

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 22nd 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 LALRINLIANA SAILO**, to lay on the Table of the House Statement on Actions Taken by the Government against further recommendations contained in the Eighth Report of Committee on Public Undertakings relating to Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (MAMCO) under Commerce & Industries Department
3. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to lay on the Table of the House Statement of Actions Taken on the further recommendations of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 20th Action Taken Report, 2017 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, to present to the House the Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise & Narcotics Department.
5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the Twenty Ninth Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

6. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
7. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us invite Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No.89.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The number of people who surrendered their arms to protect wildlife;
- b) How is such arms and their licenses are kept?
- c) Is there any cash reward for those people who surrendered their arms? If so, what is the amount?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. My answer is: -

- a) 248 Nos. have surrendered their guns.
- b) These guns and arms licenses are kept at their respective divisions. Since
- c) Since such guns were surrendered voluntarily, no cash is rewarded.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, several guns that have been surrendered with their license have disappeared from the custody of the government including Pu James Dokunga's gun. How is this possible? What is the opinion of the government regarding this disappearance?

SPEAKER : Dr. K Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, there is a bull that is causing disruption at Lungzartum, near Siaha. May the government take measure in this regard?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I believe the Hon. Chief Minister has given advice and suggested that the bull be relocated. Has the government follow up the advice?

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Bulls are difficult to tame and are difficult to look after. On the other hand, they are a rare breed and need to be protected. I believe this issue should be taken up by Forest Department. Is there any way to transport this bull so that it is safe?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I believe it was in 1992-1993 when Pu James Dokunga surrendered his gun for protection of wildlife and was stored at DCSO (Wildlife Division). However, the gun disappeared and the department has no clue about its disappearance and Aizawl DC Office has no record of the registration and license.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, can the Hon. Chief Minister give assurance that those surrendered guns are still at their respective divisions? It is inappropriate that it is kept in a condition to be lost though while in the custody of the government.

SPEAKER : Let him finish.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot give assurance as I did not count each of the guns.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Minister himself said that there were 248 Nos.; if that is not true, then it disturbs the dignity of this House. (SPEAKER: Let him finish first; then you can ask supplementary questions later.)

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: I thank respected Member for his curiosity and diligence and he may personally check such guns and give his feedback. (LALRUATKIMA: Pu Speaker, we have already checked at DCF Wildlife and the numbers he had given is not correct.) It can still be lost even under the custody of the government, Pu Speaker. (LALRUATKIMA: The government is aware of the situation and so is important to come up with a solution.)

I feel for the victim of disrupted bull at Lungzartum and the government is planning to compensate such families. Killing a bull is illegal under the Indian Laws and so will be tranquilized and relocated.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister answer my question and explain if there is any way to prevent loss of such guns in the future, and, if any gun remains under the custody of the Government?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, i have already said my piece and will not be repeated. In all honesty, most of the guns surrendered are of UT and were without license. In fact, action can be taken against the owners for possessing unregistered arms and they can be prosecuted. Such guns are not worth keeping and it is hardly a great loss if some disappeared. In fact, I take it as illegal possession but have not discussed this with the authority as yet.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, did the government confiscate those guns of UT era? If not, why, if it is illegal possession?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I opine the answer which stated that missing of such guns not a great loss is not satisfactory.

SPEAKER : You may show respect to the Chief Minister

while he is standing since he is the House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: I have already answered; any guns of UT era can be prosecuted.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my question is, from which station the aforesaid guns disappeared.

SPEAKER : Let us be satisfied with the answers since the member who poses the questions seems to be more knowledgeable than the Minister in charge.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : I have been serving at this House for more than 15 years; you are the Speaker and only those you called out should be able to have their say. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Question No. 90 and I invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask the question.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department be pleased to state if the contract basis Forest Guards being terminated be employed again?

SPEAKER : Let us call the Hon. Chief Minister to answer it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, recruitment of Forest Guard is based on the Recruitment Rules set by the government; and, if the said meets the criteria, then they may be re-employed.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? If not, we will move on to Question No. 91 and I invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask the question.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister in charge Taxation Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The amount of entertainment tax received between 2016-2017 and 2017-2018;
- b) What kind of entertainment comes under Mizoram Entertainment Tax?
- c) How much does the department received this year from the tax collected?
- d) How many have applied for tax exemption during this period?
- e) How many were given?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Hon. Taxation Minister, Pu Lalsawta to answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Entertainment tax received during the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 is ₹38,76,882 and ₹82,53,531 respectively.
- b) The following comes under Mizoram Entertainment Act, 2013 (Act No.4 of 2013): -

Any exhibition, performance, amusement, game, sport, cinematograph show or video show to which persons are ordinarily admitted on payment or music, cultural and dramatic performances, or moving pictures or series of pictures which are viewed and heard on the television receiving set, with the aid of any type of antennae with a cable network attached to it or cable network or Direct to Home (DTH) service for which persons are required to make payment by way of contribution or subscription or installation and connection charges or any other charges collected in any manner whatsoever.

- c) Up to January, 2018, Taxation Department received ₹31,64,759 from Entertainment Tax.
- d) Tax exemption is applied by 5 persons in 2016-2017 and 3 persons in 2017-2018.
- e) All applicants were given.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, what are the criteria for collection of tax from those coming from outside Mizoram for festivals?

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it is stated that any one from outside who have applied for tax exemptions are exempted. On what basis they are exempted?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the same criteria used for the local applicants.

To answer the question of Dr. K. Beichhua, tax is generally exempted to any material or company brought to Mizoram for the benefit the people of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Question No.92.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Minister for Excise & Narcotics Department be pleased to state the number of people who died from drug overdose during 2013?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Hon. Home Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, HOME MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the total number of people who died from drug overdose from 2013 up to 5th March, 2018 as per Excise & Narcotics data is 232.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, this is important because abuse substances are spreading alarmingly in our state and the new generations have a very dark future. My Supplementary Questions are-

- i) From where such smuggled drugs were seized?
- ii) Does the Department have a proposal to comply with NGOs in restraining abused substances?
- iii) Does the Govt. provide incentives to these NGOs?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, most of these abused substances came from Myanmar and the western parts. There are times when CYMA and Excise Department worked together in fighting against drugs as a lot of cooperation is maintained. Incentives are not provided but we provide lunch money.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma to ask Starred Question No. 93.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 93. Will the Higher & Education Department Minister be pleased to state when Polytechnic College building will be constructed at Chhiahtlang. What is the estimated amount?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister Pu R. Romawia to answer the question.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is:-
The time for constructing Polytechnic College building at Chhiahtlang is not fixed as yet. ₹800 lakhs is estimated for Civil works and ₹430 lakhs for Laboratory equipments, machineries, furniture, books etc.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, is there a reason why the time for construction is not fixed as yet? If the tender has already been tendered? The Governor Speech mentioned that several buildings are now completed and how they are functioning. When will this College be opened?

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is a good Polytechnic building at Champhai and it would be appreciative to know how it will be processed.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Construction of 4 Polytechnic buildings at Thingdawl is completed but the wiring materials were stolen due to late commission. However, a chowkidar is appointed and the areas are now secured. So, like a fellow member has questioned, it would be appreciated to know how these buildings will be processed.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in case of Serchhip Polytechnic, the amount was given as a whole but ₹12.3 crore is for constructions at 8 districts. It is completed at Champhai, Kolasib, Mamit etc. whereas for Saiha and Lawngtlai, they are under-construction. There were some complications with the location for Serchhip but finalized Mutelentlang of Chhiahtlang. The approach road with black topping is completed with ₹96,6,9500. There were some complications with tender rate which is said to be higher than expected which further caused the project discontinued. I am not sure when the work will be retendered as it is handed over to PWD. Though we want to continue, some problems persisted and I believe no tender is released as yet. Champhai and Kolasib Polytechnic building are now completed and 113 employees were selected for a starter. However, the recurring expenditure is really high and the Cabinet deferred it because we do not know if GST will benefit us or not.

SPEAKER : Hon. MLA, Pu Vanlalzawma to ask Starred Question No. 94.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 94. Will the PHE Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is a proposal to build a large tanky at Shivaji Tillah, Khatla.
- b) If so, when?

SPEAKER : PHE Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) There is a proposal to build a tanky of 10.6 lakh liters at Shivaji Tillah tlang, Khatla under AMRUT Scheme, 2017-2019.
- b) We are waiting for the sanction and will be started as soon as it is availed.

SPEAKER : There is no supplementary question and we will move to Starred Question No. 95 from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 95. Will the Food & Civil Supply Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If the Govt. aware of shortage of Champhai cooking gas supply.
- b) The amount of MIZOFED consumers at Champhai.
- c) The amount of MIZOFED gas cylinder delivered at Champhai during 2017-2018.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) Yes, the Govt. knows and takes necessary measure to resolve the problem.
- b) There are 14205 Nos. consumers under MIZOFED, Champhai.
- c) 26112 gas cyliders reached Champhai during 2017-2018.

Pu Speaker, the Govt. is aware of the pervading gas shortages all over Mizoram due to the fact that IOC has a very low rate and the carrying contractors, transporters are unconcerned with their works especially those carrying contractors from Mualkhang Bottling Plant. They are employed by IOC and the Govt. cannot just dismiss them. However, we urge the Central and we have been assured not to extend the contract that ends this September and a new tender will be floated this April. Since the tender rate is low, the Finance Department approved ₹8 lakhs for support price.

Mualkhang Bottling Plant is very small with a capacity of only 100 metric ton and the Department thus gave IOC a land at Sairang for a bigger Bottling Plant with a capacity of 500 metric ton and IOC is currently working on it. It is difficult to take measures on gas since we do not have full power and the state Govt. cannot provide enough agencies. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We received 26,122 gas cylinders during 2017-2018 with 14,205 consumers, which means one family hardly receives 2 gas cylinders; 1 gas cylinder is bought at the rate of ₹1,800/- and our problem is quite heavy. Though it is beyond our control, I would like to ask if Champhai can be given another gas agency since 8,000-10,000 cylinders is provided in other places where as there are around 14,000 consumers at Champhai. It will be much a relief if at least 2 agencies; I would appreciate if it is a private agency since the staff work much harder.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, a friend of mine called to say that Champhai received gas supply on 15.05.2017 and then later on 14.2.2018. I believe Pu T.T. Zothansanga was on Supply Deptt. for quite a while and I was wondering if he had also neglected Champhai. In the meantime, Saiha is also facing problem on gas supply and I ask how this problem will be resolved?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the questions.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu T.T. Zothansanga, we are taking measures to provide another gas agency across Mizoram as well as petrol pump. However, it is beyond our power and our requests are through IOC and the area manager submitted our requests to the Central and then tenders are released from the Central. We do not have the right to choose a private agency or else but we are doing our best.

In response to Dr. K. Beichhua, Saiha is also included when I said gas shortages all over Mizoram.

SPEAKER : I request Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask Starred Question No. 96.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 96. Will the Hon. Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs be pleased to state –
When petrol pump will be located at Tlabung and Chawngte (Kamalanagar).

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is: -

Allotment of Petrol pump is the purview of Oil Company and Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department so does not have any knowledge of proposal of allotment of petrol pump at Tlabung and Chawngte (Kamalanagar).

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from the owner and then be followed by Pu B.D. Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, advertisement on establishing petrol pump was made long ago and as we all know, Tlabung is the oldest sub-division with a fast growing population and Kamalanagar is the Headquarters Chakma Autonomous District Council; and my supplementary question is: - Is there a way for the department to urge the authority for allotment of petrol pump in the aforesaid places? MIZOFED now has a location for the said and if the Govt. knowledge about this.

SPEAKER : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, Parva is at the end of the southern part of my constituency; we have supply go-down opposite to security lamp post but remains on the verge of ruin for lack of rice supply. We can somehow repair it from MLA/LAD fund but before that, rice supply cannot be transported from Damdep during rainy season due to poor condition of road and is even more difficult to do so by boat. The problem thus is intensive. So, is there a proposal to supply monsoon stock before this rainy season?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question of Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, advertisement was issued long ago and we will urge the Central as suggested. Like I said, the Department cannot do much but we can make a request.

Regarding the point mentioned by Pu B.D. Chakma of rice supply, we are currently supplying monsoon stock all over Mizoram. There is no rice stock in FCI go-down at Lawngtlai and we directly supply it from Aizawl. We are doing our best to fill and supply the stock all over Mizoram before monsoon approaches. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Shall we end the question hour though there are still a few minutes left? (**PU LALRUATKIMA:** Pu Speaker, one minute left and may I ask.....?) There will be no time for an answer even

if you asked. Let us assume that the time ended. The answer is important just as the question.

We will continue with Laying of Papers and before that, Hon. Minister Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu has begged leave of absence and is granted for today and yesterday. We also grant Pu S. Laldingliana due to health issues. I request Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Chairman of Committee on Public Undertakings to lay the papers.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “Statement on Actions taken by the Govt. against further recommendations contained in the Eight Report of Committee on Public Undertakings relating to Mizoram Agriculture Marketing Corporation Limited (MAMCO) under Commerce & Industries Department” on the Table of the House . Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request Pu Lalruatkima, Public Accounts Committee to lay the papers.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I will be laying ‘Public Accounts Committee Report’ and ‘Statement’ on the Table of the House, such as: - “The 29th Report on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2012-2013 relating to Transport Department” and “Statement of Actions taken on the further recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 20th Action Taken Report, 2017 relating to Public Health Engineering Department”. Pu Speaker, we often discussed these at Committees and the Committee feels that more effort is needed on Secretariat and Directorate coordination. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we used to highlight the names of the Committee members but the names are not mentioned here.

SPEAKER : The Chairman should keep this in mind.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, this is the 29th Report and Statement; Statement is included but not the Report as yet.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to Presentation of Reports and I request Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Chairman of Subject Committee-I.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I present “The Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Excise & Narcotics Department”. I am the Chairman of this Committee and the members include Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, Pu John Siamkunga, Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala, Pu Vanlalzawma, Pu T. Sangkunga, Pu Lalruatkima and Pu S. Laldingliana. The Subject Committee selected Excise and Narcotics Department last March to fight against abused substances and a meeting was held with the Chief Minister, Department Officials, Central YMA, Champhai HQ YMA, Tuipuiral Group YMA and Vanhnuaailiana Group YMA. A study tour was also held at Champhai district and the proposals from this study are presented in this Report. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. It seems that Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee has a Report to present but this has already been included in the presented Report.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I presented the 29th Report along with laying the Statement.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to Financial Business; we will have Discussion & Voting on Demands of our Ministers Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. I request Pu R. Lalzirliana to submit his Demand Nos. 7, 16, 38 and 39.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 7, 16, 38 & 39 for ₹14,12,27,30,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount
1	2	3
7	Excise & Narcotics	₹31,31,43,000
16	Home (including Prison & Sainik Welfare & Resettlement)	₹5,98,72,26,000
38	Rural Development	₹3,61,54,87,000
39	Power & Electricity	₹4,20,68,74,000
	TOTAL	₹14,12,27,30,000

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request Pu Lalruatkima, Chairman, Public Account Committee followed by Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Hon' Speaker, on the recommendation of the Government of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 19, 29 and 32 for ₹2,82,68,70,000 for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount
19	Local Admin. Department	₹79,33,52,000
29	Social Welfare Department	₹1,30,87,81,000
32	Horticulture Department	₹72,47,37,000
	TOTAL	₹2,82,68,70,000

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Most of the members had 15 minutes yesterday and it would be appreciated if all the members are present till the end.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, it would be appreciated if the conclusions are made in ½ an hour as it was in last year

SPEAKER : Both the Ministers spent ½ an hour yesterday and you may not know because you did not attend till the end. Pu Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Home Guards (MRHG) under Home Department are usually supervised by ex-army officers and most of the staffs are also ex-servicemen. It is impressive that Home Guards have great locations and staffs due to the excellent supervisions and it would be appreciated if ex-servicemen are favored for Home Guards, Police etc.

Secondly, Sainik School at Chhingchhip has no Football ground and Swimming pool yet and the diversion road also is not completed as yet. Besides, water is supplied from water tanky and it would be appreciated if their problems are attended. This school will be the first in the country to enroll a female student and it deserves priority.

Likewise, several District Jails are established and we need to consider giving more staffs.

Fire & Emergency is quite important and measure is taken on fire hydrants. Pu Speaker, fire hydrant is regularly used in your constituency and we need to check all these hydrants in case they do not function during emergencies.

Regarding Law & Order, I am so proud of our Police because unlike Dimapur and Assam, prisoners are protected from committing suicide and they also have ways to resolve problems with insurgents.

Social Welfare Department, though a senior department has no Directorate Office till today and the government thus should be more concern. Besides, I opine it is important to increase budget provision of the department since 3 officers are newly recruited.

Moving to Power and Electricity, power supply is improving a lot and it is appreciating that we will soon have power supply from Tuirial and Serlui. At the same time, several projects are also undertaken as well.

Next is Rural Development. In regard to BADP, our BDOs are mainly the supervisors but they lack experiences. So, it would be appreciated if more efforts are given. The Govt. is taking extreme measures on Rural Housing Scheme and it is impressive that SRLM and Self-help Group are also established. I would also like to point out that construction of Social Welfare building at ITI is not completed as yet where as Fire & Emergency building remains unequipped. So, it would be appreciated if these works are expedited.

Horticulture Department is making effort but they need to be careful on their supplies. I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department.

There is intensive problem with shortage of staff where as the existing staffs are busy around the clock. Even so, we hardly have a problem with supply of bad quality liquors as the State Income has increased to ₹50 crore. So, it would be appreciated if measure is taken for recruitment of more staffs.

Moving to Demand No. 16, Prison, Sainik Welfare Resettlement etc are included in Home Department but not Fire & emergency Service. It is great that we have not faced major problem till today since the year 2008 and this shows that our powerful Minister is doing his best. There are no more insurgents but peace and many developments could be seen under this peace environment. Regarding Sainik School, it could have been established if the Congress party assumed the Ministry in 1998. Anyway, it is established after 10 years under the leadership of our able Chief Minister, Home Minister and Education Minister.

Next is Demand No. 38, Rural Development. This Department is widely benefitted especially in rural areas on IAY. It is the main department which helps rural housing by supplying tin roofs to the poor and also provides drinking water when fire breaks out.

Moving to Demand No. 39, P&E Department, we all know the importance of electricity; it is appreciative that we are more sufficient with power supply compare to some the neighboring states despite our lack of electric hydel power plant. In the meantime, we have the national policy of power supply to every household which is launched; yet, we have 5 areas in Tuirial Constituency which has not been electrified. I thank the Hon. Minister and our Engineers for improvement of power supply.

Moving to Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department is becoming more developed than Agriculture Department for making a remarkable of progresses and is truly appreciated. **(DY. SPEAKER: Your time is almost up)**

Next is Demand No.19, LAD. Before UD & PA and AMC came along, LAD was a popularly known department. We now have big problem in dealing with villages and the need for more staffs of JE is intensive.

Next is Social Welfare Department. It is an important department which deals with old aged, disabled, infants etc and the staff deserves God's blessings. So, Pu Speaker, I support the Demands of the Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I, first of all thank the official delegates for their relentless support.

Despite insufficiency of staff, our Police forces are able to maintain qualities when dealing with the state's issues thanks to well-equipped from the Govt. While this is the case, only ₹100 lakhs is allotted for equipments and I request our Home Minister to clarify it when winding up his Demands. Home Deptt. has a lot of achievements whether be it Fire Department or Forensic Department and we are even awarded the 2nd Best Prize for excellence in the field of fingerprint science in New Delhi on March.

Pu Dy. Speaker, 12% of the total Union Budget is allotted for defense purchase where as 70% out of 12% is for import and 30% is for indigenous manufactured. The defense purchase percentage for the country is quite high and would be appreciative if priority is given in the next budget session.

It would also be appreciated if recruitment of Home Guard is done in a proper manner. My constituency receives many blessings through Home Department by having IR staff Quarters complex at Khawlian, Suangpuilawn and Vanbawng which are all completed with ₹287 lakhs. It is appreciating that 14 males and 2 females from my constituency too are newly recruited for Police.

Next is Rural Development, Demand No. 38. This Department concerns with implementation of CSS like MNREGA, SGSY, IWMP, NRNM, PMAY etc and my constituency is fortunate that our BDO's deals any project with most efficiency.

Apart from this, SIRD is very useful in providing trainings to our VCs from different constituencies (excluding Autonomous District Councils); it would be appreciated if the next trainings are conducted in Mizo language.

Likewise, DISHA meetings are quite benefitting and it is impressive that the RD officers, being MCS Officers are very efficient in dealing with development works in my constituency.

Moving to P & E Demand No. 39, Tuirial Hydel Project will soon be able to produce power as MoU for 210 megawatts has already been existed. It is appreciating that a transmission line will be carried out on the new Phullen-Phuaibuang road.

Next is Demand No.19, LAD. Currently there are 534 VCs under the purview of LAD yet, shortage of staff is intensive. So, it would be appreciated if more JE are appointed at least on MR.

Moving to Horticulture Department, my constituency is greatly involved in cultivating passion-fruits but the quality of our production is not good enough as per the experts' experiment. So, we are changing out concentration for other income sources such as plantation of birds-eye chilies; it would be appreciated if our Minister helps us in achieving this project. We are presently acquiring a private land with NEDP fund as ₹195 lakhs is funded from SPRM for purchase of machineries. We plan to construct cold storage and concentrate on cultivating chilies in my constituency so that it is produced in large quantity even for export as well. Thus, I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman and I would like to start with Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department.

Many of the Central funds are spent under this Department and sometimes the constituency representatives are unaware of such funds as most of the dealing officers are of inexperienced Junior MES since it is a State Civil Service Junior Post. More

attentions thus should be given in regard to implementing central funds.

100 days employment scheme is greatly benefitted by rural people but the shares of the VCs are decreasing; some VCs do not get material components and they hardly have income source. So, it would be appreciated if they are given more material components since they look after the society to meet the people's needs.

Next is Power & Electricity Department. We are immensely grateful for Tuirial Hydel Project which was inaugurated by our Prime Minister on 15.12.2017. But the transmission line from North Vanlaiphai-Thingsai is becoming quite old which often interrupt power supply. It is also looked after only by MR employee and so would be much appreciated if a Section Office is opened at Thingsai and be placed under regular maintenance of JE.

Considering the distance between Hnahthial-Bukpui, 132 KV Station of Serchhip is quite far but the tower for transmission line is very low which results in no power supply during rainy season. So, it would be appreciated if this tower is changed with lattice type structure.

Next is Home Department, Demand No. 16. ₹1 crore is allotted for purchase of firearms and our Police are praiseworthy in every way. In the meantime, I think it is important to upgrade Thingsai Police Station as it is selected by the central for Free Movement Regime. Some of the Police staff quarters at Thingsai have already been repaired yet 2 more being proposed along with the staff qtrs. at S. Vanlaiphai under BADP. Pu Chairman, it is worth-mentioning that Hnahthial Police Station is selected as the cleanest Police Station in Mizoram and is chose to represent Mizoram in All India level.

Next is LAD. This department carries out extreme works and it currently working on with ₹6,560 lakhs in 534 VCs in which 2600 assets are made. LAD works in every constituency and the village councils too depends a lot in it. The department has 9 parks under its maintenance among which Hlimen Park is always crowded with visitors and thus would be appreciated if it is upgraded. The department covers all the VCs under the 13th Finance Commission and also made many assets in villages. Extreme measure is taken all over Mizoram despite having staff shortage.

Next is Social Welfare Department. This Department concern with the welfare of old-aged, disabled, children, orphans etc and rural people benefit a lot from it.

Next is Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. The department works efficiently under MIDH and takes measure on fruits, vegetables, plantations, crops, spices and flowers covering 348 hectares. The production is ₹458 lakhs and the state govt. is benefitting a lot from this department. Chili is cultivated in my constituency as well at Cherhlun and it would be appreciated if the department determines marketing of such products. So, I support the Demands of our Ministers. Thank you.

PU T. SANGKUNGA, CHAIRMAN: Now, Pu K. Sangthuama and will be followed by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I would like to start with Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department.

Horticulture is one of the most important departments in Mizoram as it contributes a lot of works as well. However, it has not yet been utilized for the best purpose. So, I request the department to give more efforts for more productions.

Pu Chairman, Sairang is one of the places in which Horticulture is concentrated and it would be appreciated if measure is taken for improvement of their water supply.

Regarding Social Welfare Department, I request the department to take measure for improvement of old age home in my constituency.

It seems that the importance of LAD is increasing more and more with numbers of work in villages concern but insufficiency of staff is intensive. The Govt. provides a lot of NEDP fund at the disposal of our VCs but the work could not be expedited due to shortage of JE and thus may be deployed some at least on MR.

Moving to Power & Electricity, despite achievement of online bill payment, 90% of the total consumers do not use the system as there are 17 counters in Aizawl for bill payment; Electric Veng counter being the largest and the busiest should be given more attentions.

Regarding Rural Development, 100 days employment project is quite beneficial especially in rural areas; but there are times when payment is not received on time and sometimes some VCs would deduct wages of the beneficiary by ₹400/- or ₹500/-. Is there a way to resolve this problem? In the mean time, I thank provision of 60 bundles roofing materials from the concerned Minister.

Next is Home Department. Abusive drugs and alcohol are increasing alarmingly in Mizoram and is very upsetting. Consumption of liquor is rising after MLPC Act and this also leads to drug abuse. KTP Report shows that 591 people below the age of 40 died from consumption of liquor and drugs last year and we therefore need to examine ourselves. I suggest recruitment of more staffs under Excise & Narcotic Deptt. and the Govt. also needs to be more severe in controlling liquors.

Next is Demand No. 16, Home Department. We are having border disputes with Assam since way back and the Government on both sides decided to maintain status quo in the frontier areas of the two states. However, our House Leader should prioritize the case of Mandir deliberately constructed at the border which as a result infuriated our youth and compels to construct Zawlbuk in the same area. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No.16, Home Department. Only ₹1 crore is allotted for purchase of

arms and ammunitions which I opine should be reconsidered. We are making a lot of progress in Home Deptt. thanks to the efforts of the Police. However, traffic problem of Aizawl is intensive especially on Saturdays despite the efforts of our Traffic Police. So, it is important for concerned Minister to give more thoughts so that the problem is more or less alleviated.

Moving to Power & Electricity Department, I thank the Hon. Chief Minister and concerned Minister for providing Power Station at Sialhawk, Khawhai and Khawzawl as we are beginning to have a regular power supply. I thank inclusion of Khawhai, one of the four villages to be covered by the Integrated Power Development Scheme. However, it is sad that no work has yet been carried out despite ₹6,78,14,000 being handed over to ABCI on 23.3.2017. So, it would be appreciated if the Hon. Minister keeps this in mind. Likewise, Saikhumphai is facing the same problem and pressure thus may be given to ABCI so that the work is started immediately.

Next is Rural Development. I must say that performance of the department especially on Special Housing Scheme is highly appreciated by all rural constituencies.

Moving to LAD, I opine the term of VC is a bit lengthy for village concerns though it is of the central authority. Also, Women participation is mandatory according to the Central but there are times when this is a burden. So, it is appreciated if the term is reduced at least for 3 years.

Horticulture Department is quite important and its performance in my opinion is par excellent. Let me pointed out that those NLUP beneficiaries of Lungtan area while striving to be the best in orange production, seedlings of their orange died causing the beneficiaries astounded. It would be appreciated if foreign tour and training are sometimes conducted to enrich our knowledge on horticulture for our knowledge can be limited within the country. It is known to us all that performance of the department is good; yet to improve even more, I request additional funds for the families who are engaged in plantation of good quality pineapple in the areas such as Sialhawk, Khawhai and New Chalrang as it is done for healthier fruits of apple, mango and pear. I support the Demands of the Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Before we start the discussion, it is regretted to mention that Pu Lalzirliana, our Home Minister who could not attend the session yesterday for health problem is here today with painkillers since it is discussion of the Demands under his concerned departments. So, we will now concentrate only on the hon. Minister's demands and I request each participant to make their points in brief and the Demands of Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, the hon. Minister will be taken up as per availability of time. I now call upon Pu Lalthanliana to start the discussion.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, it is regretted that our Home

Minister is sick; so, I will try to make my speech in brief.

Starting with P&E, it is an important department and I would like to state that our projects will not be achieved as long as we compare ourselves with our neighboring states.

Regarding Home, it will be appreciated if traffic duty is placed at the entry of Bawngkawn from Ramhlun North.

Regarding purchase of arms and ammunition, I would like to know how the allotted fund of ₹1 crore is spent.

Regarding Excise, I daresay that increase of our income tax to 59.40 crore indicates selling liquors will hardly be stopped. It is hopeful that implementation of MLPC Act will reduce local made liquor and that NGOs and Excise will be less anxious. However, we are failing day by day.

Regarding Home, ₹1,146 lakhs is allotted to this department. I opine allocation on Other Charges is too much. Likewise, ₹625.38 lakhs is allotted under vehicles and I wonder if it is meant for purchase of vehicle or for vehicle maintenance and so may be clarified.

Regarding allotment of ₹17 lakhs to Excise Deptt., I request the hon. Minister to clarify the purpose.

Lastly, I would like to know if a regular routine is maintained for medical checkup of our Police and Excise forces. This is quite important for we need to ensure that they stay fit and healthy.

We often have border disputes with the neighboring states and I would like to suggest that our Police should be posted in the border areas. I support the demands of our Home Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start with Demand No. 7, Excise & Narcotics Department.

As reiterated in the House, new budget allotted to this department is much lesser comparing to the current budget despite the need to strengthen the Excise force.

Next is Demand No. 60, Home Department. Pu Dy. Speaker, I have often mentioned regarding insufficiency of police staff in my constituency for we have only 129 police staffs against proposal of 219 Nos. which intensively weakened the service of the police. I would like to mention at the same time that the building of SP Office, staff quarters and Police Station in my constituency are all in bad condition where as vehicles allotted at the Police Station is very weak. Our District Jail and the office of Jail Superintendent and so is our Jail building for it was of during UT. Besides, the condition of our Home Guards is quite unpleasant and thus may be attended by the

concerned Minister.

Next is Demand No. 38, Rural Development. The population as well as number of Job Card holders differs from district to district where as 6% of fund provision is deducted as administrative cost and so is difficult for us to deal with the remaining sufficiently. Regarding salary, we have only a few MRB's and thus is a problem for the people in remote villages to approach district capitals to withdraw the salary. So, it would be appreciated if our leaders determine opening more Rural Banks or alternative solution.

Pu Deputy Work is implemented through job card. However, there is great difference between plain and hilly terrain. Rural connectivity is the most essential need of our state; State Employment Council should therefore be given priority. Pu Speaker, under PMKSY Scheme, my District is the best performing District in the entire North-East region receiving the Prime Minister's award. As the project has been terminated, I request the authorities to give priority to our District as we are still in backward.

Demand No. 39. P&E, I request the hon. Minister to speed up the on-going project of Melriat/Khawiva 132 KV construction. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I, first of all would like to thank Power & Electricity Department for efficiently looking after my constituency. However, I would like to request for installation of a separate transformer for Baktawng as there is insufficient in power supply whereas the main source of livelihood in Baktawng is through electricity.

Coming to Home Department, Pu Speaker, the name 'Kachurthal' has come up recently and we should take precaution in this regard. For the people of Mizoram, it is 'Zophai' and the official should stick with this name as well. Pu Speaker, in regard to declaration of CRPC 144, it is disturbing to note that it was declared without the knowledge of the hon. Home Minister. Pu Speaker, this should not happen in the future as it is against democracy.

I would like to request the hon. Minister to clarify if possible in regard to shooting of Pu Chhandama.

Coming to RD Department, Pu Speaker, there is concern in regard to SECC data, 2011. The Department should adopt adequate measure in embracing the project. Pu Speaker, hon. member mentioned about material component even I am concern about this issue. Like it is mentioned earlier, this needs revision.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will end my speech here.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start with the Demands of Home Minister.

Like we have heard earlier, Home guard and Ex-servicemen quota have been reduced from 10% to 5%. Pu Dy. Speaker, I suggest recruiting as much as ex-servicemen in the Police Department and I am of the opinion that R.R. needs revision.

I would also like to know the Govt.'s stand in regard to the boundary dispute. We also need to consider how all the Mizos would give common effort to counter this problem for it is Mizoram issue. I request the hon. Home Minister to make clarification in this regard. At the same time, I think it is also important to pursue the case of missing ammunitions from the injured person.

Regarding 100 days employment scheme under Rural Development, Cement structured signboard of 4ft/3ft. is made mandatory. My Question is - Is this necessary and if it is possible to at least reduce the size of the signboard? Pu Speaker, I opine BADP needs monitoring. I would like to thank the hon. Minister for distributing GI sheets to opposition MLA's as well.

Coming to Power, it is fortunate that the project of Tuivai, 210 mega watts has been taken up. Also, it is pleasing to note that villages without electricity will be electrified by February.

Pu Deputy Speaker, solar energy plates which had been installed under ZEDA needs maintenance and so are transformers in various parts of Aizawl.

Under IPDS and DUGJY scheme, there are projects for which fund have been released but work have not been implemented. What is the reason? Then, in regard to electric bill, it is noteworthy that online payment is now available, however, average of consumers cannot utilize this facility. Therefore, billing counters should be opened for longer duration; it is the same case with PHE Department as well. I request the hon. Minister to keep this in mind. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who is next? Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the members on your left had made enough speech; and, as it is practiced last year, I think it is not necessary for the concerned Minister to wind up the discussion but directly move the House to pass his demands. He may provide any answer in written if necessary so that he may have more time to rest.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call the Hon. Home Minister to wind up the discussion of his Demands. He may be allowed to make his speech by sitting if he is unable to stand.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the Opposition Group leader as well as the Members for their concern. Though I came prepared but will not speak much. I will react only on points that I have noted down.

In regard to Melriat - Khawiva project, we are expecting to complete by October. As 6% of the administrative cost under MGNREGA pointed out by the member Pu Dr. K. Beichhua, it is done as per central guideline and could not be altered. As for maintenance of Secretariat solar energy, it is not done through ZEDA of the Electric Department. Thus, maintenance of the said is not the State's purview.

Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹17 lakhs allocated under the head MV of Excise Department is for Vehicle repair, maintenance and POL.

There are 35 villages which have not been electrified; I request Hon. Members to submit the report if there is any of un-electrified villages within their constituency.

Then, in regard to the project mentioned by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo within his Constituency, 80% of the work is completed and is expected to be completed by August.

Pu Speaker, I now request this august House to pass my Demand Nos. 7, 16, 38 and 39 totally ₹14,12,27,30,000/- to meet expenses during the year 2018 - 2019. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the Hon. Minister has requested the House to pass his Demand totaling ₹14,12,27,30,000/- to meet expenses during the year 2018 - 2019. Those who agree may say, 'yes' and those who disagree may say, 'disagree'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

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

SPEAKER : There are some members who have spoken of the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. Next is Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you for the time. First of all, I would like to speak about LAD.

Being a committee member of COLFA, I have to mention that DLAO area is too wide and is unmanageable for one JE; I request the Hon. Minister to take note of this. Now that COLFA Committee has been constituted, we have travelled to different District, and from our findings, there are loop holes in the financial management as V/C terms is only for 3/5 years; it is not systematic despite training being given and this needs to be taken care of.

In Horticulture Department, I would like to know which areas are covered under the Mission for Integrated development of Horticulture scheme and if the project is successful, whether the product harvest is satisfactory and if it is worth continuing.

On Demand No. 29, Social Welfare Department, we have NGO run de-addiction center in various parts of Mizoram. Pu Speaker, it is time we have

rehabilitation after care center. My question is, if it is possible for the Govt. to open such center.

In regard to V/C remuneration, I would like to suggest if the amount could be up-graded. Lastly, Pu Speaker, Social Welfare should continue with distribution of wheelchair. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Member before me just spoke about V/C remuneration and I was wondering how the amount of such remuneration could be increased; I would suggest that since V/C works for all department, it is adequate if any department provided D/A whenever they are employed under such departments. As we are all aware, V/C task is vast and wide and there is huge financial constrain in maintenance. Thus, step has to be taken in order to alleviate the problem.

Under the Chairmanship of LAD Minster, there is a committee which concern Panchayati Ray system. Pu Speaker, it would be appreciative if we could adopt Panchayati Raj System as soon as possible for it will enable us to receive surplus funds from the central Govt.

I would like to thank for setting up Eklavya Model Residential School. I request the Hon. Minister to react as to how far the project for Bilkhawthlir is being processed by the central Govt.

In Horticulture Department, steps have to be taken from quality seeds and that the Govt. set up nurseries center of excellence with demonstrators. Thus, individual should make use of these facilities so that only quality seeds are supplied to the department. Horticulture department have become self-attaining livelihood department yet, we still do not have proper processing system and marketing. Special attention thus should be given to solve the problem of the farmers. With these few words, I give my support to the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C Lalthanliana. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Horticulture is one of the most important departments as its contribution is high. As mentioned by the Union Agriculture Minister, Pu Radha Mohan Singh, contribution of Horticulture for the Indian Economy is higher than that of agriculture as India is second to China in Horticulture product in the world. I am grateful that the department is under the taken care of a Minister who gives much interest in horticulture; he knows the in and out of the department.

Pu Speaker, It is pleasing that we have realized the importance of Social Welfare. Infant mortality rate has gone down due to Social Welfare. The contribution of Social Welfare is commendable like the old age home/pension and aids for the disabled and under privileged. Social Welfare thus deserve additional fund.

LAD Department contribution in rural areas is commendable; it is a privilege that we have V/C as this is a platform for training the administration system. Therefore, the performance of LAD is worth giving praise. Pu Speaker, I give my support to the Demands of the Hon Minister, Pu Lalthanliana. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I regret to state that the Hon. Home Minister is un-well today. So, I do not intend to concentrate on his Demands. I will, first of all take up Horticulture.

Hnahlan is known for its grape cultivation; however as time pass we need manual but we are unable to receive from the Govt. With the legalization of wine, it seems the Govt. have neglected Hnahlan. We have requested the Hon. Minister to visit Hnahlan and we are grateful that it is fulfilled. Under Market intervention scheme, we are taking up steps to marketing the product but unfortunate that the file is still stuck. I request the Hon. Minister to please take note of this. I would also like to ask the present situation of the grant-in-aid that we received from NEC.

Pu Speaker, we have started plantation of King Chili in my constituency which is sold in Manipur for ₹1000-2000/- per kg, which means there is a prospect for its marketing. I request the Minister to please take note of this as well.

I am grateful for Horticulture link road but I would like to state that proposal of MLA's are often turned down by the officials. We, the MLA's are very familiar with our respective constituencies; I earnestly request that the proposal which may be made by MLA's should be taken into consideration.

The next point I would like to mention is sufficiency in supply of seeds as stated by the Hon. Member, Pu K. Lalrinthanga. Pu Speaker, why do we take so long in this regard? I opine we have to change the present system for we are looking forward for the day when we are self-sufficient. I trust the Hon. Minister to come up with better system.

I thank the Hon. Minister for distributing tanky. Pu Speaker, we are also in need of supply of pipe on subsidy and if there is any provision for that purchase? Do we still have these pipes on subsidized rate?

As stated by my fellow member, we should grow crops which are productive on our soil for most of the imported crops are grown manually which caused cancer. Thus, the authority should take steps towards self-sufficiency in crops.

In LAD, I would like to ask if it is possible to construct V/C house in every district headquarters. And, as we are taking up the work for construction of steps, there is shortage of JE. I request the Hon. Minister to please take note of this as well. Plus, I request increase of the amount V/C remuneration; and, I give my support to the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalthanliana. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I, first of all express my regret on the opposition members leaving the House while passing the Demands yesterday.

Today, we are discussing Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana. This department caters to individuals from birth to death and thus is an important department. It is commendable for various projects implemented in this department. The Hon. Minister should try acquiring JE through NEDP scheme as JE plays crucial role in the implementation of these projects.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare. It is the department that takes care of us from birth and is an important department that play crucial role in our journey on earth.

Demand No. 34, Horticulture. It is remarkable for its achievements through vigorous implementation of several centrally sponsored schemes and the states flagship programmed NLUP and for desirable achievements which have been attained. In my Constituency, Kuva growers have benefitted enormously. Likewise, kuva growers of Mamit and Kolasib district earned ₹1000/- lakhs through their plantations.

Pu Speaker, it is remarkable to note that state like Jharkhand sent trainees to Thingdawl Centre of Excellence for training; such is the quality of our training centre and this department is a blessing to farmers. Due to the efficiency of this department, we are able to have off-season cabbage and tomatoes. Therefore, we should pass the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalthanliana wholeheartedly. Thank you.

SPEAKER : It is now 4:00 PM but let us finish this Demand.
Er. Lalrinmawia is next.

Er. LALRINMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that today we are able to discuss Hon. Minister Pu Lalthanliana's demand. There is an increased of 36.89% in the budget of LAD and 2.82% in Social Welfare. I will start with Horticulture.

In my constituency, it is the department which is familiar with the farmers; we are grateful for various aids we received through NEIDA. Pu Speaker, banana is harvested in abundance and I suggest if banana chips processing is taken up in co-ordination with the programme of youths' skill development. I would also like to advice geo-membrane and distribution of pipe is practices more often.

Coming to ginger, spice development is under the horticulture as per allocation of business and we are compelled to grow ginger, however, there is no proper research done as to the market and its rate. Despite having the largest ginger consumers' country as our neighbor, we still experience stagnation with its marketing and rate. Pu Speaker, it is time we come up with proper channel.

Coming now to LAD, V/C plays crucial role in the administration of our villages but i opine enough importance is not given. Allotment of works under NEDP should be given through the V/C's as its functioning is like a semi-Govt. to the village

concern. I support the opinion that NEDP projects needs the supervision of JE as most of the works are of technical and I therefore request concerned authority to take note of this.

Social Welfare is an important department especially for rural areas as it plays crucial part in the functioning of rural livelihood. We are grateful for organizing disability camp in rural area yet, there are individuals who are unable to attend such camp but in need of disability certificate. I would request the department if it can come up with proposal for such individual who are unable to attend the camp.

In regard to deployment of person with disability under the Govt., there is a provision in the allocation of Business and my question is how far this will cover. It is suggestive if they can be provided a means to earn their livelihood.

In regard to National family pension benefit scheme committee, I request the Hon. Minister to please take note of this. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that today we are able to discuss the Demands of the Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

On Demand No. 19, Local Administration is concerns for rural connectivity, sanitation, public utilities and V/C and thus is an important department. The study of village council empowerment for higher authority is taking quite long and should be attended. It is fortunate that village council received allocation of 51% under NEDP for it will enable to take up village infrastructure development. However, if proper guidance and monitoring is not taken up, development cannot be made.

Village council Gram Sabah plays important role and more sittings thus should be organized. Pu Speaker, we have more than 100 Villages in Mizoram which are constituted without permission. Thus, authorities should amalgamate such villages.

Demand No. 29, Social Welfare department. I was expecting that this department will also receive allocation from NEDP as it covers us all from birth to old aged. Thus, it is suggestive that fund allocation is made on time.

It is remarkable that there is a proposal of setting up a separate department for Women & Child which. However, there is vast room for development in "Women & Child Department and Child Welfare Development". I would like to thank for Observation Home in various districts. Pu Speaker, I also suggest that child adoption system should be carefully taken up to avoid adoption from outside our state. Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that no vehicle is provided to Protective Home and more attentions should be given to the protective home at Sethawn. At the same time, it is time we develop our Rehabilitation Center. I also request the Hon. Minister to expedite the project of Eklavaya School.

Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department. The department received ₹300 lakh under NEDP and I am grateful for various achievements made in the department.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that Hnahlan winery is neglected and the Govt. should enquired the problem and take measure to rescue it.

Hon. Member from Kolasib constituency has mentioned about the success of Kuhva plantation in Kolasib district under NLUP. Pu Speaker, NLUP was implemented since 2011 only and his statement thus is doubtful that it becomes successful barely in 7 years. I wonder if it is due to NLUP. Is not it too early to proclaim NLUP as successful?

I appreciate Israel-Indo-China project but we should realize if it is adaptable to our soil and monsoon climate. Consumption of fruits is good for our health and we need to realize that. So, I am thankful to the Hon. Minister for giving us fruits; and, thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Anyone else to speak?

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with Social Welfare Department, will it be possible to raise the amount of old age pension? It seems we are relying on the funds received from central government. I think it is possible to raise the amount if we add the fund from the state sources. There are many people who are in need of old age pension but could not be given. Considering the amount of increase in CSS and sources of fund, I hope this could be possible.

It is unfortunate that provision of wheel chairs and hearing aid through Social Welfare Department is stopped. I hope this could somehow be continued for there are only a few people who are in need of such aids. Regarding maintenance of Rehabilitation and Rescue Centres for drug users, it is necessary to pay more attentions and also to provide more funds. As we have heard, these centres are congested but unlimited admission. It is quite desirable that more financial assistance may be provided to those centres run by non-profit organizations.

Regarding Horticulture Department, I support the points raised by my fellow members and I appreciate the performance of the department. In this connection, I would like to add that cultivation of aloe vera should also be encouraged among our farmers in Mizoram. I have once met the owner of aloe vera processing company in New Delhi and came to learn from him that it only take easy system for processing and cultivation. While this is the case, it is learned that grape growers have been facing an intensive problem with marketing of their productions. I request the Hon. Minister to look into the matter.

Regarding LAD Department, I would like to suggest a new system of women reservation in VC and Local Council elections. It may be a little difficult at the moment but it may be considered for the future. At present, the reserved seats for women are also elected seats which create some problems as already stated. In this regard, I suggest the reserved seats should be nominated seats. For example, in a village council having 5 members, 2 nominated seats for women and another 5 seats for elected members. Besides, it seems the term of 5 years for Village Council is too

long and may be better to amend it back to 3 years term. I would also like to suggest that anti-defection law should be used in VC as well as Local Council Elections as it is not fair that the elected members change their party against the will of the voters. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now end our discussion. Let us call upon The Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and to beg the House to pass his Demands.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to thank the members for sincerely considering the Demands of my concerned departments. I also appreciate the suggestions they have made.

Starting from LAD Department, 13 members have spoken about this department. Pu Speaker, we have tried our level best to bring about development in villages but our main problem is shortage of JE within the department. We have 1 JE for each district and any work within such district is monitored by such a single staff which is a mammoth task for them. This may leads to poor quality of works in some places as monitoring work cannot be done efficiently since the workload is intensive for a single JE.

There is a huge difference between Village Council and Panchayati Raj Institution system and careful consideration as well as consultation thus is necessary as to which is best suited for our state. Regarding Guest House for Village Council members as mentioned by Pu T.T. Zothansanga, it is completed for Lunglei and is under construction for Champhai District.

We used to avail funds provision from the 3rd Finance Commission in the past but it has now been stopped as we do not introduce PRI system. In this regard, it is recommended that additional funds may be asked from Finance Commission.

Regarding unauthorized settlements mentioned by Pu Lalruatkima, all possible efforts have been made to stop this kind of settlement. However, some claims it is legally under the authority of their parent Village Council.

Pu Speaker, several public parks are being set up during previous ministry and renovation of Lalsavung Park at Hlimen is now in progress. It may be noted that this park is named after the first Chief of Aizawl.

Moving to Horticulture Department, there are questions about supply of seedlings. Steps have been taken to provide better quality of seedlings to the farmers and the department is with the opinion to provide seeds only of hybrid varieties. It is done with a view to make improve the status of our farmers to self-sufficiency in local varieties.

Regarding passion fruit plantation mentioned by Dr. Ngurdingliana, we are aware of the problem yet, the problem is that the plantation is a kind of captive plantation introduced under NLUP Scheme. So, my department has no deeper knowledge of it.

Within Horticulture department, increase in production of cabbage is noteworthy. Apart from this, the central government recommended plantation of dragon fruit which has now been started. I believe we have a chance to exceed other states in this particular field. A large scale plantation of spices has also been started at Reiek and step has been taken so that the organic certification is obtained by the village itself. Likewise, other necessary equipments for post harvest procurements have also been set for purchase.

Moving to Social Welfare Department, I appreciate the performance of the officials of the department. Equipments which were provided to disabled in the past have now been resumed thanks to handing over the charge to SCERT. It is now continued with any funds available as the need compels us.

We are aware of the poor condition of road connecting Old Age Home. Half of the road had been repaired but the remaining half could not be completed due to shortage of fund. I would also like to state that disability certification has to be renewed online and is now under process. Regarding giving loan to disabled in the past, it could not be continued as of now since the rate of recovery is quite low.

Regarding the amount of old age pension, it has now been increased to some extents but as of regularity of disbursement of such fund, it is very difficult to maintain regularly as the funding is coming from the central government and is beyond our control. As of construction of Bal Bhavan within the constituency of Col. Z.S. Zuala, it is expected to be completed during this year.

Regarding EMRS mentioned by Pu Rinthanga, it is under construction for Chawngte, Tuipang, Lawngtlai and Ngopa where as approval is being awaited for district like Mamit, Kolasib and Aizawl. Commission for protection of Child Rights has also been established thanks to the effort of concerned officials. The number of seats reserved for disabled increased to 4% under which many were recruited. Numbers of office buildings are rearranged so that it is easily accessible to physically handicapped under Accessible India Campaign.

Another important works under this department is setting up of One Stop Centre for women needing help. It is started at Durtlang and proposal is going on for the same at Lunglei in collaboration with Christian Hospital, Serkawn. Universal Women's Helpline is now functioning and many women receive assistance as necessary through this helpline. This is a 24x7 helpline.

A new scheme called Pradhan Mantri Matruvandana Yajona is set to be implemented. It is a scheme to provide financial assistance to pregnant women after registering themselves to Health Workers. Another new scheme is also recently launched by Hon. Prime Minister which is called National Nutrition Mission. It is a scheme to provide sufficient nutrition to children in the selected districts.

With these words, Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to pass the following Demands under my concerned departments such as: -

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Budget amount
19	Local Administration	₹79,33,52,000.00
29	Social Welfare	₹1,30,87,81,000.00
32	Horticulture	₹72,47,37,000.00
	TOTAL	₹2,82,68,70,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has now begged the House to pass his demands. Anyone who agrees to pass may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'Nay'. If the House agrees, I hereby declare the Demands No. 19, 29 and 32, the total amounting to ₹2,82,68,70,000.00 is passed.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today. The house will now stand adjourn till the next sitting commence tomorrow, Friday at 10:30 AM.

The sitting is adjourned.