

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 27th 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.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

2. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
3. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

We will take Question No. 149 and I invite the hon. Member, Pu T.T. Zothansanga. If he is not here, we will go to the next Question. Let us invite Pu Lalthanliana to ask starred Question No. 150.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Power & Electricity Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The where about of missing Transformer CFS Type 500 KVA installed at Ramhlun North Cemetery in October, 2017.
- b) The reason for the missing.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon. Minister for P & E to reply.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The Answer is as follows: -

- a) It was shifted to the New Secretariat Complex, Khatla.
- b) The previous location could not hold the whole engine and so is shifted.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, as the place is not large enough, I offered extension with my own fund but the department has taken up the work. The thing is, the old transformer is not functioning well and often caused short circuit which threatens the people in the surroundings. May a new one be installed?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to reply.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 2 Nos. 250 KVA Distribution Transformers are installed at the exact place of the previous one. Since then, there is no problem of power shortage. If there is any, we will see to it. However, the department does not receive any complaint in this connection.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, the problem persisted and the department does not know. On the 21st January, there was a short circuit and I immediately informed the E-in-C but the department made some excuses in this regard. Anyway, my question is, if a new transformer be installed here.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: If so, Pu Speaker, I believe it remains without being shifted and we will look into it.

SPEAKER : We will go to Question No. 151 shared by Pu Lalruatkima and Er. Lalrinawma and one of them may ask the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the hon. Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The reason for the abandonment of the Sports Policy;
- b) Whether any proposal being made for a new Sports Policy. If so, when was it submitted to the Govt. for adoption?
- c) When will we have Sports Policy?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister, Pu Zodintluanga may reply.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: –

- a) We have draft report of Sports Policy but the Central Govt. under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports prefers the plan for the National Sports Policy.
- b) Measure is taken for a new Sports Policy. The Committee on Draft Mizoram State Sports Policy on its meeting in 3.7.2009 adopted the policy but could not be adopted as the Central Govt. introduced a separate policy.
- c) As stated above.

SPEAKER : Is Pu Lalruatkima satisfied with the answer?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I asked the Minister thrice of the Sports Policy during 2014, 2015 and 2016 but I received the same answer. The National Sports Policy is now being used for an excuse. Did the government have any knowledge of the National Sports Policy during that time? Why the need to wait for the National Sports Policy for it could be used as our preference? It is regretted that incentive cash award to Sports personalities is usually handed out very late for fund provision is not availed on regular basis.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana, the hon. Member.

Dr. H. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It seems that a member from Aizawl West-II insisted to have a new Sports Policy despite the need to wait for the National Sports Policy. If his opinion is that good for the future, I insist to inform the House and explain the policy in detail?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am thankful for his enthusiastic. It is true that the same question is asked in every Session as suggestion for having sports Policy is made since 2008 with necessary step being taken to that effect. As the committee considered the existing draft for further action, we were informed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports of the National Sports Policy being set up. We have even informed the central of our opinion and suggestion as we examined if it is a wise move for us to insist on to having our own Sports Policy for the National State Policy will cover all bases. We therefore prefer to have the National Sports Policy.

Regarding incentive cash award, we resolved the problem under the guidance

of the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister soon after my party came into power including the amount of the incentive award which used to be a repeated question. Pu Speaker, it may be noted by all the Members that it is handed out in token as it is unknown how many of our Sport personalities will bring home the trophy. Thus, we collect applications by the end of the year and then handed out cash award according to number of application being received. If our budget could not cover the requirement, we apply for more and the Finance Minister released as per requirement.

SPEAKER : Question No. 152 and Pu R.L. Pianmawia will ask.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether there is a proposal to construct the building of PHC, Darlawn.
- b) If there is any plan to resolve the problem of shortage of Doctor, Health Worker, and Group-D.
- c) When will a vehicle be allotted to the Medical Officer of PHC, Darlawn?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department, Pu Lal Thanzara to give the answer.

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

- a) Yes, and it has already been submitted to NABARD.
- b) New staff in question could not be recruited as yet due to financial constrain. Yet, approval for recruitment of doctor for NHM is in process under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.
- c) Due to shortage of vehicle in the department, the Medical officer of Darlawn could not be allotted as yet but will be done on the first opportunity as we have been waiting approval of the Central to purchase.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, My supplementary question is, if recruitment for Health Worker could not be conducted as yet, is there a way to make arrangement with the existing posts in order to meet our demands for Lungsum, Damdiai, North Khawdungsei and Upper Sakawrdai? We once had a doctor in Ratu hospital under NHM but have been transferred. So, at least Ayush Doctor may be posted for the replacement as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, Bilkhawthlir does not have a doctor since last year. Is there a way to post a Doctor and Nurse and also Health Worker at Sub-Centre, Bukvannei?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma may ask.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. How many of PHC

remains without a Doctor? Ngentiang village faces many problems due to lack of Doctor. Is there a way to fill up the vacant post?

SPEAKER : Another Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As per entitlement of vehicle under the Directorate of Health Services, how many officers, PHC, CHC and MO remain without vehicle? What are the criteria for allotment of vehicle? I support my fellow member from Tuivawl constituency regarding his demand and i opine priority should be given. It is known that a new vehicle of 21 Nos. Boleros are purchased and it may be provided one from such purchase.

From the incentive grants of IMR, 2014 under the 13th Finance Commission, it is learned that 3 mini trucks and 1 medium truck were purchased. Where are such vehicles? Whenever I raised the question, I always received the same answer like they will see to it. Now, this term is almost over and we still have not known the whereabouts of such vehicles. Is it missing?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer it. It may be noted by all the members that any supplementary question which may be raised should relate to the original question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the hon. the questions, we will look into the case pointed out by Pu R.L. Pianmawia and if there is dual posting of Health Worker for a place, arrangement will be made. However, it may be noted that there are some places in which 2 to 4 Health Workers are needed considering the area. We will also look into the case of Ratu Hospital we will find out if it entitles a Doctor.

Regarding PHC Doctor at Bilkhawthlir as questioned by Pu Lalrinthanga, the problem is some appointed doctors after finding another job have to resign as some chose to serve under MIMER, a Medical College which will soon be established. As such, we faces problem in many places. Regarding recruitment of Nurse, it is done through MPSC and we will try to make the best arrangement.

Regarding the question of Er. Lalrinawma, I cannot give the answer right now but will try to give it later. We are trying to post Doctor in PHC where there are none and will submit application for recruitment.

As of the question of Pu Lalruatkima, I will try to furnish the answer during discussion on Demands and we will also discuss about the criteria. Regarding purchase of new vehicles, there is a proposal and we will try to equip the places which are found to be necessary.

Regarding purchase of mini-truck and medium truck under the 13th Finance Commission, we have already deposited the sum to the agency but are delayed due to the problem faced by the Agency. We have thought of filing a court case but not proceeded due to the request of the agency not to proceed. If the agency fails to fulfill

its promise, then we will try to withdraw the sum deposited by any means.

SPEAKER : Next, Question No. 153 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The total Nos. of MAP and IR Bn. in Mizoram and year of their establishment and location of headquarters respectively. If location for the 4th IR Bn. Headquarters already been decided; if so, where and the estimate time of laying its foundation stone.
- b) Nos. of vacant post in each Battalion; reason for the delay of filling such posts and if there is proposal to that effect, if any.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Home Minister Pu R.Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is as follows: -

- a) The following are MAP and IR Battalions, their headquarters and year of establishment: -

i)	<u>Battalion</u>	<u>Year of Est.</u>	<u>Headquarters</u>
	1 st Bn. MAP	1974	Armed Veng
	2 nd Bn. MAP	1987	Luangmual
	3 rd Bn. MAP	1991	Mualpui, Aizawl
	1 st IR Bn.	1993	Mualvum, Kawnpui
	2 nd IR Bn.	2000	Khawzawl
	3 rd IR Bn.	2006	Thingkah, Lawngtlai District
	4 th IR Bn.	2007	Rengdil, Mamit District
	5 th IR Bn.	2008	Lungverh, Sakawrtuichhun

- ii) Rengdil, Mamit District is selected for the Headquarter of 4th IR Bn. And foundation stone was laid on 3.8.2013.

To add a few words in this regard, the present location at Mamit, though found to be congested is good for SP or for the Battalion Headquarters.

- b) No. of post vacancies in each Battalion: -

<u>Battalion</u>	<u>No. of Vacancies</u>
1 st BN. MAP -	206
2 nd Bn. MAP -	180
3 rd Bn. MAP -	156
1 st IR Bn. -	328
2 nd IR Bn. -	243
3 rd IR Bn. -	277
4 th IR Bn. -	329
5 th IR Bn. -	285

The reason for the delay to fill up such posts is financial problem. Besides, IR Battalions are of Centrally funded; yet recurring expenditure after 5 years should be

met from State own fund which is quite a burden for our state. Vacant posts will be filled at the earliest convenient.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -
 i) May the government prioritize filling up of the 2004 vacant posts?
 ii) Is there any proposal to establish Women Battalion?
 iii) What is the reason for issuing transfer order of SP Lawngtlai without appointing his replacement?
 iv) When was SP for Aizawl District (Rural) established? What is the jurisdiction of SP, Aizawl?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, SP, Lawngtlai was transferred and his subordinate will take the charge. We occasionally have IPS coming from the Central and our own MPS to be posted for the replacement and we will do so accordingly. Regarding SP, Aizawl District (Rural), it was initiated by the DGP without our knowledge which is absolutely wrong for it takes numbers of recruitment which should be done only with the approval of Finance and DP & AR. As such, all such posts were cancelled.

SPEAKER : Next, Question No. 154. The question of Dr. K. Beichhua is clubbed with Pu Lalrinawma's; Dr. K. Beichhua may ask.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state: -
 a) The up-to-date amount of Corpus Fund under Mizoram Health Care Scheme?
 b) Amount of bill under Health Care during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-2018?
 c) Amount of credit at the empanelled Hospitals?

SPEAKER : The hon. Health Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -
 a) Corpus Fund is not of Health & Family Welfare Department but Finance Department; the answer thus could not be furnished.
 b) Bill released to patients during 2014 to 2018 till 15th February, 2018 is as under: -
 2014-2015 - ₹12,35,32,722/-
 2015-2016 - ₹12,80,26,231/-
 2016-2017 - ₹16,98,70,390/-
 2017-2018 - ₹12,76,41,752/- .
 c) There is no credit at empanelled hospitals.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, to ask the Supplementary question,

will the hon. Minister pleased to state –

- i) On what basis the bill for treatment of inpatient and surgical under the Healthcare scheme are charged?
- ii) If there is any revision?
- iii) Nos. of non-empanelled hospital in Mizoram?
- iv) If there is any plan to revise the Healthcare Policy?
- v) If our Government implemented free drug policy?

SPEAKER : Another Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, Health Department should have known about the corpus fund even by enquiring the Finance Department. My question are: –

- i) If there is any plan to increase the corpus fund?
- ii) If there is any credit in RSBY empanelled hospital?
- iii) If the Healthcare scheme and RSBY have its empanelled hospital separately?
- iv) Is it a fact that cashless facilities may not be able to continue due to a huge sum of money owed by one Insurance company; if so, what is the up-to-date credit amount?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to give his answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, some CHC's issued a notification that free medical treatment with smart card under RSBY is no longer validated with effect from this Sunday, the 1st April. Is the Government aware of such notification? Why does the poor can no longer use the smart card for their medical treatment?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to give the answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will provide the answer to 2 questions of the Dr. K. Beichhua later. Regarding revision of Healthcare scheme, it is in process.

As of the question from Er. Lalrinawma on corpus fund, the Finance Department take control of it having an agreement with Asian Development Bank. The fund is deposited in various scheduled Banks on fixed with the interest to be released to Healthcare Society quarterly. However, the fixed deposit rate decreases and could not cover the entire bill as the bill on the other hand is increasing. Thus, it is necessary to utilize enrollment fund and also of the State budget. The timely released of RSBY fund also help a lot. Delay in the discussion of RSBY causes a problem to the beneficiaries but it is allowed to bill under Healthcare Scheme which immensely increased Healthcare scheme bill.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, how about my question on Free Drug Policy?

SPEAKER : The hon. Members should ask only the question relating to the original question. Let Er. Lalrinawma ask his question and the hon.

Minister will reply if necessary.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my question regarding credit to Insurance Company is missed out.

SPEAKER : Now, let the Minister reply if possible.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will give the answer to the question of Er. Lalrinawma tomorrow. Regarding Free Drug Policy, measure has been taken but remains unfulfilled till today. However, we will try to have it for the benefit of the poor.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, most of our questions are left to be answered tomorrow which is not appropriate for the government with accountability. The officials may help with the answer instead of saying 'tomorrow'.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, many questions does not concern with Health Department; my answers therefore are very reasonable.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the questions are of RSBY and Healthcare scheme which concern Health Department.

SPEAKER : You may take your seat while the hon. Minister still stands. Let him continue with his answer.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the main question has three sub-questions and I have given the answer to all. I have also answered the supplementary but some will be given tomorrow during discussion of the Demands.

SPEAKER : Tomorrow, we are going to have discussion on his Demands. Now, we will go to Question No. 155 to be asked by Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state – The amount of fund received from the Central Government for Medical College and the amount spent so far?

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

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is – the State Government received an amount of ₹126,72,00,000.00 from the Central Govt. in which the department have not yet received fund allocation of ₹24,70,000.00. The amount spent so far is ₹18,06,71,000.00.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I have five supplementary questions, such as: –

- i) What is the situation of the physical achievement?
- ii) Did MCI conduct any inspection to that effect?

- iii) What is the total Nos. of OPD patient per day and if the MCI norm is achieved i.e. 400 patient per day?
- iv) What is the total Nos. of bed and bed occupancy rate?
- v) What kinds of Teaching Staff are recruited so far and what are the criteria for the selection? Does such staff joint their post?
- vi) If such departments well equipped and how many are functional?
- vii) Number of meeting conducted by the Advisory and Managing Board.

SPEAKER : The Member takes up all the supplementary questions and we cannot take another. Let us invite the hon. Minister to reply.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows – The Physical achievement is 90%. The MCI performed an inspection many a time and we expect for another very shortly. Knowing the MCI norms, we know this cannot be achieved for the average Nos. of patient per day is 200 to 300. However, we hope this will not become an issue on our population base. The plan for 300 beds is now in progress. Regarding total Nos. of recruitment, accurate answer cannot be given as it is in process. The equipments we have are good enough as some are of world class. Pu Speaker, I wish the Members on your left too have made a spot visit. As of number of the meeting of advisory Board being held, I have not prepared for this question and the answer may be furnished later tomorrow.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, how about the criteria for the recruitment?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may reply.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, any qualified person is recruited for the post and is of opened recruitment regardless of his present attachment at the Referral Hospital but preference is given.

SPEAKER : If the House Leader has anything to say.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Referral Hospital was established at the same time NEIGHRIMS, Shillong was started in 1998 with a fund of 40 crore. While Meghalaya runs its hospital successfully, Referral Hospital was abandoned by the previous Ministry. As my party returned to power in 2008, we restarted the project and is now becoming very useful to many people.

We also have some world class instruments with a plan to upgrade it to a Research Centre. To attain this, we fulfill the condition to have a Director. Under the guidance of a qualified Director, we are taking a step forward. The MCI conduct inspection many times and have a surprise visit too. Some may not concern of having our own Medical College but we are moving forward to achieve it.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, we often compare Referral Hospital with NEIGHRIMS. It may be noted that NEIGHRIMS already obtained its registration under the Society of Registration back in 12th January, 1987. (*..Interruption...*)

SPEAKER : This House has a leader and what he says is the most important.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have a good new to share in this House if I may.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, he needs to apply permission for that in written.

SPEAKER : He applied and I grant him, he may not be disturbed. I will give you the same opportunity later.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I want to inform this august House that yesterday, the Sanctioning & Monitoring Committee, Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs approved 315.96 crore for construction of houses for the poor in urban areas. Sanctioning order for the 1st installment amounting to ₹57 crore is released for the following: –

Lunglei	-	2,450 families,
Champhai	-	2,417 families,
Serchhip	-	1,013 families,
Kolasib	-	890 families,
Siaha	-	1,590 families,
Saitual	-	688 families,
Hnahthial	-	759 families,
N. Kawnpui	-	566 families,
North vanlaiphai-		349 families,
Zawlnuam	-	399 families,
Biate	-	173 families
Lengpui	-	336 families.

Apart from this, we submitted the second DPR and additional demand for Aizawl, Lawngtlai, Champhai, Siaha, Kolasib, Serchhip and Lunglei and were approved.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Chapter 60 of our Rules stated that permission should be given to the Minister the day before making any statement. Is it appropriate that you have given him the chance freely?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: If we look into page 42, the Speaker has absolute power in this regard.

SPEAKER : Zero Hour and Special Mention are not mentioned in our Rules as you can see. However, power is given to the Speaker and I thus give him the permission. Let us not argue over that.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, there is a provision that application should be submitted one day advance.

SPEAKER : It is not a Statement but a Special mention and therefore is within my power.

Now, we will go to Financial Business and we will take the Demands of Pu R. Romawia and Pu H. Rohluna. Let us first call Pu R. Romawia, the hon. Minister to submit to the House Demand Nos. 6, 12, 21, and 23.

Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 6, 12, 21, and 23 for ₹2,41,36,93,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount
6	Land, Revenue & Settlement	₹31,35,87,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	₹59,60,000.00
21	Higher & Technical Education	₹2,00,06,39,000.00
23	Art & Culture	₹9,35,07,000.00
TOTAL		₹2,41,36,93,000.00

SPEAKER : Now, let us invite the hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to submit to the House various Demands under his charge.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand Nos. 20, 28, and 40 for ₹12,11,17,10,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments –

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget Amount
20	School Education	₹10,78,36,30,000.00
28	Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	₹13,34,81,000.00
40	Commerce and Industries	₹1,19,45,99,000.00
TOTAL		₹12,11,17,10,000.00

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have the discussion and Pu J.H. Rothuama will start.

PU J.H. ROTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are going to discuss important issues today which concern the foundation of our custom such as Land Revenue and Art & Culture which display to the world.

To start with Land Revenue, Mizoram does not have Law book on Land Revenue since the time of the British rule to District Council and UT. During my term as Revenue Minister, we prepared Revenue law with the help of experts on Revenue and Law and also the Law Department. Now, we are able to enjoy the result despite the need for amendment from time to time. However, I am very happy to accomplish this. Besides, Land Revenue is a department which collects revenue on regular basis. However, the department is not large enough to deal with all the cases and its jurisdiction too is quite small. We cannot cover all our Districts sufficiently due to

shortage of staff. Many in rural areas need to strengthen their land holdings through LSC but the department could hardly spare surveyor to do the work. As such is the case, the department needs strengthening for it concern the core of our livelihood.

On Art & Culture, keeping in mind the need of preserving our traditional dresses, I think it is a good idea for the Members to wear our traditional Mizo outfits in the House on a regular basis for it is the exact place to display. The department needs Darkhuang (brass gong) which plays an important role in our culture as our forefathers used to summon the people in case of emergency. It is also important to have a cultural heritage for the upcoming generations. We therefore need to increase the budget of Art & Culture as it is the only department which concern with preservation of our identity.

On School Education & Higher Education, there are many important things to say in which transfer of teachers and shortage of staff are overall problems of rural schools. It is mainly due to excessive allotment of teachers in urban schools. The next reason is transfer of teacher's post along with the incumbent as replacement could not be made. The government thus needs a stringent rule on transfer and posting of teachers. While this is the case, there are some appointed headmasters who are reluctant to join the post for lack of benefit as their transfer does not affect the pay. In this regard, a strong order should be issued so that the concerned teacher joined the post compulsorily.

Regarding Labour & Employment, I opine labour wage should be maintained. We need to make a plan to ensure the welfare of those who serves for lower job under the government. It will be much appreciated if the govt. determines better ways to improve their livelihoods. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to start from Land Revenue & Settlement, is it a fact that one has to approach the concerned Minister to avail LSC application form? It will be appreciated if the Minister clarifies this in his wound up speech. It is learned that only 50 Nos. LSC is issued in the premise of Govt. Complex which means rest of the households i.e. 300 - 400 Nos. are without 50 LSC. The condition of such families is comparative with that of refugees who does not have LSC to avail loan for improvements of their households. May the concerned Minister consider issuing LSC to such families?

Regarding fund allocation to Land Revenue for medical treatment, it is less sufficient and should be increased. Relating to this, the problem of shortage of staff in the department should also be resolved and it results in delaying the process of LSC particularly at the district level.

Coming now to Higher Education, fund provision for scholarship during 2017-18 was ₹5,931.07 which is now reduced to ₹41 lakh only. What is the reason, Pu Speaker? We do not have a permanent College Principal till today. Is there any mean to resolve the case? It may also be noted by the hon. Minister that there are only 22 Nos. teaching staff in the Institute of Advance Study in Education (IASE) under

which training for B. Ed and M. Ed are given. The problem is intensive and should be resolved immediately.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, our senior Member has pointed out the inflexibility of fund provision in the department and will not be able to cover the expense on medical treatment and grant-in-aid salary. I believe the Finance Deptt. need to prioritize this important department.

On School Education, it is stated that many schools within Aizawl and other parts are functioning without Headmaster and so is Tanhril School which is within my constituency. Is there a way to solve this problem? If possible, Headmaster may be posted at Tanhril with immediate effect. Relating to this problem, posting of school teachers is uneven and should be examined. It is questionable that the problem of shortage of teacher persisted despite having excessive number of teachers being appointed.

On Demand No. 40, Commerce & Industries, it is obvious from the decrease of fund allocation this year on medical that it is less enough as some heads like creation of capital assets are left blank. I request if the hon. Minister clarifies in his wound up speech. Considering the budget, I am afraid that the progress of Commerce & Industry department is retrieving. Though such is the case, I extent my appreciation to the hon. Minister for providing sewing machine, furniture tools and water tank to the farmers within my constituency. Thank you.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to start from Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, the department which deals with preservation of our Mizo status. It is appreciative that the department, in coordination with YMA, MHIP and MUP occasionally organises celebration of our festivals by showcasing our traditional dresses and dances. Nevertheless, inaugurating the Archeological office at Aizawl is a remarkable achievement of the department. It is great that the department is providing our traditional dresses on subsidized rate to lowest to the highest level of our society. While this is the case, it is unfortunate that only 3 lakh is allocated under grant-in-aid of this year's budget. Let us hope that more provisions are made from NEDP so that it accedes the budget last year.

I would also like to mention that it is our traditional treasure to value our local publications from the library despite the opportunity of accesing any of the information through internet. It is regretted to see fund provision under Rajaram Mohan Roy Foundation this year as nil and only 1 lakh being allocated under the Mizoram Publication Board. If such is the case, how can we expect the department to collect some worth-reading publications? I request it is also supplemented from NEDP or else we are moving for backwards.

On School Education, the department is praiseworthy for being able to recruit 59 Science teachers and 43 Mathematics teachers despite financial problem. It is indeed the efforts of the hon. Minister and the officals concerned. Much as well, it is appreciating that the demand of teachers is fulfilled from SSA and RMSA by providing teacher in a single teacher schools. Inflexibility of teacher is the problem of many countries and according to the World Bank report, there are about 1.3 lakhs of

inflexible teachers worldwide; this should be noted by the Minister of Finance and DP & AR as well. No country which is low in education and healthcare is hardly known as an advance country. In fact, we have to give important to education and its concerned Department. Our neighbouring State Assam is taking a great leap to become an advance state in education. With a new education policy introduced by the Chief Minister, Pu Ramachandran, Tamil Nadu recruited 73,316 teachers to solve the same problem which eventually brought the state to one of the most advance States in India. Our government also need to determine a good policy which will promote our state to a higher level. In order to make a progress in our education system, I opine the role of Finance Department and DP & AR is important as even the Minister concerned could do nothing without it.

As I have stated earlier, hotel become one of the best contributors of our national GDP due to the fact that development towards hotel is increasing in today's world. In the last part of its ministry, the UPA had a policy to concentrate on hotel establishment including 5 star with a view to provide employment opportunity to many jobless youth. Even many youth from Mizoram benefitted such policy by working in such hotels. Likewise, many of our youth are now working in th Gulf countries, Europe and even in America thanks to the steps taken by of the Youth Commission. In order to improve the quality of our youth, we need to change our educational system so that they are able to communicate with different languages. Thus, more fund allocations should be made to Education.

It is appreciating to learn that the Synod is opening English Medium School. At the same time, it is important for the government to give financial aids to English Medium School ran by the Presbyterian in rural villages. Pu Deputy Speaker, I support all the demands of the two hon. Ministers, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, Demand No. 6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. I convey my thanks to the hon. Minister for providing us with Surveyor at Kawnpui. As 'Housing for All' was introduced at Kawnpui, many selected families could not obtain LSC from Surveyor for his service could not be spared from Kolasib as some have double issued LSC which need to be cleared for further use. While that is the case, it is truly appreciated that such families were being allotted house site so that they enjoys the said housing scheme. In this connection, I urge the hon. Minister to stop the practice of 50/50 share between surveyor and the owner of land which will be processed for compensation.

On Demand No. 23, Art & Culture, as already mentioned, this is the department which showcase our traditional heritages and also give instruction to our traditional dances. In the previous term, Pawndum, Darkhuang and PA set were made available on subsidized rate but could not be continued due to lack of fund. Thus, the department need more funds so as to continue with such supply.

Next, Demand No. 20, School Education. I think my constituency is among that suffer the inflexibility of teachers most as the result of many schools are Nil. I have even summoned all headmasters concern of High school as well as RMSA

within my constituency to verify the root cause of this problem. Our finding is that many of class VIII students are directly promoted to class X and they do not have enough time to cover all the lessons. Secondly, most of the Maths and Science subject teachers are of RMSA which immensely affected their matriculation. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is desirable if the vacant posts of such teachers are immediately filled. I also urge the hon. Minister to consider immediate replacement of Headmaster of Bukpui Govt. H/S the incumbent who will be retired by the end of this month. It may as well be considered Headmaster for Govt. H/S of Nisapui which is running two years without one and for upgradation of Kawnpui Adhoc Aided Higher Secondary School to Govt. School.

Regarding Primary School, three teachers are generally allotted to one Primary School which I think is less enough for Primary school contain class I to IV; it should be at least 4 teachers. In this relation, it may be noted by the hon. Minister that Govt. Primary School Lungdai-I is having 2 teachers only thus should be given more.

On Labour & Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, it is fortunate that the proposed location of ITI at Kolasib is changed to Thingdawl since no convenient location is available. My question is, when will the work be started.

On Commerce & Industries Department, I am happy that Hortoki is selected for Handloom Cluster as some works already been started. Is there a way to purchase a cotton yarn at a subsidise rate as in Thenzawl? I support the Demands of the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First, I will concentrate on Demand No. 20, School Education and No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department. Before that, I convey my thanks to Art & Culture Department for introducing new system in every festival with a new variety in the programme; performance of the House Band this year was par excellent.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as the hon. Minister for School Education has stated, concentration is given on schools infrastructure as renovation of many school buildings are in progress thank to fund provisions from the central such as NEDP and NABARD. I also thank for continuing midday meal for the programme improves the health of many school infants. Yet, I request fund provision to that effect is made on time and our state matching share for this programme is fulfilled.

On Committed Learning Initiative which concern better quality education, the department selected three subjects such as Science, Maths and English for class, 30 Nos. High Schools are selected for that purpose at the first phase and 70 Nos. Secondary School will also be covered from the new academic session. I think this new system will be of much helps for the concerned students; I request the Minister and the Department officials to take more efforts.

Apart from this, the medium of instruction is now English and their text books are from NCERT which are written in simple English so the students will be able to

understand easily. Colleges for B. Ed will now be established in Lunglei which means DIET could be studied in Lunglei and Aizawl. Special category for hearing impaired and eyesight problems will also be opened under these institutions.

We have seen progress in Sports through TATA Company which collaborates with Education Department, and as a result, two girls have been selected as National players; Bangalore Football Academy had also signed a contract with two students. In different villages, schools are established by churches but such schools does not have nursery. As such, children who are supposed to fit in nursery directly sit in class-I and they do not understand what is being taught to them; this will surely have a backward impact in our educational system if it continues. I request our hon. Minister to take note of this and take necessary measures in this regard. There are also many Government schools where there are 6 or 7 teachers but the numbers of students are very less, so, in such cases it is crucial to amalgamate schools and I am positive it will also have a positive impact in our educational system.

Regarding the introduction of CCE, I believe it is best that we implement this system in one District at a time. So, we may know whether it have a positive impact on our educational system.

Pu Deputy Speaker, last year Mizoram State Higher Education Bill, 2017, a very important bill was passed for our educational progress. Is there any step taken in this regard? It is heartening to know that funds received from central under RUSA are utilized wisely and we are the best achiever so far. An amount of ₹1,000/- lakhs is received from NEDP and all colleges will receive an amount of ₹7 lakhs, smart classes and Science Colleges will receive an amount of ₹15 lakhs to renovate their laboratories, another ₹30 lakhs is meant for laboratories and ₹75 lakhs will be utilized for establishing online examination centers. Is there any possibility of opening new colleges or science colleges in Siaha, Saitual and Mamit? I will conclude by saying that I give my support in passing the Demands of our two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next? Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIKA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will first express my support in passing the Demands of our two hon. Ministers. As mentioned by my fellow member, it is satisfying to know the renovation and upgradation of our learning institutions and I also request the officials of Scholarship Board to take more rapid steps so the students can receive their scholarship in time.

Under Demand No. 32, Art & Culture Department, I request that funds to upgrade and establish libraries in different areas under Raja Ram Mohan Roy foundation be continued. This Department had contributed a great deal in instilling the feeling of oneness and makes people more aware of our cultural and traditional heritage.

I believe Mizoram has the highest cost of land and there are many double LSC which cause a great deal of trouble for the owners. So, I request Revenue & Settlement to take more rapid steps to settle the disputes. Under Demand No. 20, School Education, it is gratifying that plans are made to recruit 102 Nos. of teachers, 59 Nos. for Science and 43 Nos. for of Maths Teachers; renovation works are also done on many schools and Headmaster appointments are also made in different schools. At the same time, I want to say that teachers posted in my constituency are a bit of a problem since the students consist of Bru's, Pang, Chakma, Tuikuk etc. So, I request our hon. Minister to take note of this.

After the introduction of Mid-day meal, it is obvious that it has great results in the health of our students but there are cases where the School Headmaster corrupts the funds for Mid-day meal. So, I request our hon. Minister to look into this matter. I express my gratitude to SCERT and Training for making our text books and I hope and request to keep an open mind in the upgradation of our lessons; I also request our Ministers to encourage them in this regard.

On Labour & Employment, the department achieved a great progress and the fruit of their work could be seen in many areas. With the establishment of Construction Workers under Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, an amount of ₹28.22 lakhs is given to those who are in need of aid under different grounds like, hospitalization, medical assistance etc. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : *You have used the allotted time.*) I will take only a few more minutes, Pu Deputy Speaker.

The progress made under Commerce and Industries are worth mentioning and it has also established a facilitation centres at the borders and different areas like Kawrchhuahpui Border trade with Myanmar, Bangladesh, Lawngtlai etc. Apart from this, it is good to know that Food Testing Laboratory is established at Zemabawk and markets are constructed at Mission Veng Complex and in Bazaar area. So, with all these achievements, it is clear that our government had achieved immense progress in our development. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have come to the end of our morning session; we will have a short recess and resume our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2: 00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will resume our session and I will call upon Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will first stress on Demand No. 6, Land & Revenue.

There are 319 Nos. households in the Government Complex and among them, only 2 have LSC. So, what are the plans of the concerned department to clear this kind of issue since there is also such kind of cases in other areas? The amount received from non-tax revenue from the Economic Survey was ₹2,61,75,360 and

from Registrations Fees and Stamp Duties, an amount of ₹1,81,18,719 was received which is very heartening.

Pu Deputy Speaker, how about the projects on Committee on Non-Reform? I believe a certain amount of funds are placed for Cadastral Survey of Govt. Complex, Luangmual for 2016-2017; so, what is the present status of this project? For strengthening of Registration on Stamps, an amount of ₹813 lakhs are allocated for the year 2017-2018 which is still not released and an amount of ₹56,54,000/- are allocated for RCC boundary pillars for villages and another ₹200 lakhs for Modernization of Land Record Management and are also not released. So, what is the progress made in these regard?

Under Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education Department, we are the most progressive in the North East and this shows that the concerned department with all it staffs is working very hard and I hope they could continue to maintain this reputation. Many colleges are constructed, so what are the physical achievements in the construction of such buildings? I am glad that notice is given for the medium of instruction which will be in English and I am positive this will have a great impact in our English construction. It is also worth mentioning that B. Ed special education regular classes will be opened for hearing impaired, physically challenged and those who have problems with their eyesight. Pu Deputy Speaker, for which colleges are the post-metric students hostel constructed?

There are 85 Nos. of Headmasters of Govt. High School and 80 Nos. of Govt. Middle School which posts are of non-permanent. What is the reason for the delay of the promoted teachers in joining their post of headmasters? Pu Deputy Speaker, it is gratifying to know that Education Complex Serchhip has been completed under Special Plan Assistance.

Art & Culture has played a basic role in instilling our culture and tradition and taken many progressive steps in this regard; but when it comes to the celebration of our cultural festival like Chapchar Kut, it is obvious that on this day, many are convicted due to substance abuse. So, I suggest it might be best to let YMA, the biggest NGO to take care and organize this festival so they may take more precautionary measures in this issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker. I will first stress on Parliamentary Affairs where there are no permanent post for Drivers. So, I request this matter be given attention since the MR drivers are the daily bread earners for their families.

Under Art & Culture Department, Tinghmun which is under my constituency is among the senior-most in line for construction of library. So, I request to give priority.

I thank the hon. Minister for establishing RMSA High School in N. Serzawl, Sunhluchhip, Sailutar, Damdiai, N. Tingmun and Mauchar. I also express my gratitude towards posting of teachers in different schools under my constituency and for opening doors for the promotion of teachers etc. I believe it is the most progressive department at present.

On the matter of trained teachers, it is difficult for those who live in remote rural areas to enter the training period. So, I hope at least 80% of the seat be reserved for rural area teachers. We are also facing a problem regarding hiring substitute teachers during maternity leave of mothers. So, is there a possibility of hiring substitute teachers during the long maternity leave of our female teachers? I would also like to point out that in a remote constituency like ours; it is hard to visit different sites as our SDO so uses his private car to visit remote areas. So, I request that SDO be given a transport for such visits. We also have established a Higher Secondary School and if it is possible to grant aid to our schools for more progresses? I believe grant is allocated for construction for markets in different areas under Commerce & Industries and if there is a chance for us to receive such funds? On Labour & Employment, if the department gives opportunity for registration as it was done in the previous term?

Geology & Mining plays a very significant role especially in rural areas. So, I request funds allocated in this department be increased. With that, I will conclude by expressing my support in passing the Demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. On Demand No. 6, the revenue our State has received so far and the working system is quite transparent; and, it is wise that the hon. Minister is taking extreme precautionary Measures on issue of double LSC.

Under Higher & Technical Department, I express my gratitude towards the concerned department for opening Geography Department, for posting of two permanent posts of Assistant Professor and giving us two English professors during our time of need since the previous ones were transferred in other places.

I express my appreciation to Art & Culture Department for the efforts on educating our heritage and tradition to the people and for all the publication works. It preserves many old cultural places and monuments all over Mizoram and it still continues to discover more of such monuments.

Under Demand No. 20, School Education, I request the hon. Minister not to forget the needs of more LDC and Grade-IV while filling up the 168 vacant posts. Pu Dy. Speaker, Voluntary Retirement Scheme was introduced with a hope to absorb teachers of more vibrant energy with better quality but we seem to fail with the policy. I request the hon. Minister to look into this case. It is wise of the hon. Minister to give notice to the concerned MLA's on the matters relating to transfer and posting of teachers.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have a community established Higher Secondary School to serve further study for class-X passed students who could afford to pursue in other places; funds have also been provided from MLA constituency fund but is difficult to continue in this manner. So, I request the hon. Minister to give prioritize this matter and upgraded such school to a government aided school. I am glad that there is a plan for reconstruction of Cherhlun High School building.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is truly appreciated that various progresses have been made in industry such as fabrication industries of steel, aluminum and iron, wood based industries, food processing and handlooms. Regarding Commerce, I would like to mention that Tiau River which is near Thingsai has been selected as free movement regime. The House Leader had even inaugurated the project back in 1996 of the previous Congress ministry. To continue with the project, it is appreciated that number of bazaar sheds are now under construction.

Regarding ginger marketing, COPU Committee has now inquiring fluctuation of ginger rate and visited many places for this issue. It is our desire to have a direct trade with Bangladesh whereas the agency from Karimganj informed their willingness to take up direct trade from Bairabi.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I also suggest we should promote skill development under Labour & Employment. At present, Geology & Mineral Resources deployed 2560 laborers at stone quarry and generates quite an amount of revenues. Thus, it is wise for the government to equip the project with more fund provisions so as to achieve more improvements. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Let me start with Education as it is the main concern for rural areas.

Our Govt. spends 14.5% of our budget on education and comparing with other states like Uttarkhand using 16.5% for the same, we need to increase the amount of our budget on education. Regarding school enrollment, we are now having 151% under the elementary section and 22% under Higher Secondary, which means number of dropout is increasing. Considering enrollment at the national level i.e. 19%, we remain the highest in the whole country.

The Report of Education Reform Commission section 33 and 34 underlines the medium of instruction in the elementary level should be of the mother tongue which I opine as of much important. The introduction of English in the elementary level may be a setback and therefore is important to give attention to any suggestion which may be made by Education Reform Commission as it is done so to control transfer and posting of teachers. I also suggest providing House Rent Allowance or Difficult Area Allowance and staff quarters for teachers should also be constructed since it is a problem to find a house for renting especially in rural areas. I also request that renovation of school buildings should be initiated from the funds under NEDP.

On Labour & Employment, it is stated in the answer regarding ESI that no fund is allocated for Employees State Insurance Corporation. But the standard note indicates those who register their names are able to reimburse 12.5% of his medical bill from the state government. So, I suggest we should look into this matter once again. It is important to know the condition of our labors and give importance of their works.

On Commerce & Industry Department, it is clear from the budget that agriculture and primary sector is very low and should be given more efforts. Regarding gingers market, as mentioned by the hon. Member earlier, it is wise to have a proper plan for export and take initiatives accordingly. It is also important to study the APMR Act. Despite relaxation of the Temporary Trade License implemented on the 15th of July, 2013 which concern trades which cannot be done by the local traders, there are many cases where such rules are breached. So, it is important to enforce a strict action on implementing our rules and regulations.

Regarding loans for higher education, I have met parents who need such assistance for further education of their children; and so far, the majority of those who availed such loans were of well-to-do families. So, I suggest we should examine the case properly so that it is made available to any student who actually need for further studies.

Art & Culture contributes a great deal in preserving our cultural and tradition. So, I suggest we should increase the funds allocated in this department to achieve more progresses.

Regarding Land & Revenue Department, we have numbers of land disputes and double LSCs which needs to be resolved. I request the hon. Minister to look into this matter and take necessary steps in this regard. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is truly appreciative that construction of Mission Veng market is in its final stage; yet, we have a problem with the approach road as it has already been requested but to no avail. I urge our hon. Minister to consider the case.

Under Labour & Employment, it is necessary for the government to upgrade the status of our labors so they may have a regular income. I hope the government servants should also contribute for their welfare.

Education Department has taken various progressive steps like mid-day meal and cleanliness; yet, I think it is important to amalgamate some schools for more progresses. Regarding land dispute, I suggest officials like surveyors and field workers working should take cautious measures so that the problem of the department is alleviated. I think it is important for the department to expedite settlement of the proposed site for the Assam Rifles so that they soon moved in. I also opine the amount of the discretionary fund in respect of Deputy Chief should be revised.

On Higher & Technical Department, I suggest shifting of Aizawl College to Mualpui so the students may enjoy better environment than remains in the congested area.

Regarding Art & Culture Department, it is regretted to learn that stoppage of funds under Raja Ram Mohan Roy Foundation left many buildings uncompleted. So, I request the concerned department to urge the concerned authority for resumption of this project. We also have made so much improvement on our language; yet, I suggest we should be more careful with our inscriptions. Thank you.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. There are the buildings of Polytechnic being constructed as some completed; my question is, when will admission be opened; may the concerned Minister clarify? Government College Saiha has not less than 500 students with a Professor for English subject who will reach his superannuation pension in May this year and another two of contractual basis, one for Mizo and the other for Education who are working on part time. Considering the condition, I am afraid the only college we have is de-affiliated; I request the hon. Minister to give attention to this problem. Order had been issued in 2010 for allotment of Science and Commerce subject but no action is taken till today. Likewise, DIET had also been established but with only 11 lecturers against the prerequisite Nos. of 18.

Under Land Revenue & Settlement, budget head of pensionary charge is shown as 'Nil' and so is 'POL' and Vehicle. I request the concerned Minister to clarify.

I am glad that funds allocated for Art & Culture is increased. Since this department is playing an important role in preserving our unity, I suggest cultural meet is conducted more often so that people living in and outside Mizoram are participated. I believe this will bring a positive effective in our unity as a tribe.

On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, I think course of teaching in any institution of Mizoram is the most difficult for the students considering other States. I think we need to question ourselves if we instill the true objective of education in the mind of our students. I also request the hon. Minister to give attention to Saiha Higher Secondary School in which there are students more than the building could accommodate for most of such students are of poor background to pursue their further study outside. Pu Dy. Speaker, is it possible to convert SSA teachers into government teachers since many have been serving for more than 20 years? It is also wise to review the rules and regulations of hostels which I feel as more like a mini-jail; I think we should also give more attentions to hostellers' mess.

Under Labour & Employment, I request our hon. Minister to explain regarding NIAS and NMAS. On Commerce & Industries Department, it is important to renovate the Border Haat to improve our border trade as the route to Bangladesh and Myanmar is quite engaging for importing goods.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga.

PU CHALROSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, I want to express my support on the Demands of our hon. Ministers.

Under Commerce & Industries, I request our leaders to approach the central for continuation of the North Eastern Industrial Policy which has been terminated.

On School Education, I appreciate amalgamation of certain schools and posting of Mathematics and Science subject teachers in my constituency. I am sure such measures will have a positive impact on our education system. I also request the hon. Minister to react regarding Rahsi Veng High School.

Under Higher & Technical Department, I express my gratitude to our leaders for constructing Auditorium at Lunglei Government College. During my last visit to J. Buana College of Lunglei, I suggested that the college is shifted to Vanhne which is only 9 kms from Lunglei and the concerned Village Councils too are willing to give land for the establishment of the College; I request our Minister to take note of this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start with, we had The Mizoram Land Revenue Laws 7 years ago but there was a little dispute with AMC regarding Building Regulations. Question has also been raised on this issue and the hon. Minister stated that resolution process as in progress; but no result is taken till today. Last year, we have a land Acquisition Act but could not be implemented due to a case filed at the High Court which further halted many developmental projects like construction of National Highways etc. So, I request our hon. Minister to give a report on the initiatives of the government in this regard.

We are now facing boundary issues and it would be appreciated if the hon. Minister explains the progress of step which has been taken so far by the Boundary Commission. As we are all aware, the State government and Assam Rifles had signed MoU; I urge the government to stand its ground on matter of boundaries as stated in the agreement.

On Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Department, I suggest we should have a proper plan regarding the students' scholarship. I think it is inappropriate that the scholarship balance amount of ₹25,12,100/- remain in the government account. I think it is also necessary to make proper arrangements for student's loan so that the concerned students are able to pursue their further studies. I also suggest we should have proper plan for development of infrastructure of our institutions which may be made from RUSA. I believe we are all aware of the fact that after Higher Secondary result came out and there will be a problem of admission for many students at various colleges due to limited accommodation. So, it is important for the concerned authority to resolve the problem. We should carefully determine entrance examination for the selection of technical studies as we often witnesses violent activities among the students and the police forces.

Under Art & Culture Department, I suggest we should increase the amount allocated for publication and we should also give more thoughts on improvement of our book keeping system in the archives. Since the department concerns preservation of our cultural heritage and monuments, I think it is important that it should also concern for the Boundary Commission so that we are be able to know the actual boundary of our state.

On Demand No. 20, Education, I suggest we should give more attentions to our educational system so that we achieved more progresses to attain world class education. I suggest we should give importance to SSA teachers who have not drawn their salaries since December last year. It is also important to review our school timing as to whether its effects the students' health. Pu Dy. Speaker, can we increase funds provision for Education from NEDP for it is known to us all that Education is the foundation of the development of our State. If we provide staff quarters for teachers in rural areas, I am positive that no teachers will ask for transfer of their posting.

Labor & Employment being an important department received ₹62.76 crores for Labor Cess; I hope the funds are utilized for the welfare of the people. While this is the case, I opine to be disgraceful that NIAS issued a bounced cheque of ₹42 lakhs and they should be urged to clarify the case. The hon. Minister is also requested to explain the whereabouts of missing ITI bus?

Pu Deputy Speaker, it may be explained that Geology & Mining Deptt, even after bifurcation remains under the Industry Department. Now is working season and I would like to request the authority to examine the size and quality of our cubic stones. Lastly, it is important to give more attentions to border trade as it will be a good source of income generation for our State. What is the progress of the agreement signed with Bangladesh in 2010? We have not given enough attentions to Border Haat; I request we should give priority to this matter. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. To start from Demand No. 6, I express my gratitude to the concerned Minister for clearing a house pass at Saidan. I thank the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Department for resolving our problems on shortage of manpower in Colleges and schools.

Art & Culture is a department which plays an important role in providing a platform for promotion of our culture and tradition and I encourage all the staff to keep up the good work. I am also proud to add that we have set a world record with our cultural dance 'Cheraw'. During my visit to London, I met with a lady who came to Mizoram to announce that we have set the Guinness Book of World Record, she introduced me to all her colleagues by the achievement our state have made with our beautiful dance and they all shook my hand to congratulate me. She further related to those who gathered around us of the record event and the mass Cheraw dance performances.

While this is the case, the supply of our cultural dresses is insufficient even for Chapchar Kut. So, it is impressive that the Govt. gives importance and takes measures all over the districts knowing that this small Department can expose and promote our cultures and traditions to the world.

Regarding Education Department, I will combine it with Higher if needed. It is appreciating that the department collaborated with PHE on midday meal so that the children receive safe drinking water. It is also impressive that our very own Mizo students participated in the inter-school band competition of national level and even won prizes. However, I was told that the expenses for educational tours/excursions were paid by the students and it would be appreciated if the Govt. funds these tours. Our denominational schools are perfectly adequate and I believe we can have greater achievement if we handed some of our school buildings to these schools, provide salaries and handed the power to the denominations. **(Dy. SPEAKER: Your time is up)** It would also be appreciated if Laptop/Computers are provided to the students above higher secondary school. I truly support the demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The problem that we faced most on Land Revenue & Settlement Department is with the department itself and I request the department to give more efforts.

Regarding Parliamentary Affairs Department, the Consultative Committee that I am in is never called since the beginning of our term and the Assembly does not pay much attention to it. So, we could demolish the Committee as a meeting is never called.

Next is, Higher & Technical Education. Though the Govt. has not much power, I believe Higher & Technical Education has responsibility on MZU, Veterinary and Horticulture College for it concern mostly of the Mizo people though there is reservation of seats for non-mizos as well. Thus, we need to be more involved in MZU.

Next is Art & Culture Department. We have exposed our culture to others but our true nature should also be encouraged because what makes a true mizo is selflessness, respecting the elders and integrity which seems to be fading today. So, it would be appreciated if the department encouraged us on characters because there is more to beauty than just physical attributes.

Next is School Education. There are several unused staff quarters of some departments at some villages and I often thought that such kinds of fund should have been used for constructing or upgrading primary schools since most of such school buildings are becoming old. Apart from being a school, they are often used for conducting elections and for community gatherings and thus would be appreciated if measure is taken through NEDP. We also need Headmaster quarters at every village as well. Regarding our new school timing, I opine it is not compatible with our culture and so will be appreciated if the old timing is practiced again.

Regarding Labor & Employment, we had a problem on labor cess last year and as mentioned by Er. Larinawma yesterday, the total amount received on labor cess during 2012-2018 is ₹6,276 lakhs out of which our expenditure is ₹2,539 lakhs and the total balance is ₹3,736 lakhs; it would be appreciated if the remaining is used towards laborers. Pu Speaker, I support the demands and thank you.

SPEAKER : We will end the discussion. I request Pu Romawia, the Hon. Minister to move his demands to be passed by the House and if necessary, to make some clarifications.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 16 members participated in the discussion of my demands and I hope the Department Officials will take care of the members' concerns since there is limited time. The Consultative Committee is considered as trivial in our practice as meeting is hardly called which often disappointed the members. The members are very needful at the Assembly Committee and they spent their full time here which is the reason that Consultative Committee is hardly called. We need to continue with this important committee and I also realize that I have not taken expedite measures being a PAD Minister.

Moving to Art & Culture Department, it is an important department despite being small but the budget increased to only ₹71,500 lakhs. However, the Finance Minister, who is the hon. Chief Minister always help us meet our needs. A token is not kept regarding Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation but we do not face problem when the Central takes measure; I believe we will not face problems this year either. We spends huge sum of fund when celebrating Chapchar Kut but we somehow proceeds without much problem. Apart from the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, we receive funds from NEZCC and that is why we are able to send our youths outside India. Measures are currently taken on patentship and geographical indication as well as for preserving our culture. There are many historical traces of our ancestors in Mizoram that need to be preserved but we have no fund for it. However, we are taking measures with INTACH and equipped ourselves with the few amount in hand and I believe we are making progress gradually.

The demands are high on our cultural dresses that are provided on subsidy and we hope that the Finance Department helps us meet our needs. We are also taking measures on our Cultural Centre at Maubuang and setting up museum at Secretariat Complex which is in progress. We do not agree on the location of library that is at Secretariat Complex and we hope that the Secretariat building opposite to the Assembly House is accommodated for state/district library.

We are making progress gradually on tribal research and we preserve our ancestors' inscriptions with ammonium smoke and placed them at the Archive. The Archaeological Survey of India is quite interested on our historical traces and selected us as a Nodal Department. A centre is setup at Aizawl covering Tripura, Manipur and Mizoram and the Revenue Department is working on the location. We are also taking measures on cultural dances, music, publications etc.

Regarding the YMA library mentioned by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, since fund provision is not that much, it is distributed district-wise after carefully considered by the committee.

We make themes in every Chapchar Kut like 'Respect to elders' and 'One who holds for oneself die as one who shares with others survives' etc and we hope that this will have an effect among the mizo people as a whole.

Higher & Technical Education has a wide coverage and our colleges are making progresses despite staff shortage. We have 24 Colleges, 2 Polytechnic Institutes, 2 Boys hostels and 1 Girls hostel in Shillong and 1 Girls hostel in Aizawl. We also have 768 teaching posts where 138 posts are vacant and 630 are filled. We are making a lot of progress on buildings and infrastructure and the number of students also is increasing. However, our youths hardly get Master Degree admission at MZU and we need to think of ways and means so that our students attained their degrees. Science subject is expanding and we need to prepare ourselves to catch up with today's development by introducing new subjects. However, we are still facing financial shortage and we still cannot fill up the 138 vacant posts.

We have 2 Polytechnic Institutions located at Durtlang and Lunglei as construction of the same at Champhai, Kolasib and Mamit have now been completed. The same for Siaha is almost completed and preparations are going on for Lawngtlai and Chhiahtlang. We need to introduce subjects which concern our livelihood but the Ministry suggested a compact due to financial shortage as the Polytechnics for Champhai, Kolasib and Mamit are differed for now by the last Cabinet meeting.

A proposal is also made to establish automobile engineering at Kolasib and food processing at Champhai. However, our leaders are not up to having high expenses at the end of a term and i believe measure will be taken by the new term.

There is a proposal to establish Mizoram University campus at Chhimtuipui but there are problems at the Central and we are eagerly waiting for a positive outcome. While this is the case, science subject is not yet introduced at the Colleges such as Lawngtlai, Kamalanagar and Siaha and a committee is established to study and make decisions.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, we cannot have a regular College Principal since a very long time and it would be appreciated if explanation is given since we have number of qualified Professors with Doctorate degrees.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: We have a big problem. We are under AICTE on technical line and for example, prerequisite norm for Polytechnic teacher is B.E. I-Class. We follow UGC norms on regular Colleges and the Principal should be an Associate Professor according to the norms. So, we could not take expedite measures despite their qualifications and professions.

RUSA is quite important(PU K. SANGTHUAMA: Pu Speaker, the Mizoram State Higher Education Council Bill, 2017, in other word RUSA is allegedly to be terminated in 2019. My question is, if there is any step being taken after it was

passed by the House. Pu Speaker, it reaches the Printing & Stationery Department after managing the patent errors and it is now gazetted and will soon be ready for implement.

We are making a lot of progresses with RUSA, UGC Grant and NECC funds and our College buildings, laboratories etc are also improving. **(PU K. SANGTHUAMA:** Pu Speaker, our Colleges are still not enough and we could establish another College at Aizawl West-I. Is there any restriction on setting up new colleges?)

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there is no restriction on establishing colleges as there are many of private Colleges and denominational Colleges but our officers are worried that there will be no quality education.

Revenue is an important department and we often face problems towards development. However, we are making progresses and a proposal is made to take measures with the help of Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme. Digital Global positioning System is also undertaken and we hope that there will be no more problems on survey of lands since the longitude and latitude are all measured. Land records are also computerized and stamp duty is also collected on Registration.

We have shortage of staff which is expected be improved soon. Our notified town areas need surveyors and it is important that the Govt. provides land to those who are born and raised in Mizoram but without any land. Our land is not extending but our population and the land value is increasing. So, the department has a high responsibility and we need to be very careful in the dealing or else we may face some kinds of notorious cases due to land disputes.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, what is the opinion of the Govt. regarding LSC in the premise of Govt. Complex Luangmual which remains unresolved? Is it that difficult to issue LSC?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: All the lands of Luangmual obviously were acquired by the Govt. during the PC ministry but the GAD claimed it is entirely of GAD. However, there are 2 Nos. LSC in the area with houses constructed plus 10 Nos. LSC without house constructed therein. We opine careful measure to be necessary in this regard unless the dispute is resolved first.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, there are 50 passes with LSC and 300 to 400 without LSC. If so, does the Govt. have any intention to resolve the problem?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: The Govt. will take measures after GAD did the necessary surveys. Besides, the Govt. should concern the welfare of the families who are in need of house as DM&R bought a land to provide housing for landslide victims.

The reason for the delay in issue of LSC for the said passes is the need of renewal of house passes previously issued in which houses already been constructed;

hopefully the problem will soon be resolved as it is now under process. So, I appeal to all the people of Mizoram to shed-off our egoism on land issue and build peaceful neighborhoods. Pu Speaker, I thus appeal to the House to pass my Demands with the total amounting to ₹2,41,36,93,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands. Those in favor may say, 'yes' (*Members: Yes*) the House has unanimously passed the Demands.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I request Pu H. Rohluna, the hon. Minister to wind up the discussion of his Demands and beg the House to pass it.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 28, Labor, Employment, and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department.

Employment online registration under Mizoram e-District Project is implemented in Aizawl with a plan to extent the same to other places as well. Registration is now easily done through CSC and there is a proposal to give training to 36,671 people under the state component of PMKDA for the year 2017-2020. The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship also approved ₹56.46 crore of financial target. Hopefully 70% trainers under this scheme will be given placements. Regarding ITI bus, it is due problem in the agency.

Regarding NIAS, I believe other members are more familiar with it since it is barely 3 months since I took the charge. However, it may be noted by the Members that there is no compensation component on the agreement and that the Govt. does not receive the sum refund of ₹42 lakhs for invalid cheque being issued.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I believe the Bounce Cheque being issued was falsified and penalty could be imposed for that. So, the Govt. needs to take expedite measures.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the Member that we are also concern about this and we have even informed them to process it once again but formally. NIAS is not a fake Institute as we have 2 PHM Degree holders with 6 students waiting for the same. There are some students and who do not pay attention to their studies. Thus, we should encourage at least those who pursue their career under this institution.

11 members discussed Commerce & Industries which is quite impressive. The NEIPP scheme is delinked and a new scheme (NEIDS) is set to be launched which is also approved by the Union Cabinet. The allocation of ₹3,000 crore on 21st March, 2018 has also been approved and the scheme will be implemented up to 2020.

As requested by Mizoram Food Processing Industries, the designated food parks such as Industrial Estate of Zuangtui, IGC of Luangmual, Bamboo Technology

Park of Sairang, IIDC of Lunglei etc have already been notified by the government and those having industry in the premises are eligible to avail soft loan from NABARD. ₹2,000 crore has already been handed over from MOFPI to NABARD for that purpose and the department thus wishes every youth to grab this opportunity and take advantage of it.

Regarding market constructions in rural areas, the department is unable to pursue for MN3 scheme is delinked and the new scheme is yet to be launched. Despite the efforts of the department, the approach road to Mission Veng Market building cannot be taken up which is much regretted.

Regarding termination of various corporations, auditing of the account of ZOHANDCO is now in process and will be terminated as soon as the audit report is approved by the Board. The next task is auditing MAMCO account of 2013-2014 and 2017-2018 and will also be terminated after obtaining approval of the Board. It may be noted by the Members that it is impossible to close down such corporations instantly as it takes quite a long process.

There are 64 NLUP trades under Commerce & Industries department with many beneficiaries; the staffs also are working tirelessly on district level as well. Pu Speaker, I am proud to highlight that my department took the 1st position at NLUP Kut and I thank the officials for their hard works. The Apparel & Garment Making Centre at Luangmual also is in progress by taking up school uniforms and by emphasizing on skill development on tailoring. Any of the apprentices are provided with a scholarship of ₹500/- per month and ₹2,500/- to help them started a business of their own.

Extreme measure is taken by the department of Commerce & Industries through NEDP but various projects needs to be stopped halfway due to the fact that the present government, when the ministry was assumed delayed the sanction provisions. Thank to the efforts of our House Leader and Finance Minister, we somehow are able to continue with the NEDP and works will soon be carried out. ₹140 lakhs is provided for improvement of the training centers and ₹30 lakhs for equipments and machineries.

Pu Speaker, with a view of attaining more progresses, we could organize a competition among our handloom weavers so that they will compete with each others for quality production. The yarn we used is of acrylic and measure is taken to utilize cotton and silk yarns. ₹30 lakhs is also allotted from NEDP for extension of the programme to rural areas.

There are 220 markets under Commerce Wing and the one at Mission Veng is almost completed. The work is handed over to PWD and we want the approach road to be fixed as soon as possible. A new building is under construction at New Market, the 1st installment of fund provision is received from NEC and the 2nd installment is delayed due to the need of resubmitting the DPR which should be prepared as per the Building regulations of AMC. The new DPR has already been submitted to the Central and we are hopeful that the fund will soon be released.

Food Testing Laboratory which is set up at Aizawl will soon be ready and we need this for quality tests. Vertical Extension of Bawngkawn Market, Reconstruction of Ngaizel Market, Reconstruction of Sairang market and Procurement of Market Information System under economic Development Programme are currently being taken up with ₹610 lakhs.

There is a proposal for construction of 8 Nos. Border Haat at Myanmar Boarder and DPR has also been submitted to the Central. However, this has to be discussed between Myanmar and India Govt. Likewise, construction of Bridges had also been discussed at the level of External Affairs Ministry of the two countries. The GPS reading and location are also being submitted to the central but the process takes time since it is a matter which should be discussed between the two countries.

School Education is discussed by 16 members. The salary of SSA teachers is paid up to November and the same for up to March will be released after the Finance Department deals with budgetary allocation and expenditure sanction.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, is there a proposal to reduce the salary of SSA teachers; if so, why?

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: I have no knowledge about it except for recruitment of 100 teachers for Primary Schools and 60 teachers for Middle Schools. It has also been advertised and will be conducted through MPSC.

It is unfortunate that we could not provide more teachers at villages at the present condition and I thank the members for taking measures on education with their respective Local Area Development Fund as the department fund is not enough.

Excessive decline of Headmaster Promotion is quite problematic and that is why new Recruitment Rules are made to reduce this decline. There are more than 80 vacant posts in Middle Schools and I hope that it will be conducted with Limited Departmental examination.

School inspections cannot be fulfilled as much as desired due to shortage of the officials. We do not have DEO at Siaha and Lawngtlai and the charge is taken from Lunglei. The govt. provides 5 pool vehicles for field inspections and works will be expedited if more vehicles are provided next year.

Hostels are now running according to our Rules and I request the parents to admit their children at hostels having Govt. permission only. Several teacher quarters are constructed through RMSA and NEDP fund is allotted for construction of 20 Nos. staff quarters. As per Amalgamation Rules, 50 Govt. Primary Schools were amalgamated. We receive sanction from NABARD for reconstruction of several schools and we also receive ₹490 lakhs during 2016-2017 from NEDP and ₹10 crore during 2017-2018.

The honorarium of Midday Meal Cooks is given up to January and February is not necessary since it is a school holiday.

Sainik School is now under School Education Department and we expect 60 students (54 boys and 6 girls) for 2018-2019 sessions. We are the first in the country to have a female seat and I thank our Chief Minister for his efforts.

It is appreciative that SSA is taking measures on supply of free textbook. We hope to establish B. Ed institution in Aizawl and Lunglei during this session and SCERT also approved us to establish B. Ed Special education for hearing and visual impairment. The NCTE and the Ministry give importance to teacher training and thus Open Distance Learning Mode is being carried out.

EDUSAT was launched last year and 50 Satellite Interactive Terminal are located at several areas. Several DIET Institute buildings and 9 hostel buildings under SCERT are under construction and the works are deposited at PWD.

So, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass my Demand Nos. 20, 28 and 40 with a total of ₹12,1,17,10,000.00. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands. Those in favour to pass may say, 'yes'. (*Members: Yes*) the House has unanimously passed the Demands.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is finished and we will continue tomorrow the 29th (Wednesday) at 10:30 AM.

(The sitting is adjourned at 6:30 PM .)