

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TWELFTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28th 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 PAPER

2. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the Mizoram Drugs (Controlled Substances) Rules, 2017.

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DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU LAL THANZARA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

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A shared question from Pu Vanlalzawma and Pu K. Sangthuama, I request Pu Vanlalzawma to ask Starred Question No. 169.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the PWD Minister be pleased to state -

- a) If the proposed work on Sairang/Sihhmui-Melriat/Falkawn via Ramrikawn main road will be carried out?
- b) If the Govt. proposed construction of Aizawl bypass road through Melriat via Sihhmui-Ramrikawn-MZU?

SPEAKER : PWD Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) The work will not be carried out as yet. The proposal called 'Aizawl Ring Road' was made in 2011 with Coltech Consulting Private Ltd. as the assigned work agency. However, sanction had not been processed due to unavailability of funding source. When JNNURM was launched, Sihhmui-Ramrikawn road was named 'Spur Aizawl Ring Road' and financial sanction was made for one section through JNNURM Scheme. However, after 8½ kms of the work was completed, it could not be continued due to termination of JNNURM scheme.
- b) It will again be proposed when there is an available scheme.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Melriat road through Sihhmui is a convenient road for the southern areas and also for heavy loaded truck. It will also be helpful in resolving Aizawl tight traffics. So, is there a way for the Govt. to take extreme measures?

Is it true that the said Sihhmui-Ramrikawn road is completed with ₹100 crore from the Central Road Fund? I opine the sanction is excessive if it means only for Sihhmui-Ramrikawn.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, is it related to Samtlang-Hualngohmun main road which has been excavated?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to allot fund from NEDP for starting the work since this road is quite important especially for the southern areas as well as for evading tight traffics in Aizawl?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu K. Sangthuama's question, we are aware of the importance of this road and as mentioned by Pu Vanlalzawma, we know that it would also be of a great help for Aizawl traffic. However, as mentioned earlier, the project discontinued since JNNURM scheme is delinked. Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to take up from Central Road Fund. The amount allotted i.e. ₹100 crore may seem a lot considering the distance but is necessary for it includes compensation. Hopefully Sihmui-Ramrikawn road will soon be carried out through CRF.

Regarding the question of Lt. Col. Zuala, there is no relation as both have different project with different funding source.

As of the question of Pu Vanlalzawma, the Govt. is willing to complete the project and I believe it can be completed through NEDP if the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister approved it.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 170.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the PWD Minister be pleased to state-

- a) When the work on PCC/Rigid pavement between World Band Road Tlawng and Pukpui was started, the estimate amount and name of the contractor?
- b) The length of this project and the reason for not selecting the contractor through open tender?
- c) The amount paid to the contractor and when it will be completed?
- d) If the assigned contractor is the same contractor who worked on PCC rigid pavement? If so, who is he and length of the work done so far?
- e) The amount paid to the contractor?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to give the answer.

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

- a) The work on PCC/Rigid pavement between World Band Road Tlawng and Pukpui was started on 27th Nov, 2017 and the Estimate amount is ₹300.00 lakhs. The contractors are Pu C. Lalhmingliana of Chanmari, Lunglei and Tantia Construction Ltd.
- b) The distance of the Rigid Pavement work is 1.128 kms. and was allotted on open tender since it is of an urgent work.
- c) The contractors have not yet been paid and expected time of completion is 20.04.2018
- d) Pu C. Lalhmingthanga of Chanmari, Lunglei worked on PCC rigid pavement before and completed a distance of 306 meters.
- e) The contractor has not yet been paid.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how much was expenditure for

maintenance of Pukpui-Tlawng road during 2015-2018? It is learned that the people are not satisfied with the performance of the contractor and low quality materials used in the construction? Is there any work being carried out apart from than rigid pavement, and if so, what is the sanction amount and who is the contractor? What is the expected date of completion and if there are any workers being transferred? If so, who are they and why?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T. T. ZOTHANSANGA: Pu Speaker, it is learned that there is a fund provision for Saitual-Kawlkulh and Khawzawl-Champai. If so, is it possible to start the works without call of tender?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is learned that no fund is given for the 306 meters work, if so, whether there is any payment for mobilization advance or material advance?

SPEAKER : Pu Mahima.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA: Pu Speaker, Lunglei DC, in corporation with ALS and MYC has initiated online coaching class at Lunglei especially for the southern youths so that they may succeed in IIT, JEE, NEET exams. The road between Tlawng and Pukpui is damage for quite a while and it is unfortunate that works cannot be carried out as desired despite appealing it to the Minister of PWD and several meetings beign held with the engineers. The hon. Minister gives his best effort and allotted ₹170 lakhs for resurfacing and ₹100 lakhs for state priority project. Besides, ₹300 lakhs is allotted for rigid pavement and it is unfortunate that works cannot be carried out properly despite fund provision of ₹570 lakhs. The people are grieving and the department also needs to put more efforts into the works.

We have often blockage due to resurfacing of this road and the only diversion road is Haulawng via Dawn which is also damaged. So, will it be possible to repair this road?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I cannot answer the question of Pu Lalruatkima regarding the expenses during 2015-2018 since it is an old subject. Patch repair was carried out with ₹270 lakhs other than the rigid pavement between Pukpui-Tlawng. The EE, SDO and JE have been transferred since the people of Lunglei are not satisfied with their work performances.

In reply to the question of Er. Lalrinawma, there is no expenditure till today. The work agency is of big contractors and they have not yet made the bills.

In reply to the question of Pu T.T. Zothansanga, works are currently carried out without call of tender and the repairing work is expected to be completed in May.

As of the question of Pu Mahima, we will look into the case. This road is extremely damaged and the Engineer-in-chief and Chief Engineer are working on it.

We want to expedite the work and the existing contractors were asked to perform the works without call of tender. Since the work is not expedited, we hired Tantia and SLT to take up the work. However, our engineers were transferred due to poor performances of works.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is Pu C. Lalhmingliana the existing president of Lunglei District Congress Committee? If so, why is the work specifically allotted to him? There can be no development if we lack accountability. So, will it be possible for our Minister to arrange appropriate monitoring on all such works?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu C. Lalhmingliana is the President of Lunglei District Congress Committee and he is an experienced contractor who works on many projects with other big contractors. We select contractors who could perform good works and used good quality sandstones. We transferred those workers with bad performances so as to have good roads.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we should not permit any questions which were asked after answers to the supplementary questions were made for it takes too much time.

SPEAKER : Moving on to our business, Starred Question No. 171 shared by Pu K. Sangthuama, Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu Lalthanliana, Dr. K. Beichhua and Pu Lalruatkima. I request Pu K. Sangthuama to ask.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, will the Finance Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If a committee is established to study the implementation of the 7th Pay. If so, when was it established and who are the members?
- b) How many times the reports were submitted? What is the estimated additional expenditure to implement the 7th Pay?
- c) If there is a proposal to implement 7th pay during 2018-2019.
- d) If so, what step has been taken so far?
- e) The amount of additional expenditure in a year that the Govt. would incur for implementation of the 7th Pay Commission Recommendation?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Finance Minister, Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

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

- a) A committee was established on the 13th Nov. 2017 to study implementation of the 7th Pay. The members are-

1. Pu H. Liansailova, Vice Chairman, State Planning Board Chairman,
 2. Pu K.S. Thanga, Minister of State for Agriculture,
 3. Pu Lalthansanga, Finance Secretary (Rtd),
 4. Pu Vanlalchhuanga, the Commissioner & Secretary, Taxation Department.
- b) The Report has not yet been submitted and the estimated additional expenditure is ₹5,63,24,89,152/- in a year (₹46,93,74,096 in a month)
- c) Yes.
- d) Pay Committee was established on 13th Nov. 2017 and instruction is given to submit its report within 6 months followed by the Cabinet decision.
- e) ₹5,63,24,89,152/-

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

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, why is the answer to this question leaked on social media before the members had seen it? Plus, the 7th Pay is not included in the budget speech; what will be the funding source?

What is the reason that NPS contribution is not credited in the accounts on regular basis? Have we received the entire sum from the 14th Finance Commission? If not, why?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is-

- i) When were Pay Commissions being implemented in Mizoram and under which Ministries?
- ii) If the College Professors opted UGC Pay?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is quite unfortunate that the aforesaid answer leaked on social media which I believe to be the first time that the House has experienced. We need to know who is responsible and he should be penalized.

It is the first time I have heard that NPS contribution is not credited regularly and I will look into it. Though I am not familiar with all the details about the fund from the 14th Finance Commission and as far as I am concerned, our monthly devolution is well received and so is the fund for Urban Local Bodies and Disaster Management. Anyway, I will examine the case.

In response to the question of Pu T. T. Zothansanga, the College Professors have opted UGC Pay Scale in the 15th Finance Commission.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, in which years were Pay Commissions implemented in Mizoram and under which Ministries?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, The Govt. of Mizoram follows the Central Pay for a long time and the new pay is introduced every 10 years. The pay is implemented after 3 years of its introduction and the latest one is implemented by the present Ministry in 2009.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 172.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 172. Will the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there are any victims of natural disaster/calamity within 2017-2018?
- b) If so, how many and in which place?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows: -

- a) Yes.
- b) There are 19 victims from various district such as: -

1. Aizawl District	-	5 Nos.
2. Lunglei District	-	9 Nos.
3. Siahla District	-	2 Nos.
4. Lawngtlai District	-	2 Nos.
5. Champhai District	-	1 No.
TOTAL	-	19 Nos.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from the Questioner.

Dr K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, may I know if ex-gratia is given to all the deceased and how many have lost their homes and lands?

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, a heavy rainfall in November last year caused floods and destroyed many of our lands and plantations. My question is what step has been taken so far regarding a relief fund processed by the DC.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, ex-gratia is given to 17 victims and 2 more victims are yet to be given since it should be claimed from the DC. A victim of mine bomb during a riot with the Myanmar insurgents will be given next year.

In response to the question of Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte, we approached the Central to provide a Relief Fund of ₹106 crore for the repair of several roads, electric, water pipelines etc destroyed by the calamities but only ₹35 crore is granted. We also

have some amounts to be received from SDRF for Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Aizawl District.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, if the Govt. provided a relief fund for flood victim families of Sairang?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, relief fund is granted to some victims despite insufficiency fund on our part. Yet, we approached the Central for help and hopefully all the victims will be covered.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what is the amount of ex-gratia granted to each victim?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, ₹4 lakhs each is granted to each victim.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Member Pu K. Sangthuama to ask Starred Question No. 173.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 173. Will the Transport Department Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) The total number of buses owned by the State Transport Department?
- b) What is the total income during 2014-2017 (in year-wise) and how much is the profit/loss?

SPEAKER : Pu John Rotluangliana to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Transport Department owned 49 buses and the earning during 2014-2017 is as follows: -

The year-wise earning during 2014-2017 (in lakhs)		
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
₹2.31 lakhs	1.85 lakhs	1.87 lakhs

Amount of profit/loss during 2014-2017 (in lakhs)		
2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
₹22.54 lakhs	₹24.89 lakhs	24.27 lakhs

Pu Speaker, MST bus is not servicing for a profit but to serve for the people and our rates are also quite low with ₹1.10/km on ordinary bus and ₹1.40/km on deluxe bus.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : I request the department to continue with its effort so that people can travel on cheap rates.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, our earning is quite less. We have 49 buses but the earning is only ₹2,31,000 in 2014-2015 which means only ₹4,714 is earned per bus in a year.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I thank Pu K. Sangthuama for his support. In reply to the question of Er. Lalrinawma, we lose a lot. (**Er. LALRINAWMA:** Pu Speaker, below is given the loss amount and the earnings on top) How are we suppose to make a profit when we earned only ₹2,35,000 and ₹22,54,000 is the loss? So, we have no profit but we lose a lot. (**Er. LALRINAWMA:** Pu Speaker, I am saying we earn too little; 1 bus earned only ₹3,000/- in a year and this is too less) we lose ₹22,54,000/- while our earning was only ₹2,31,000 and we do not make any profit. **Er. LALRINAWMA:** Pu Speaker, I am not taking about the profit.....

SPEAKER : Let that be enough and you can discuss it outside.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : The earning without any profit cannot be around ₹2 lakhs and I believe the answer is not accurate.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: I was asked about the amount we received and not the amount we earned. (**PU K. SANGTHUAMA:** received and earned is the same) We have no profit. (**Er. LALRINAWMA:** Pu Speaker, ₹2,31,000/- was earned from 49 buses during 2014-2015 which means that 1 bus earned around ₹4,000/- only in a year) Pu Speaker, the amount is not much but we are proud to serve for the people.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, I believe the answer is correct.

SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 174.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Starred question No. 174. Will the Finance Department Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) The amount of NEDP Fund released in 2016-2018 and if the fund released to the nodal department etc?
- b) Whether the Finance Department has a share on NEDP Fund? If so, how much and how it is spent?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows: -

- a) ₹1002.31 crore. Yes, it is released to the nodal department.
- b) Yes. ₹200.00 lakhs and it is used for Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS)

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how much was spent from ₹50 crore (NEDP Fund) being given to the Finance Department? How it was spent and how will the remaining balance be spent? For what purpose the NEDP Fund of ₹188 crore is being given to the Planning Department and what are the Other Critical Projects?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is not ₹50 crore but ₹80 crore. Critical project depends on the situation and there are times when immediate priority and importance needs to be given. I cannot point out the critical departments or projects in which such fund was spent but it is spent as supposed to be spent.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana, Pu K.S. Thanga and Pu S. Laldingliana beg leave of absence from the House due to health issues and the House approves their leave.

We will proceed to Laying of Papers and I request Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to lay the Paper.

PU .P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay on the Table of the House “The Mizoram (Controlled Substances) Rules, 2017”.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed and we will proceed to Financial Business. I request Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon. Minister to submit his Demand Nos. 24, 26 and 45.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 24, 26 and 45 for ₹11,98,90,11,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following Departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount
24	Medical & Public Health	₹4,55,05,19,000
26	Information & Public relation	₹13,92,71,000
45	Public Works Department	₹7,29,92,21,000
TOTAL		₹11,98,90,11,000

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : I request Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to move his Demand Nos. 18, 30 and 34.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move Demand Nos. 18, 30 and 34 for ₹1,01,84,99,000.00 only for meeting expenses during 2018-2019 in respect of the following departments:

Demand Nos.	Purpose	Amount
18	Printing & Stationery	₹13,48,62,000
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹22,60,08,000
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹65,76,29,000
TOTAL		₹1,01,84,99,000

Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : We will combine the Demands of our 2 Ministers and each member will be given 10 minutes. Pu Lalthanliana will start.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker and I would like to start with Demand No. 24.

The course Doctor of Pharmacy was approved by the Govt. of India in 2008 and we have 9 Degree holders in Mizoram. The roles of Pharm. D are as follows: -

1. To provide pharmaceutical care services.
2. To provide drug and poison information services.
3. To provide patient counseling.
4. Identify drug-drug interactions
5. Monitor adverse drug reactions
6. Carry out therapeutic drug monitoring
7. Help in drug dosage adjustment in special population and renal/hepatic patients
8. Assist/co-ordinate in the conduct of clinical trials
9. Promote rational use of medicines.
10. Contribute to better patient care.

Pu Speaker, our OPD is packed with sickly people and our Doctors are fully occupied. The Doctors of Pharmacy are experts in medicines to help the people with the best medicines. So, it would be impressive if the Govt. approves and recognize them and provides a separate cell under Medical & Public Health Department so that they will be able to render their service for the sickly people. Our Doctors have no time for researching new medicines and that is where the Doctors of Pharmacy plays an important role.

Pu Speaker, Mizoram Govt. often refers sick patients outside and the process of some treatments is quite troublesome and long. Some patients need help with communications and it would be appreciated if we assign people with language skills in other states so as to help the patient; the govt. may provide their salary and ID to prove that they are employed by the state Govt.

Next is Demand No. 45. I would like to thank the PWD Minister for providing our needs. It will be appreciated if boulder is laid on Chite road which was excavated with my fund last year for motor vehicles. It would also be appreciated if black topping is done at Ramhlun Sports Complex Rehabilitation Centre.

Next is Demand No. 30. Major landslides occurred at Ramhlun Sports Complex, Laipuitlang, Ramhlun Vengthar etc and our Minister gave his utmost effort to provide the immediate needs despite financial shortage. I also thank him for achieving the internal road at Ramhlun Sports Complex.

Next is Demand No. 40. Animal Feed Mill machine producing 8 metric ton per hour was launched on 23.03.2018 and it is impressive that measures are taken to be self reliant. The Mizos being fond of animals and we need more Doctors, Hospitals, Dispensary and Rural Animal Centre.

It is also appreciating that Printing & Stationary Department issues calendars with beautiful pictures. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Health Department. Health Care is very important especially in villages and the employees are also quite occupied. It is unfortunate that we owe more than ₹4.7 crore of Health Care Bill to the empanelled Hospitals during 2017-2018 and it is desirable if there is a way to urge the Insurance Companies for immediate payment of bill.

Corpus Fund needs to be increased since the patients could afford to claim their insurances at private hospitals. The Central Govt. Health Care Scheme has a list of 1780 critical illness and we need to increase the lists under our scheme.

The PHC at Ngentiang in my constituency has no Doctor and it would be appreciated if we are provided.

Next is PWD. As we all know, Highways are usually handed to MORTH and it would be appreciated to know the amount that the agency charges since the state PWD looks after the National Highways.

We need to give importance to East-west Corridor as our roads are generally in poor condition unlike the North-South.

Bawngkawn area is quite congested and I believe the problem can be eased if a road is excavated via Khumtung from Zokhawsang lower road.

Next is Demand No.26, Information & Public Relations Department. We need to be more careful in preparing the Governor's Speech so as not to degrade the dignity of the House.

Next is Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. It is a functional department and the BDOs are also quite active when disasters occur.

However, it would be appreciated if there is an orderly arrangement for distributing roofing materials. It is appreciating that the Hon. Minister has provided Silpaulins whenever we made a request.

Next is Veterinary Department. We have several animal slaughter houses which are not functioning and it would be appreciated if measure is taken. We also need to be more careful on the health of piglets when imported. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No.24, Medical & Public Health Department.

As per Hospital Index Statistics record, we have in Mizoram, 12 Govt. Hospitals and 20 Private hospitals excluding Falkawn. The IMR within Aizawl and Lunglei District is low in compare to the southern Districts and the MMR is also increasing at some specific areas. So, the department needs to make more efforts.

According to the Hospital Statistic, one person out of 3,397 died from dog bites, 2 out of 221 from snake bites and 0 out of 101 from cat bites. No deaths occurred from rat bites indicating a regular service of the concerned workers, doctors and nurses.

I support the RSBY and State Health Care schemes and it is impressive that the department proposed to provide cheap medicines all over Mizoram this year.

The Department carries extreme works on national programmes like RCH, EPI, RBSK, NACP, INTCP, RHNM, NUHM and NECP and put Mizoram in the 1st position in the entire North-East.

Newly appointed Doctors are posted at places in accordance to the needs and several works are also carried out in my constituency. X-ray room at Khawruhlian in my constituency is almost complete through MLA fund and an autopsy room is also being set up. The store room and the X-ray room at Suangpuilawn Hospital are extended and it is impressive that Aayush Doctor is provided. Aayush Hospital will also be established at Suangpuilawn and it is appreciating that medical and MO quarters, staff quarters, X-ray room etc are also constructed. It would also be appreciated if a Clinic Centre is established in my constituency.

Next is PWD. The department completed 63 kms of formation cutting, 118.72 kms of black topping during 2017-2018 and has ongoing works of 42,580.95 kms, 16 permanent bridges and the National Highway Projects etc. I would like to thank the Minister for helping my constituency with ₹18,150.82 and ₹3,695 lakhs is also requested through NEC.

Next is Printing & Stationary Department. I would like to ask if there are still some departments without acquiring its stationery materials for the Stationery Department.

I want to thank DM & R Minister for granting ₹50 lakhs for landslip at Phullen.

Lastly, I concern the feeling of our Minister regarding pig supply under NLUP. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who is next? According to our Rule 13, “The Assembly shall ordinarily sit from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on all weekdays except Saturday provided that the Speaker may, in his discretion according to the exigencies of the business, adjourned earlier or extend the hour of sitting”. So, it does not mean we have to wait till 4:00 PM and we can adjourn even before 4:00 PM. Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to start with Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Department. We are planning to establish MIMER Medical College and I want the arguments on Referral Hospital to stop for this leads us to nowhere. It is impressive that extreme work is carried out and I hope we will soon have an advanced hospital and College. However, the location is very far and this is a problem.

I had even proposed during the ministry proposed that Medical College should be established within Aizawl. We are also having huge shortage of nurses in government hospitals since only 526 have been filled out of 748 sanctioned posts. It is vital that more nurses should be recruited.

Health Care programme is also an important subject. There was distribution of free medicine in the previous ministry but it has not been continued. It is desirable that it is continued.

Regarding PWD Department, we are quite reliable in building and other construction works but we need to improve our roads. It seems the roads constructed by the department are not lasting which incurred additional expenses for road construction.

In Printing & Stationery Department, there are many improvements to be made. While there are departments acquiring stationery items from Printing & Stationery Department, some are not complying. We can bring immense improvement if such departments acquired from our department and I opined necessary actions should be taken in this regard.

On Demand No 34, AH & Veterinary Department, we witnessed many developments out of which animal feed processing plant is worth mentioning. In this connection, maize plantation should be encouraged as animal feeds are mainly produced from maize.

On Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I praise the efforts of the Hon. Minister on improvement of his department. It is noteworthy how they have done a great job despite many problems.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health, I do appreciate the efforts made by the Hon. Minister like procurement of a new CT scan and Endoscope machine; I am also happy to see how Cardiology Department has improved a lot. The efforts made for establishment of medical college and inclusion of HIV/AIDS awareness in school text books is praiseworthy. It is obvious that this ministry is well aware of the importance of health service.

Talking about my constituency in particular, a new x-ray machine was bought for Cherhlun PHC and a new building for Thingsai PHC also is constructed which is much appreciated. Yet, we are very eager to have CMO at Hnahthial Hospital.

Regarding Demand No. 45, PWD, we have seen a great improvement. Even though a very long and severe monsoon hinders the work, the work is performed regularly. What I consider important is the connecting road of Lunglei - Champhai as it can be done via N. Vanlaiphai and S. Chawngtui. If direct link is constructed, it will reduce the distance by 70 kms.

On Demand No. 30, State Disaster Management Authority is functioning under the leadership of Hon. Chief Minister. We used to face certain forms of disasters in the past though not so severe. Disaster awareness programmes are being held through this department which is very important for our state. If any disasters occurred in villages, it is necessary that the Village Councils immediately give the report to the department with proper photograph so that action is taken on time.

Regarding AH & Veterinary Department, there are certain blames games going on regarding distribution of piglets. It is the will of everyone that the piglets should reach the beneficiaries in a good condition. However, there are many factors which can affect their health; they may suffer fever or other diseases due to weather and climate changes which needs to be understood. We are also witnessing huge development in dairy production and cattle farming under NLUP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with these words being said, I am supporting the Demands under the Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting from the Demands under the Hon. Minister, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, there are several development works done within my constituency. It is worth mentioning that a new veterinary training centre established at Lungpuizawl and setting up of the tourist spot at Thenzawl. While that is the case, dairy processing plant at Lunglei needs to be upgraded so that it is a blessing for the nearby areas as well.

Regarding Disaster Management, the building of Lunglei Government High School is found to be unsafe for the inhabitants as fund thus is availed through NABARD for its reconstruction. I would like to thank the Hon. Education Minister for this also.

There are many things to talk about within Health Department; I would like to praise the efforts made by Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon. Minister for the establishment of Medical College for the state. Besides, steps have been taken so that trained nurses may get employment outside Mizoram as well as other commonwealth nations. New building of PHC Zobawk is inaugurated recently as staff quarters also are set to be constructed. We are very thankful for these works.

On PWD, we are also very thankful that fund is allotted for construction of World Bank Road between Tlawng – Pukpui. In the meantime, Old Ralvawng which is within my constituency is not yet accessible by vehicle. I hope this could be kept in mind so that connecting road may be constructed soon. I do support the Demands under the Hon. Minister which we are discussing today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take a break till 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting from Demand, No. 34, I thank the Hon. Minister concerned for the works done at Saiha. The construction work of Saiha Hospital building is almost finished. Meanwhile, as he is also aware, there are many other things which need improvement and I hope it could be done in the future. Besides, I opined that the service of doctors within the department needs careful consideration. We need to give them a fair deal of promotions so as to provide them job satisfaction. Besides, I suggest development of our equipments so as to prevent excessive expenditure on MR bills.

With the establishment of Medical College, it does not matter who deserved the credit and there is a long way to go for the new college to be started. We need to be very careful about the norms for establishment of new Medical College so that we may not face problem in the future.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No. 45, PWD, we are all aware of the present conditions of our roads and bridges. In this condition, we need to give more attentions towards manpower and machinery as it is, at present quite difficult to proceed even with a small work of the project. Thus, it is vital to strengthen this department by upgrading the machineries.

On Demand No. 34, I am aware that the Hon. Minister tried his best. It is unfortunate that there is an outbreak of disease among piglets. Another matter that worries us is that many officials are transferred from Siaha and department is now in short of manpower.

On Demand No. 30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I appreciate the efforts made by the Hon. Minister; it is noteworthy that he wants to share us anything available. I hope other departments may follow suit.

Regarding Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery, it is doubtful if the Govt. makes a profit out of the department. The department's office at Siaha too has now becoming unattended and shortage of staff is intensive. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Printing & Stationery Department. This old department was previously functioning under I & PR Department. Re-demarcation of land lease is done recently and it seems the problem of land dispute arising between these two departments. This needs to be resolved as soon as possible. This department is now able to print calendars and I hope Mizoram Calendar may also be given to the department for printing.

I would like to praise the Hon. Minister for DM & R Department as he had done a great job in dealing with disasters within my constituency. Meanwhile, there is a huge landslide occurred at Hunthar and thus is desirable that this road is repaired before the monsoon arrives.

On Demand No. 31, Veterinary Department, we remain not sufficient in pork despite ₹6,000 lakhs distributed under NLUP and RKVY scheme for purchase of piglets. It is thus difficult to claim these schemes as successful. Besides, there is initiative for setting up tourist resort under the Tourism Department at Thenzawl. It is a kind of tourist resort. Pu Dy. Speaker, small ponies also are kept there and I wonder for what purpose such animals are kept.

MULCO is now undertaken as a society and it has achieved a great success. However, supply of ghee product is recently unavailable due to prohibition of poly-pack. It is desirable if it is made available from the local shops.

Regarding Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health Department, we have spoken about shortage of staffs which indicate the need of more efforts in the department. Pu Deputy Speaker, even though we have a great deal of discussion about Medical College, it takes a very long time and remains unimplemented; it is obvious that more efforts are necessary in this regard also. Strengthening of Mizoram State Health Care Society is necessary so that MR bills of all government servants may be processed in time.

Pu Deputy Speaker, on Demand No. 45 PWD, we passed a resolution stating that we are satisfied with the efforts made by the government in maintaining our roads and bridges. However, it is questionable if we really are satisfied with the present condition of our roads and bridges. The reality seems to appear from the way we are spoken about the condition of our respective constituencies. We are obviously not satisfied. Besides there are many unsatisfying construction works going on also. The staffs are good enough to do good job, all we need is supervision and monitoring. Therefore, it is necessary to have good cooperation and coordination among the departments. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to start from Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health.

We are very grateful that ₹81 lakh is kept for upgradation of Champhai Hospital. I would like to point out that Clinic Centre for North Diltlang, Murlen, Pamchung and Lungphunlian, which were earlier assured by the Hon. Chief Minister have not yet been done. We are informed by the Directorate that it will be established as soon as there is fund available. I would like to remind them of that. I also request that Health Worker to be posted at Selam under NHM; and, it will be pleasing if a female Health Worker could be posted at Tualcheng also.

Regarding PWD, pavement work of Khawzawl-Neihdawn, Khawzawl-Ngaihzawl, Khawzawl-Tualpui, Hnahlan-Tualcheng remain uncompleted. I would like to suggest renovation of the District capitals which I opine to be necessary. Likewise, resurfacing the district capital roads may also be given priority.

Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for the time and I am gladly supporting the Demands of the Hon. Ministers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Speaking about Health Department, we have problems in villages within my constituency on Health Care registration mainly due to lack of enough manpower. Health Workers should not be deployed to do such registration due to their usual works and thus is desirable if the work is taken up by other agencies like civil societies.

Regarding DM & R Department, I am very grateful for the works done by the Hon. Minister concerned. Meanwhile, I wish that iron roofing sheet to be used on emergency may be stored only at the Directorate building. It will be more convenient if it is kept in SDO offices also in case of emergency.

On Printing & Stationery Department, I wish that Mizoram Calendar is again published by the department from next year. I would also like to praise the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department for its performance during the outbreak of PRRS disease.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Hon. Minister concerned for rehabilitation work on the collapse of Tuirini Bridge. Any further problems possible for the public could be avoided only due to his efforts. I am also very grateful for renovation of Sakawrdai Hospital. I am supporting these Demands discussed today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 24, Health Services.

I have recently visited MIMER; it has developed a lot. The equipments available there are of world class by now. I praise the works and efforts made by the staffs at MIMER. The service they rendered is really notable.

Regarding Health Care Society, the amount billable under the scheme is too less and is desirable that the ceiling could be raised. It is also desirable that the kind of ailment listed under the scheme is added. Besides, it may be noted that sharing of needles contributes a lot for spreading of AIDS. Thus, it is regretted that fund received by MSACS from NACO for needle exchange programme has been stopped. It is quite desirable if it is continued.

India, as a whole is also backward in Health Care only around 1.4% of India's GDP is spent on Health Care while US spends 8% of its income for the same. While this is the case, it is truly appreciative of a new health policy formulated by Union Cabinet in which free medical treatment and free medicine supply are proposed.

Moving to Demand No. 34, AH & Veterinary Department, the amount of milk production drastically increased as a result of NLUP scheme but on the other hand creates a slight problem in its marketing. Thus, the efforts of the Hon. Minister in regard to this problem are remarkable. Likewise, distribution of barbed wire fencing for cattle farming is also noteworthy.

At the same time, improvement of accident prone area of Chamring/Sialsuk road under DM&R Department is remarkable. Besides, the department has also done a great job during landslide at Rangvamual road.

Regarding PWD, allocation of fund for the department has increased under this ministry. The Government's efforts to avail funds from different sources are remarkable. I have noticed during my travel recently that there are many ongoing works under the department.

Thus, I am gratefully supporting the Demands under the two Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under PWD, we have been received many blessings within my constituency. Roads were constructed in many places and I am also overwhelmed by various steps being taken within the department. It will now be possible to take up proper maintenance of road due to Road Maintenance Rule, 2007. Besides, formulation of the Mizoram Rural Road Maintenance Policy is also noteworthy.

I would like to reiterate the importance of the connecting road of Khawhai-Ngentiang as I have already stated in the earlier session also. I hope it could be included under the newly launched North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme. Another important subject is protection of roads from encroachment where as upgradation of the process of road construction is important as well.

On Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health, I am very grateful about Referral Hospital. It is correct to say that many difficulties evolve for its inauguration. Yet, i believe it will become successful under the leadership of the Hon. House Leader.

Regarding Information Department, it seems the system of newspaper clipping and information given to news channels is too old at times and I hope this could be improved.

On Demand No. 30 & 34, I praise the works done under Disaster Management Department as well as Veterinary Department. Regarding the latter Department, I would like to add that it will be great if the department provide higher quality breed to our poultry farmers.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am supporting the Demands which we are discussing today. Thank you.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As I give my support to the demands under the Hon. Ministers, there are many things to be thankful about their works.

Starting from Demand No. 24, Medical & Public Health, it is obvious that there are drastic improvements recently. The services rendered by the department are also outstanding. ₹4,427 lakh is availed from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and another ₹189 crore for administrative approval for improvement of MIMER Medical College. Many more funds are availed for medical institutions in remote areas particularly of the southern part. All these are the result of development under this ministry.

Besides, the subject of Health Care Scheme is a very important one for the poorer sections of the society. I supported that we, the MLAs may donate 1% each of our wages for this purpose. Likewise, we also have recently witnessed a remarkable improvement of Lawngtlai Hospital and i would like to thank the Hon. Minister for this also.

On Demand No. 26, the department has done a great job despite limited number of staff. I & PRO post at Lawngtlai which lay vacant for a long time has been filled under this Congress Ministry; we are very happy for this.

The PWD is the department which covers the entire Mizoram. I really appreciated the works done under this department. Rawlbuk - Lungtian road which has been unattended during the previous ministry has now been improved. Approach road to Vawmbuk-Archhuang which has also been constructed falls within my constituency and we are very thankful for that also.

Lastly, I would like to praise the Hon. Minister Pu C. Ngunlianchunga for his works for the departments under his portfolios. Among that, it is learned that several new VFAs are newly recruited and I do hope that he is aware of our needs and some of them may be posted in our areas as well. With these words, I support the Demands

of the two Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No. 24, Health Department, I would like to speak about MSACS and Health Care particularly the dedication and sincerity of the staff under these two bodies. MSACS has no building of its own and has to spend huge amount on house rent every month. I beg the Hon. Minister to provide a separate building. Besides, it is also desirable that the staff could be recruited on permanent basis so that they perform the work with more enthusiasm.

Regarding Health Care, I support those points mentioned by my fellow members. Besides, I would like to add that it is desirable that registration under Health Care Scheme could be increased. It is desirable that the amount spent on MR Bill could also be reduced at the same time. I support the opinion that the Hon. MLAs may donate some amounts of our wages for this purpose.

Regarding PWD, we are all aware of the drastic effects of heavy monsoon last season on our roads which damaged many roads and hinder the repairing works also. Despite such problems, the department continues to perform a great job in maintenance our roads as far as possible. Apparently there are shortcomings in some areas in view of the difficult situations yet, it has done a great job so far and I am thankful for their dedications. I would also like to praise the Hon. Minister concerned especially on his performances.

Lastly, regarding Printing & Stationery Department, I would like to praise the Hon. Minister for his efforts so that the department has made profit during the year 2015, 2016 and 2017. This is the result of his sincerity and tireless efforts. Likewise, his success in Veterinary Department also is noteworthy. Therefore, Pu Deputy Speaker, I am supporting the Demands under these two Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, regarding the demands under Hon. Minister Pu Lal Thanzara, the Information & Public Relations Department has done a great job in publicizing the proceedings of the Session; I am happy in this regard. However, after the session is over, the news published through this department are mainly of the ruling party which may be of the previous practices. This practice has now been changed in the central government and thus is desirable that the department may cover the activities and works of all the Hon. Members of this august House irrespective of their party affiliation.

Regarding Health Department, I am overwhelmed to witness development for the establishment of the Medical College. It is a fact that there may be a long way to go for its success as it was during the previous ministries. We have also seen huge efforts from Pu Rinliana, the former Minister as well as the current Hon. Minister. (*Speaker's at the Chair*) I would like to mention that the members from the opposition parties are ready to cooperate in every possible ways for the establishment of this Medical Collage.

Regarding Health Care Scheme, registration under the scheme is necessary in order to avail assistance from the scheme. But the registration process seems complicate for some people especially of rural areas and the poorer sections. It is desirable that the system is simplified so as to cover the whole population. In fact, the people who avail assistance through Health Care Scheme will be only of a small portion of the population. Thus, I hope it is possible.

Regarding PWD, we are all aware of the intensity of the problems we have been facing due to poor condition of our roads. There is a theory that the method we used for construction of roads is not applicable for our state. The main reason we used this method is a belief that running at a high speed as safer. However, most of the roads within Mizoram are not capable for such a high speed. Therefore, I suggest that the previous method in which boulders were laid at lower layers should be preferred. It is the same in materials used in other construction works also. We should keep in mind whether it is suitable for our climate and weather.

Regarding Printing & Stationery Department, it seems enough importance is not given. The machines and equipments are also kept in a very poor condition. Regarding Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, performance of this department is noteworthy; yet, location of the directorate is a bit far for public access which I opine an improvement to be made.

Lastly, on Veterinary Department, there is a problem with supply of animal feed from time to time and will be of a great step if it is taken into consideration. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We shall now end our discussion and I call upon Pu Lal Thanzara, the Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and to move the House that his Demands to be passed.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am very grateful that the Hon. Members have sincerely discussed the demands under my portfolios. I also really appreciated the suggestions given by them. I will try to clarify the points made by the Hon. Members as far as possible.

Pu Speaker, the matter of vehicle entitlement mentioned yesterday was done as per the order issued by the Government of Mizoram, GAD. However, it could not be strictly followed because of insufficient number of vehicles. Meanwhile, there are some officers under central schemes who are provided with vehicle. Regarding the number of PHCs, there are no doctors at Kanghmun PHC, Ratu PHC, Bilkhawthlir PHC, Marpara PHC.

The rate of medical bill and surgical charge is adopted for Health Care Scheme in 2008 and there is no proposal for revision at the moment. There are 80 government hospitals and 23 private empanelled hospitals. There is a question about Health Free Drug; steps have been taken in collaboration with CDAT with the project cost of ₹122.79 lakh. Regarding RSBY, new company will be given contract from April; yet, the same Smart Card will be in used. New enrollment will be done during the month of April.

Moving to PWD Department, the estimate amount for construction of truckable road between Tlangpui and Luiva is ₹480 lakh which is set to be done through restricted tender. Regarding termination of contract, the terminated contractor will not be allowed to bid the new contract tender. Regarding the question of Er. Lalrinawma, the physical achievement of construction of Tuankhum Bridge is 4% and there is no financial achievement as yet. There is no bill passed for this work as only the foundation earth work is done. The physical achievement of Lengpui Bridge is 10% and no financial achievement as yet. The physical achievement of Bawplawk Bridge is 5% and no financial achievement. The physical achievement for Lunghaukai bridge is 40% with no financial achievement to be mentioned.

Moving to my Demands, the Hon. Member, Pu Lalthanliana has mentioned about recruitment of qualified person like Pharm. D., Clinical Pharmacy, etc., it is under process in the departments concerned. There are 9 applicants of qualified Pharm. D. and other 30 are still in study.

I am happy to hear that most of the comments made regarding Health Department are positive ones. In order to solve problem of staff shortage, permission for post creation for four PHCs has been applied. As mentioned by Pu K. Sangthuama, with the need to increase corpus fund under Health Care, the Health Care Society asked permission to Finance Department. Pu John Siamkunga has mentioned that there is no X-Ray technician and we will look into the matter. Creation of the post of SMO and DDO for Hnahtial Hospital will also be considered by Health Secretariat. Regarding the suggestion of Pu Beichhua relating to M.O., it will also be considered by the Secretariat.

Pu Ruatkima has mentioned about the recruitment of staffs at MIMER, it is done as per Recruitment Rules of Medical Council of India where as Associate Professors are recruited by MPSC. The total number of recruitment is 83 and some more to be recruited. He had further suggested strengthening the Mizoram Health Care Society and in this regard, 3 Nos. of Medical Officer, 4 of Nos. Pharmacist, 16 Nos. of UDC, 8 Nos. of LDC, 5 Nos. of Grade-IV, 1 No. each of Computer Operator and Assistant are created. Besides, 1 No. each of CEO and Dy. CEO also are also posted.

I would like to inform Hon. Member Pu T.T. Zothansanga that Champhai Hospital has been upgraded with various new equipments. Pu T. Sangkunga suggested that free treatment may be given to Hepatitis patients; it may be noted that free treatment has been given to registered patients under Health Care scheme at Civil Hospital and is funded by Hospital RKS. This will be done in other districts as well. Regarding Free Drug, 30 Nos. of various types of drugs are proposed.

DPR for upgradation of Lawngtlai District Hospital from 50 to 100 bedded hospital has been sent. However, this could not be done instantly. I am glad to hear from Pu Vanlalzawma of the support offered by all the opposition parties for the achievement of MIMER.

Regarding errors in the context of the Governor's speech, it will be enquired so that it is not repeated. Suggestions made by other members for improvements of I

& PR Department will be considered.

Moving to Demand No. 13, PWD, there are some points which need clarification. The cost of construction of PWD approach road to Rehabilitation Centre of 1.25 kms is around ₹50 lakh. Chite - Thuampui road has also been constructed under NLCPR and will be continued in 2018-2019. Widening of Tlalkui approach road will be taken up if land owners in the vicinity approve it. The Aizawl bypass road mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma has also been surveyed and DPR is submitted already.

Regarding the method of road construction, it is called IRC 37 design code. Considering all the weathering and other factors, our roads are expected to last 3 to 5 years and resurfacing should be done before it is totally damaged. The proposed Lunglei-Champhai road will be considered as soon as there is fund available. Regarding strengthening of PWD, as mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, we have several newly purchased vehicles and equipments under PWD. Regarding the question from Pu Ruatkima, ₹28.25 crore has been sanctioned for reconstruction of Buichali-Bawngkawn road and the selected contractor of a joint venture namely NBKA is expected to start the work during April, 2018.

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

Demand No.	Department	Amount
24	Medical & Public Health	₹4,55,05,19,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	₹13,92,71,000.00
45	Public Works Department	₹7,29,92,21,000.00
TOTAL		₹11,98,90,11,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has now begged the House to pass his Demands. Those who agree to pass the demand may say, 'aye' and those who don't may say, 'nay'. I hereby declare that the Demands No. 24, 26 and 45, the total amounting to ₹11,98,90,11,000.00 is unanimously passed by the House.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Thank You, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion of his demands and move the House to pass the same.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Pu Speaker, firstly regarding the questions about Printing & Stationery Department, the departments that do not purchase stationery items from the department are: -

- 1) Governor's Secretariat
- 2) Excise & Narcotics
- 3) Account & Treasuries
- 4) MPSC
- 5) Economic & Statistics

- 6) Public Health Engineering
- 7) Information & Public Relations
- 8) Sericulture Department
- 9) Tourism
- 10) Minor Irrigation

We have seen a lot of improvements in this regards as in the amount of revenue collected by the department. It is important to give importance to this department as mentioned by Pu K. Sangthuama. Meanwhile, it is also necessary to appreciate the works done by the department and on improvements within the department. Regarding the problems of land dispute between two departments as mentioned by Pu Ruatkima, this will be discussed in the Cabinet Meeting. We hope it will be resolved in a way that is good for both party.

The department purchased four colors Offset Machine SB74 and 36 Nos. of single color. Another important machine that we have is Embossing Machine which is used for printing of texture. We are also very thankful that a new transformer of 500KV is installed so that we may have uninterrupted power supply. Step has been taken to establish printing institute as guidelines for registering of the approved firms has also been prepared.

Moving to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, thirteen members have spoken about this department and I am very thankful that most of are of positive comments. Any suggestion being made will also be considered. Disaster training programmes were organized occasionally and it is good to hear appreciation from the Hon. Members for such programmes. Regarding Landslide at Vaivakawn graveyard, it was discussed under the leadership of Aizawl DC and we are waiting for the report. As of the project of Restoration of Strong Water Drain and Contort Drain, it is initiated in cooperation with PHE Deptt. with the amount sanction of ₹11.9680 lakh. However, this could not be achieved as yet due to lack of fund for it completion.

It is regretted that the Hon. Group leader used to face problem in contacting our departments; instruction will be given to the departments to improve such conducts. Training is given on disaster management in which around 1500 people from NGOs and CBOs attended the function. I would like to mention that contribution made by the Hon. Members for handling charge of Silpaulin, etc. amounting to ₹23,22,800 which is quite useful in providing the needs of the department. We are also granted ₹690 lakh for mitigation fund from the State government which is used in different places of Mizoram.

Lastly, regarding AH & Veterinary Department, there are many thing to say about the performance of this department but there is no time to mention all the details. Veterinary Sector within the department is responsible for the animal health while Animal Husbandry is responsible for infrastructure development and increasing the production. Funds are availed from CSS and any other sources available like NABARD, etc. for the works done by the department. Steps were taken to have better breed of mithun and goat the rearing farm which has been set up at Thenzawl.

As included in the Governor's Speech also, efforts were made to increase maize production for animal feeds. Animal Feed Plant was recently established at Ramrikawn. There is also suggestion to maintain the plant on PPP mode in the future.

That is all I could highlight on the performance as well as visions of our department, Pu Speaker. Before concluding my speech, I beg this august House to pass the following Demands of the departments under my concern:

Demand No.	Department	Amount
18	Printing & Stationery	₹13,48,62,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	₹22,60,08,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	₹65,76,29,000.00
TOTAL		₹1,01,84,99,000.00

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has now begged the House to pass his Demands. Anyone who agrees to pass the Demands may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'Nay'. I, hereby declare the Demands No. 18, 30 and 34, the total amount of which is ₹11,98,90,11,000.00 is passed by the House.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, 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, 29.3.2018 at 10:30 AM.

(The sitting is adjourned. 6:00 PM.)