evaluation of ₹45 crores is set aside for construction of Agriculture Growth Centre as tender for this project has already been completed. This centre will include auditorium, conference room, committee rooms, exhibition hall, stalls and parking space. (SPEAKER: Where will this be located?) It will be constructed at Agriculture Directorate.

We have another project from the Central government called Mission Organic Value Change Development for North East Region (MOVCD) with emphasis on organic farming. This project will first be carried out on 4 districts and will be started with bird-eye chilli. (PU T.T ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, we have no knowledge of this programme beforehand and would like to be notified if there are any projects in the future.) This project is at its early stages and fairly new even to us. I apologize for the absence of notification and ask for your continuous support.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I request the House to accept and pass my Demands i.e. such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Budget Amount
31	Agriculture	2,26,67,787,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	16,42,62,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	51,15,63,000.00
TOTAL		2,94,26,03,000.00

SPEAKER : Our Hon. Minister, Pu K.S. Thanga has moved the House to pass his Demands for 2018-2019 with a total of ₹2,94,26,03,000. All those in favour say, yes. (Members: Yes) Anyone who opposed? (Not any). This House has unanimously passed the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu K.S. Thanga such as: -

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PU K.S. THANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : It is regretted that the Opposition Members have left the House with no solid reason. I hope that this does not happen again.

We have now finished our Session for today and we will continue tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.