

**EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(NINTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, The 2nd MARCH, 2022
(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. **ER. H. LALZIRLIANA**, to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following:
- (i) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Fifth Report, 2021 relating to Public Works Department.
- (ii) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Fifth Report, 2021 relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>	<i>Demand for Grants page No.</i>
22	Sports & Youth Services	24,22,12,000.00	195-203
43	Tourism	11,37,45,000.00	405-409
48	Information & Communication Technology	4,90,60,000.00	452-455
TOTAL		40,50,17,000.00	

4. **PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>	<i>Demand for Grants page No.</i>
18	Printing & Stationary	12,68,86,000.00	156-159
20	School Education	14,93,93,62,000.00	168-183
28	Labour, Employment & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	33,33,41,000.00	268-273
TOTAL		15,39,95,89,000.00	

5. **DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>	<i>Demand for Grants page No.</i>
21	Higher & Technical Education	2,64,80,96,000.00	184-194
24	Health & Family Welfare	7,20,63,59,000.00	213-247
40	Commerce & Industries	63,59,63,000.00	376-390
TOTAL		10,49,04,18,000.00	

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *“The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good”*
– Proverbs 15:3

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

We will start our question hour, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Will the concern Minister of Rural Development be please to state-

- a) Who had undertaken the bridge construction between Tlawng and Nghalchawm?
- b) Specific dated of the start to finish?
- c) How much is the estimated amount?

The bridge construction was meant to be undertaken by MNF Aizawl West – I block. Iron rod used were shorter than assigned, Phaileng and were used instead of common sand and foundation pillars were poorly constructed worrying the neighboring areas. Can the project proceed more seriously without corruption.

Secondly Rural Development is the only department with DDO in Secretariat and MGNREGS, PMAYG and SPMRM were assigned by the Secretariat instead of the Directorate. Can Directorate works be revised so that some schemes were transferred from the Secretariat?

LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon’ble member questions are ;-

- a) Executive Engineer, Rural Development Department is in charge of the bride construction between Tlawng and Nghalchawm.
- b) The starting data commenced on 17.11.2021 and is expected to finish within 5 months.
- c) ₹30.40 lakhs are the estimated amount.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions may be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : The bridge construction was meant to be undertaken by MNF Aizawl West – I block. Iron rods used were shorter than assigned, Phaileng and were used instead of common sand and foundation pillars were poorly constructed worrying the neighboring areas. Can the project proceed more seriously without corruption?

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SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: The ruined Marlui bridge of 2019 between Parvatui and Phuldungsei within my constituency and the flood ruined Marlui bridge between Zopui and Phuldungsei had received compensations. However, the government funds

lapse further to the BDO's death. Had actions been taken and how much is the estimate? When will the re-construction proceed?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Rural housing project was undertaken through Rural Development Department and the locals and received 1st installment back in 2020. However, they had awaited 2nd installment for 2 years. When will the 2nd installment be given and prioritize their demand?

Secondly, all 'BADP' works under Rural Development Department were assigned departmental works and the workers are registered as 'BDO' which can harm the government's officials when mistakes are committed. Thus, can work assigned as department work be adjusted?

SPEAKER : The concern minister may answer the question.

LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: The Executing Agency of MLA fund was organized the guidelines were made by the Planning Department. However, both the ruling and opposition parties had favored the funds to individuals and many privatized works were pursued through MLA funds. Regarding Nghalchawm bridge construction, progress had been made projects are targeted to strengthen its longevity since the bridge is the connectivity to all sources of needs. Thus, the bridge construction awaited its completion in NH 44.

Regarding, PMAY, MGNREGS and SPMRM certain charges are newly made and BADP had also been transferred to directorate.

Answering Lalrintluanga Sialo's questions the unfortunate funds lapsed was taken into consideration and executing work order was submitted to the BDO under the project 'Foot' suspension bridge over Marlui between Parvatui and Phuldungsei and the other suspension bridge over Saipui river, Zopui and Phuldungsei works are expected to begin as soon as possible.

Regarding PMAY, survey under socio-economic caste census 2011 had commenced while mistakes had been committed where several villages were skipped due to shortage of time.

The proposal for the name changes of AWAAS soft project was declined even though it was completed. The expected 24,000 eligible beneficiaries were decreased to 19,000. The 2nd installment is still waited by many even though, 1,30,000 beneficiaries in 2018 under AWAAS plus and thus 17,000 were registered successfully under the AWAAS plus.

Even though AWAASsoft was completed in most districts, the western belt was left incomplete. Several complains were received from the economically challenged locals and DO letter was submitted to the Ministry, pleading to change PMAY Gramin. Though steps were taken and regional workshop was organized in Aizawl, the letter was still rejected.

Due to auto-generated mode, the process was slow and due to certain criteria, 6,800 although given were rejected under AWAAS plus due to several reasons such as 3 bedrooms attached, given to the SMS. The state government had done its absolute best and the newly format would be applied only after its exhaustion.

Regarding the 'Executing Agency' under RD Department, it is a departmental with guidelines, same with MLA fund where physical works cannot be pursued properly. The MLA funds and executing agency are still carried out in the same process and change is yet to be made.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Nihar Kanti to ask starred question No.84.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: The Starred Question No.84 is directed to the PWD Minister.

Who is the contractor for national Highway 302 Lunglei – Tlabung road construction and how much is the estimated amount?

Supplementary Question

- i) Will ladders be covered within the estimated amount since it is of greatly needed? 3 ladders were in poor conditions and only one had been strengthened in Phairuangkai.
- ii) If ladders were not covered in the estimated amount, will a separated budget be formed for ladder constructions?
- iii) Will compensations be given to the victims of the ruined farm lands? If so, when?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Upon answering to Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma's questions, SRK Construction & Project Pvt. Ltd are the contractors for national highway 302 Lunglei – Tlabung road construction and the estimate amount, project costs are ₹ 839.98 crores. Package – I is expected to be completed on 31.12.2022 and Package – II on 9.01.2023.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti may ask his supplementary questions.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The bridge construction was meant to be undertaken by MNF Aizawl West – I block. Iron rod used were shorter than assigned, Phaileng and were used instead of common sand and foundation pillars were poorly constructed worrying the neighboring areas. Can the project proceed more seriously without corruption?

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SPEAKER : Supplementary questions may be asked by Pu C.Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Supplementary questions –

i) The compensation claimed larger than Mizoram under KMMTT road compensation was reported as miscalculation last October. Although promised by the PWD Minister, the copies for document pass and mathematical calculations are yet to be submitted, can the copies be submitted by now?

ii) RCC rigid pavement is under construction between Vathuampui – Tuichawngtlang. However, the locals waited 70 hours and their demands were rejected due to long distance issues and permitted to work till 21st February. I requested the PWD Minister to settle the issues. The locals of Tuichawngtlang also received 6 days shortage from 100 days MGNREGS scheme. Can the Minister take steps for its completion?

iii) As mentioned, in the previous Budget session, DPR estimated by the Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) were roughly ₹ 4000 crores. Has the state government pursued it as promised? If so, who is the contractor? Is Chakkei – Saisi road project given as an open tender or restricted tender? Who is in-charge?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : The additional questions are projected to be answered by the PWD Minister. Regarding Kamrula's case, cancellation of his ST certificate was promised and according to Income Tax Act, 1961 Section 19 (c), Income Tax Assessed had to submit permanent account under, Tax deducted source. Is action taken in related to this penalty? Or is he free from deduction due to his tribal certificate ownership?

If tribal certificate is cancelled, his application of consultancy firm from the government regarding his contracts under his tribal identity should be marked as null and void. Does the department revise his contracts and decide to terminate it?

DR. VANLALHLANA : PWD was supposed to contribute to income tax, have they given this tax?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief minister in charge of PWD, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, since the range of questions is varied, I may not be able to answer all the questions. Particularly the question raised by Pu Nihar, construction of bridge is undertaken by NHIDCL, not PWD. It is presumed that they will give compensation as and when required.

I request Pu Ngunlianchunga to make another copy of the letter he submitted last year, so that we will pursue the matter relating to Tuichawngtlang field.

In regards to Chakkei-Siasi road under MADC, all we know is what the selected contractor has executed so far.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask starred question no. 83.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. minister for Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation be pleased to state-

- i) Is there any work done by Land Resources, Soil and Water Conservation Department under NABARD RIDF during 2021-22?
- ii) If yes, what is the amount involved?
- iii) Where is the place of work?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the questions.

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

- i) The department has rubber plantation and development project under NABARD RIDF XXIII during 2021-22.
- ii) The project costs Rs. 81.22 lakhs which is split into 4 installments.
- iii) The project is at Rengdil and Kanghmun (Mamit District).

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask starred question no. 84.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. minister in charge of PWD be pleased to state-

- a) Is there an approval of DPR for construction of bridge on Mat River between Haulawng – Hnahthial via Phaileng S road?
- b) What is the time set for completion of this project?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) No approval has yet been received for construction of bridge on river Mat on Haulawng – Hnahthial via Phaileng South Road.
- b) Since there has not been any approval as of now, there is no time set for its completion.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, as assured by the hon. Chief minister during the previous session, blacktopping of Haulawng – Chhipphir road is almost completed.

Haulawng – Bualpui V is completed. 7/8 kms is yet to be completed in Bualpui V – Chhipphir road. Will the hon. Chief minister assure the House that the work will be started immediately within the current financial year.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

PU K. T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. The contractor for Niawhtlang – Chakhang PMGYS road does not comply with the agreement signed in October, 2020. Work balance is Rs. 1615 lakhs and only 3/4 kms pavement is completed even after two years. It is negligence on the part of the contractor.

Secondly, Vahia – Phura PMGSY road which is tendered back in November 2017 with an estimated amount of Rs. 1563 is no better. The road is to be made with concrete pavement and only about 4 kms is completed after 5 years. Will the department take immediate action in this case?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It will go through Dulte – Kawlkuh national highway. Can the road to national highway from Kawlkuh be improved? Survey is conducted somewhere at the boundary of my constituency. Is the government aware of this? How far along is the survey and what is the policy?

Pu Speaker, with your permission, may I point out that GAD also has DDO and not only Rural Development.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief minister to answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I may not be able to give the answers to some of the questions. I prepared for Haulawng and Hnahthial whereas the question stretched beyond that.

In response to Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, if the intended 8 kms of blacktopping is not completed at Bualpui V – Chhipphir road, this should be pursued. As for the funding system, that would not be problematic if the member gave me a reminder.

In response to Pu KT. Rokhaw, I have not had time to enquire about the progress of Niawhtlang – Chakhang PMGSY road. However, this has to be pursued definitely if concrete pavement of only 3 kms is completed within a span of 5 years.

In response to Pu L. Thangmawia, I have enquired about the new road constructed from Kawlkuh penetrating national highway. We wanted to solve their problem of communication as Kawlkuh lies at a critical junction.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga to ask starred question no. 85.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state-

- a) What are the action taken by the government to implement formal trade at Indo-Myanmar border trade point at Zokhawthar?
- b) Any initiative taken by Myanmar to implement Indo Border Trade?
- c) What is the progress achieved so far for Integrated Check Post at Kawrpuichhuah to have border trade with Bangladesh?
- d) What are the actions taken by the government for Silsuri Border Haat towards implementation of Indo- Bangladesh border trade?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. minister in charge of Commerce & Industries to answer.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) The government of Mizoram is actively engaged at Indo-Myanmar Trade Point Zokhawthar. Infrastructures such as land customs station, immigration check post, animal quarantine station, plant quarantine station laboratory, food testing laboratory, warehouse, officers and staff quarters and weight bridge are to be installed. 15 crores were received under Special Central Assurance to Capital Expenditure. The contractor has been selected and mobilization of works is actively in progress.
- b) To my knowledge, there has been no initiative from Myanmar which may be due to their internal turmoil.
- c) Land preparation for fencing is completed at Indo – Bangladesh Integrated Check Post, Kawrpuichhuah. DPR is completed and accepted by Land Port Authority of India. Revenue Department is working on forest clearance.
- d) Silsuri (Mamit District) is selected by the government of Mizoram for Indo-Bangladesh border trade Haat. All important documents had been dispatched and Central government is pursuing formal approval from Government of Bangladesh.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What can be done for grape growers whose land are requisite for Border Haat and who are not given compensation in the area around Hnahlan and Zote?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu KT. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. Chakhang – Ngiaphia was selected for Border Haat back in 2011. Mizoram government made a recommendation in connection with this. How far has the government taken action towards this.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What has become of Mizoram Venus Bamboo Product Pvt. Ltd? Its audited account is no more to be found. As I have mentioned, it should be public enterprise if 50% of its share is subscribed by the government.

What has become of my letter to the hon. Chief minister with a request to allot a small piece of land for common facility centre within the campus of DIC located in my constituency? The centre had served many in the area to gain self-supportive occupation.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. minister to answer the questions.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. In response to Dr. Thiamsanga, even though Hnahlan – Zote Haat is not our purview, we will do our best for its success. The main problem lies in the political turmoil of Myanmar which hindered active pursuance.

In regards to the question asked by Pu KT. Rokhaw, as mentioned earlier, Mizoram had made a proposal for Chakhang Haat. But it is not yet in the approved list and still needs to be pursued. Not only Chakhang, Hnahthial, Thingsai and Saisihchhuah are also suitable for Indo Burma Haat and are all penetrated by road.

In response to Dr. Vanlalhlana regarding the audited statement of Venus Bamboo Product Pvt. Ltd, I hope that better explanation can be provided later on.

Allotment of land for common facility centre within the area of DIC might have been a success had there been no pandemic. The main obstacle is giving land. The building is to be renovated; however, funds cannot be utilized yet.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over. As provide under Rule 60, the hon. Home Minister will make a statement on the unfortunate motor accident in Manipur this morning around 1:30 AM where our police personnel were victims.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER:

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. On the order of MHA, Mizoram State Armed Police Force, Company 10 was deployed to Manipur on General Election duty. In the first phase, our Armed Police Forces were deployed to Dinajpur District and in the second phase, they were deployed to Tamenglong District. They were to be transported to Tamenglong College which is unreachable by truck. They were transported to their camp by pickup truck. During the last trip, the brake failed and an accident occurred around 1:30 AM.

Unfortunately, Constable No. 516, K. Lalawmpuia, 2nd IR Battalion, Champhai lost his live. The others named below sustained injuries.

- 1) SI R.C. Muana
- 2) Havildar Lalbiakmawia
- 3) Havildar V.L. Dingliana
- 4) Havildar R. Lalbiaknunga
- 5) Constable Lahlimpuia
- 6) Constable Lalmawizuala
- 7) Constable Lalbiaknunga
- 8) Constable R. Lalnunmawia
- 9) Naik Lalsawmliana
- 10) Havildar Lalsangzuala

All the victims were brought to District Hospital. Unfortunately, Constable K. Lalawmpuia had already passed when brought to the hospital. All the victims were shifted to Imphal Hospital by helicopter.

The Government of Mizoram is actively in contact with Government of Manipur. The body of Constable K. Lalawmpuia is to be airlifted to Aizawl.

I offer my sincere sympathy and condolences to the injured and bereaved families. Mizoram Police Headquarter is ready to extend its support to them whenever necessary.

SPEAKER : As provide by the Rule, discussion on an official statement is not necessary.

LAYING OF PAPER:

We will proceed to our next business which is laying of papers. Let us now call upon Er. H. Lalzirliana, Chairman, Committee on Government Assurance to lay the following papers.

- i) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Fifth Report, 2021 relating to Public Works Department.
- ii) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Fifth Report, 2021 relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of this House, I lay the following papers.

- i) Statement on Action Taken on the further recommendations of Committee on Government Assurances contained in the Fifth Report, 2021 relating to Public Works Department.
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SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. We will move on to Financial Business.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

Let us call upon the hon. minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to submit his demands.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 22, 43 and 48 for Rs. 40,50,17,000 for meeting expense during 2022-2023 in respect of the following departments-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
22	Sports & Youth Services	24,22,12,000.00
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TOTAL		40,50,17,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. minister Pu Lalchhandama to submit his demands.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 18, 20 and 28 for Rs. 15,39,95,89,000 for meeting expense during 2022-2023 in respect of the following departments-

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TOTAL		15,39,95,89,000.00

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to submit his demands.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the Demand Nos. 21, 24 and 40 for ₹10,49,04,18,000 for meeting expense during 2022-2023 in respect of the following departments-

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
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40	Commerce & Industries	63,59,63,000.00
TOTAL		10,49,04,18,000.00

SPEAKER : We will start discussion on the demands submitted by the Ministers. 10 minutes each will be allocated to each member. Let us call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte to start the discussion.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No. 22, Sports Department, the hon. minister for Sports is an expert at generating funds. I would like to give him credit for his work within this department.

I would like the hon. minister to react during windup regarding construction of sports training centre at Vairengte and Bilkhawthlir.

Under Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, what is the state of the project at Serlui under this department?

Moving on to Demand No.20, Education Department. The plight of SSA teachers is rather dim. I suggest that 50% of new teachers to be recruited should be from senior SSA teachers.

Schools within my constituency is in need of upgradation. Rengtekawn high school and Vairengte higher secondary school has been managed by the public and I would like to request that it is upgraded to adhoc.

Under Demand No. 24, Health Department, there is shortage of health workers at my constituency. We have recruited 5 health workers using MLA fund and I would like to ask for the assistance of the government in recruiting more health workers for my constituency. Vairengte CHC requires an upgrade and a new x-ray machine.

We have no sub-centres at Saihapui K, North Thinglian and State Veng Vairengte and we would be grateful if health clinics are established at these places. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Department, Lawngtlai East Sangau RD Block is not included in PMJVK. There areas hold several football players and require artificial turf.

Moving on to Demand No. 43, Tourism Department, this department played an important role. We are in need of more resthouses and the existing ones are in need of an upgrade. I believe construction of tourist lodge at Khaltlang is a necessity as it is close to Phawngpui and tourist footfall is very high in this area.

Under Demand No.22, School Education, there is shortage of headmasters within my constituency. There are no headmasters at schools within my constituency such as Sangau, Lungtian, Bualpui NG and Vawmbuk. We have no maths teacher at Lawngtlai HSS. Also, there are shortage of LDC's and group D staffs at several schools within my constituency.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to recommend handing over the administration of state schools to district council so that administration is easier and better.

Demand No.24, Health & Family Welfare Department. Lawngtlai District Hospital is without a surgeon and x-ray technician. Since a while ago, request for upgrade of Sangau PHC to CHC has been submitted. I kindly request the hon. minister to look in to this. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services Department. We are in need of artificial turf at Farkawn and Khawbung. Vanzau field is also in need of repair.

(Dy. Speaker at the chair)

Demand No.43, Tourism Department. I would like to request an upgrade on Farkawn tourist lodge to accommodate more tourists. I also request the continuation of construction of tourist lodge at Vaphai and Khuangleng.

Moving on to Demand No. 20, Education Department. Vanzau, Sazep, Sesih, Vangchhia and Lianpui high schools have no hindi teacher. Also, there are 22 primary schools and 10 middle schools with no headmaster within my constituency. Since there is shortage of teachers within my constituency, we have employed teachers at 5 schools using MLA fund.

Demand No. 24, Health Department. Sesih requires more nurse and lab technician. Farkawn PHCC and Khawbung PHCC also requires more nurses. Zawngtetui and Leisenzo clinics also require nurses as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I feel really grateful to the ministry for their hardwork and dedication. During the previous session, we have voiced our needs and concerns and the concerned ministers and the government have paid heed to our grievances. I thank the ministry for all the work they have done for my constituency which cannot be mentioned today due to time constraints.

Under Education Department, it is very certain that shortage of teachers is an issue that prevails everywhere in Mizoram. This issue has also reached the ears of the ministry and the hon. Chief minister has given his permission to recruit more teachers.

Demand No. 24, Health Department. I am very appreciative of the fact that the ministry has established health clinic centres at my constituency. Currently, we are in need of more healthworkers. This is not only for my constituency; it seems to be the trend everywhere and I am certain that the government will recruits more healthworkers shortly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu KT. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No.22 Sports & Youth Department, congress ministry has laid the foundation for the development of sports and infrastructure in Mizoram. I am grateful that this ministry has continued with the good work and established rules and regulations.

I would like to request for the repair and upgrade of Tipa indoor stadium and laying of artificial turf at Tipa playground. We have a good playground at Phura and we would be grateful if they can construct a gallery for us. We also have a good playground at Siata and it would be much appreciated if they can upgrade this playground to international standard.

Demand No.43, Tourism Department. Tourist lodge at Tipa is old and derelict and as such, renovation of this lodge would be much appreciated. Construction of tourist lodge at Castle of Beino would be ideal as tourist footfall at this place is very high.

Under ICT Department, internet facility at my constituency is almost non-existent. I would be grateful if they can upgrade the internet facility at my constituency. I would also like to request that Tipa HS, Chakhei HS and Mara HS be included in ICT School Scheme.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the hon. minister in charge of School Education (Demand No. 20) for providing us with much needed school teachers within my constituency. I kindly request the hon. minister to upgrade Tipa -V Centenary HSS to Adhoc Grant-in-aid and upgrade Chakhei Govt. HS from Samagra to HSS.

Govt. Siaha College is the only college in Lawngtlai District and it would be much appreciated if a new college can be established at Tipa-V under RUSA Scheme.

Under Health & Family Welfare Department, I have requested for the upgradation of Tipa PHC to CHC several times. I have submitted my request again today. We also have no doctor. Also, our medical facilities are quite poor and I would like to request that the ministry provide us with an x-ray machine, ECC and ambulance at Tipa, Chapi and Phura.

Lastly, I would like to request an ortho and pathologist specialist at Siaha Hospital. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, I would like to thank the hon. minister for his dedication. Several projects under sports are underway in my constituency.

Demand No.43, Tourism Department. We are fortunate that Khamrang has been selected for a project called “Development of Village based eco-tourism”.

Under Demand No.20, School Education, as mentioned by members before me, my constituency is also in need of hindi teachers and teachers. School buildings at Pukpui and Lungdai are in need of renovation.

Demand No.21, Higher & Technical Education, Kawnpui College is also in need of an upgrade.

Moving on to Demand No.24, Health & Family Welfare, construction of Bukpui PHC will commence shortly. We have submitted a request for the upgrade of Kawnpui PHC to CHC and I believe this will be realized soon. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Er. H. Lalzirliana

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. There are several projects under Sports & Youth Services (Demand No.22) within my constituency and I thank the hon. Minister for his efforts.

Futsal ground or volleyball court at Hmunpui, Rawpuichhip and Dapchhuah would be much appreciated. I would also like to request for the repair and renovation of indoor stadium and football ground at Rawpuichhip.

Under Tourism Department, I kindly request the hon. minister to develop Dampui-Zotlang forests area to eco-tourism or bio-recreational centre. I would also like to request for the development of Lengpui lui to accommodate picnickers. Mamit tourist lodge is in a bad state and requires renovation. Also, Rajivnagar tourist lodge cannot function as there are no staff present.

Under Education Department, I have asked about this at the questions and answers session regarding Lengpui HSS. It would be much appreciated if they could place Lengpui HSS under SAMAGRA. I would also like to request the regularization of Lengte, West Serzawl and Tuipuibari private high schools.

Moving on to Health & Family Welfare Department, Nghalchawm, Saitlaw, Dilzawl, Tuirum, Khawhnai, Salem Boarding, Andermanik, Khantlang, Bawngva, Phaizau, Vawngawngo, Chilui, Khanthum, N. Tlangkhang and Luangpawl do not have any Health Clinic Centre.

Tuipuibari PHC is not yet accessible to the public, when will they start to function? Also, we need more doctors and staff quarters at Lengpui and Rawpuichhip. The existing quarters are also in need of repair. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now break for lunch and continue with our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Today, we are discussing the demands of three minister and as such we might not be able to conclude our session by 4 PM. When do you want to have a short break?

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Dy. Speaker, shall we have a short break at 5 PM instead of 4 PM?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are we all in agreement? We shall have a short break at 5PM. Let us now call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Education Department, I would the hon. minister to keep in mind that my constituency is the most backward in terms of education.

My constituency has only one exam center and there are several complications due to this. I would like to request for an exam center at Tiparghat. Also, we need more teachers at Malsury MS as we have only one teacher.

Under Health & Family Welfare Department, Tlabung Hospital is the first hospital in Mizoram, yet the infrastructure is undeniably poor. We need more doctors, nurses, technicians and more staffs at this hospital.

Demand No. 40, we have discussed about the development of border trade for a long time and yet till now, nothing has been done. There is no development or initiative taken under Indo-Bangladesh border haat at Nunsuri, Tuipuibari, Silsuri and Marpara.

Lastly, under Higher & Technical Department, I regret that ST rules has been changed as it borders on discrimination. I kindly request the ministry to review and amend this rule. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu V.L. Zaithanzama

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Department, I was ecstatic to hear the formation of Sports

Policy. However, it was disappointing to hear that no initiatives have been taken under this policy.

It is no secret that funds meant for other departments have been channeled into this department. Many developments and projects have been undertaken such as laying of artificial turf in many villages. My question is, what initiative has been taken for other disciplines in sports?

Demand No.18, Printing & Stationery, this department is equipped with the best and latest machinery and yet most of the departments do not make use of them. I fail to understand why the government does not use this department to print Mizoram calendar.

Under Commerce & Industries Department, mining is very underdeveloped. They are short staffed and have miniscule budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrindika Ralte

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Under Education Department, I believe we should upgrade our standard of recruitment of teachers. Also, recruitment must be processed through MPSC.

It is necessary to review our syllabus and might be more practical if we could follow CBSE syllabus.

Moving on to Health & Family Welfare Department, it is apparent from our discussion that Mizoram still lacks basic infrastructure. In order to address this, it is necessary to develop district hospitals around Mizoram and equip them with the best machinery if possible. Shortage of doctors, nurses, health workers and hospital staffs is also an issue that needs to be addressed promptly. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. The demands that we are discussing today are all important and I will start with Education Department.

Govt. G.M. High School is the alma mater of the hon. House Leader and the number of students has increased considerably within the last few years. As such, the existing building is inadequate and require an upgrade. Since students are from different areas, residential school is also necessary. Same as Champhai high school, Hnahlan HSS is also in need of renovation and more rooms and buildings to accommodate increasing students.

Also, it would be much appreciated if Champhai can have at least one coaching centre.

Under Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services, Champhai has borne and bred many prominent sports figure and is continuing to do so. As such, development of sports and sports infrastructure is a necessity.

We have an excellent location for SAI centre at Hmunhmeltha and for sport complex at Hnahlan and it would be much appreciated if it could be realized. Also, there are several incomplete playgrounds at Rabung, Vaikhawtlang, Khuangphah, Hmunhmeltha and North Khawbung. I kindly request for the completion of these playgrounds. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services, my constituency has several potential areas for futsal ground. I would like the hon. minister to bear in mind that Government complex has suitable location for construction of contact sports centre.

Demand No.48, ICT. My constituency has only one exam center for ICT which is at Ch. Chhunga High School and we would be grateful if the government can grant us another exam center.

Under Demand No.20, Education Department, it is regretful that almost all the schools within my constituency have been neglected by the government. We have carried out several renovations using MLA fund, but it seems like we are just scratching the surface. It would be much appreciated if these schools were renovated.

Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Education, Govt. Aizawl West College is situated at the heart of the city. It does not provide a healthy atmosphere for the students not to mention the traffic jams it caused. A new campus for this college would be appreciated.

Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare. Chawlhmun urban health center is not situated at an ideal location and as such we are facing many issues. I would like to request the hon. minister to upgrade this center and provide us with more technician. I would also like to mention that Sairang PHC do not have a technician for their x-ray machine. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. There are many developments to be thankful for under this department which I cannot mention due to time constraints. While I am thankful for the many developments, I would like to request the hon. minister for a separate building for middle school and high school at Edenthlar.

Demand No. 18, Printing & Stationery Department is an important department which is rarely mentioned. They are severely understaffed and it would be beneficial for the department to have more staff.

Demand No. 28. This department have performed a memorable act during the pandemic by distributing covid package to families in need. They put together welfare benefit, distribute funds and free ration to families in need.

Under Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services, we have seen several developments under this department and I thank the hon. minister for his hard work and dedication. We very much appreciate the fact that Edenthar playground will soon be developed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to begin my speech with Health & Family Welfare Department. This department enhance the image of Mizoram during the pandemic. Their hard work and dedication are certainly praiseworthy.

Lunglei 'S' constituency has been neglected and is very underdeveloped and backward. There are several places where we have no sub-center and the ones, we do have has become derelict and in need of renovation.

Under Education Department, there are 37 villages in my constituency and the school buildings are all in dire state and needs to be repaired and renovated. Polytechnic at Hrangchalkawn is in need of an upgrade. Also, there is no lab assistant at Lunglei Govt. High School.

Under Tourism Department, I kindly request the hon. minister to react during his windup whether Samthang – Zopuiphul project has been tendered or not? If they have been tendered, what is the amount? Has the work been completed? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start my speech with Sports Department. Falkawn community is in need of a playground as they have donated their only playground to ZMC.

Demand No.20 School Education, due to promotion and pension of teachers, we have shortage of teachers in my constituency. Sateek High School has no maths and science teacher as the previous teacher was promoted to headmaster. I believe it is high time that SSA teachers should be regularized and I strongly believe that the government will accomplish this.

Under Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, the overall health care system in Mizoram is not satisfactory and is in dire need of an upgrade. I believe the government is advancing towards the right direction in order to achieve this.

Saikhamakawn, Chamring and Lungsei has no health clinic while some places in my constituency do not have health workers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo followed by Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to express my gratitude to Commerce & Industries (Demand No. 40) for their tireless work

such as border trade, establishment of Industrial Growth Center at Luangmual and many other projects.

I would like to mention two rarely mentioned departments. They are Geology & Mining and Printing & Stationery. They both are important departments and I like to give them credit for their efforts and hard work. They are both understaffed although this does not affect the outcome of their tasks and they deserved to be applauded.

Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services, under the capable hands of the hon. Sports Minister, Mizoram has advanced by leaps and bounds in the sports world. I kindly request the hon. minister to include 14 villages from my constituency under PMJVK.

Education Department (Demand No. 20) is one of the biggest departments and play a significant role in the development of Mizoram. They are tireless at their work and their dedication is very much appreciated. My constituency is one of the most backward in terms of education and has played a big role in bringing down the literacy percentage of the whole state. Due to this, I kindly request the hon. minister to give special attention and privilege to these areas.

Demand No.21, Health Department has made Mizoram proud during the pandemic and enhance the image of our State. We have 5 PHC's within my constituency and none of them has an x-ray machine. It would be much appreciated if at least one x-ray machine is provided to them. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Sports Department has been mentioned endlessly and I have the impression that the other departments under the portfolio of our hon. minister i.e., Tourism and ICT might be neglected. I do acknowledge that the achievement made by the hon. minister is exceptionally high. However, equal priority should also be given to Tourism and ICT departments.

Under Health Department, the pandemic has wreaked havoc not only in Mizoram but everywhere around the world. The unity displayed by the people of Mizoram during the hard times is admirable. There have been endless admiration and applaud from the members for the work carried out by this department. However, we cannot ignore the fact that the rate of infection is exceptionally high with no sign of passing.

Kulikawn Hospital has been declared as DCHC. The location of this hospital is ideal with plenty of land for extension. I would like to request the hon. minister to upgrade and develop this hospital to accommodate more patients. (**Speaker:** Our time has ended as it is now 4 PM. It is up to the members to decide when to have our break. Do we all agree on having our break at 5 PM? Please continue.)

Pu Speaker, Commerce & Industries has been collated and has been shrinking as time goes on. I regret that significance is not given to this department, especially Industries Department.

Lastly, it is unfortunate that sports have taken up majority of today's discussion. I believe this clearly reveal the true state of our minds. Education, higher and technical education and other departments which are extremely significant for the development of our State were rarely mentioned and this deeply saddened me. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. BD. Chakma

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, under Demand No.22, Sports & Youth Services, it is apparent that the development of sports and sports infrastructure is moving at a fast pace and I appreciate that.

It is disheartening to see the budget for Tourism Department. CSS Scheme has not been included in the budget, what is the reason for this? The climate of Mizoram is ideal compared to other parts of India and as such development of tourism is necessary. We must understand that development of tourism will generate more revenue for Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, I cannot comprehend why the government i.e departments are so reluctant to utilize Printing & Stationery Department. If all departments purchase their stationery requirement from them, this will increase their revenue. What is the meaning of 'suspense' under budget heading? Rs. 100 lakhs were placed under 'Suspense' at last year's budget and this year as well.

Under Education Department (Demand No. 20), there are many Adhoc Aided High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools under Education Department in Mizoram. Is there any plan to provincialized these schools? Does the government plan to provincialized or regularized those teachers from these schools? Also, does the government plan to regularize SSA teachers?

Moving on to Higher & Technical Education, there is an infrastructure deficiency at Kamalanagar College. It would be much appreciated if funds could be allocated for infrastructure development. Buildings for boys' hostel and girls' hostel has been empty, what is the reason for this?

Lastly, under Health & Family Welfare, the gap between urban healthcare and rural healthcare is extensive. Rural PHC's do not have any ambulance. I kindly request the upgrade and development of Chawngte Hospital such as appointment of x-ray technician and reviving blood transfusion facility. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, under Sports Department, Sports Complex at my constituency requires renovation and development. Sports Association plays an important role in an athletes' journey. We have faced many issues mainly financial issues and I request the government to make more effort in supporting the association. Sports Department is the fortunate receiver of 'Khello India 100% Grant'. Since it is a residential school, what is the intention of the hon. minister in the maintenance and functioning of this school?

Under Demand No. 43, Tourism Department was allocated only Rs. 50 lakhs for minor works. It is a miniscule amount considering the number of tourist lodge that exist as maintenance of these lodges will be necessary. Rs.10 crores project has been submitted for Laipuitlang reservoir, what is the current state of that project?

Moving on to Higher & Technical Education, I have been unsuccessful in booking an appointment with the hon. Chief minister for a month now. Aizawl North College does not have enough classrooms at their current building and have been renting rooms from Ramhlun Market. As the community also needs these classrooms, we have requested a solution for this issue. The answer is that more classrooms will be given at DIET Campus. I kindly request the hon. minister to react to this issue and when can it be solved. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Sports Department. The hon. minister has made a promise to Durtlang North community to install artificial turf at their playground. This has not been realized till date and I would like to kindly remind the hon. minister about his pledge.

The hon. Sports minister is doing tremendous job in making sport infrastructures. It is opined that it will be a good thing if he does the same regarding sports trainings. We can see from that the Sports Department demand decreased from last year. However, it is not surprising as it is obvious that he can avail necessary additional demand from the Hon. House Leader as they have particular connection maybe from SEDP.

We will also be able to have immense development in Tourism Department also if he has the same interest with Sports Department. It is said that we already have a building for Institute of Hotel Management also. Yet it is not utilised till today. I had mentioned this matter earlier also with no avails. There are also eight old buildings at Chalfilh which are not made used of. It is now ordered by the National Green Tribunal to be demolished. The value of these buildings is around 7.59 crore which is a huge amount. I find this matter very unfortunate. I would like to know how the matter is planned to be pursued.

Regarding Pu Lalchhandama Ralte's Demand, the present condition of ITIs is very poor. Development of them is imperative. In view of Aizawl ITI, it is apparent how poor another ITIs will be. Is it good to hear that funds were borrowed from NABARD for renovation of School Buildings. However, it is lamentable how the fund is misused at different places. We need to monitor the utilisation of this fund also.

Regarding MYC, there were 20 merit aspirants sponsored by the state for central service. However, they returned after one year or so and applied for the state service. It seems necessary to make norms so that these people will concentrate for Central Service for at least three years.

Regarding Health Department, the Hon. House Leader stated that Mizoram Healthcare Scheme is the brainchild of him. However, in view of the present situation,

it seems the government is giving step-motherly treatment to this scheme. The total amount of debt in this scheme after last year was ₹44 crore. January this year, it increases to ₹55 crore. The money comes from the contribution of registered beneficiaries. It is a huge question how the people will continue to put trust in this scheme.

In Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura, COVID 19 patients were treated all free of cost. Why can't Mizoram do the same while other neighbouring states could do. I would like to ask the hon. minister concerned to explain this matter. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochhawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Sport & Youth Services Department; I do not find the decrease in the budget of the department alarming at all. I am certain the Hon Minister concerned knows how to avail additional budget from the Central Government. Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank the hon. minister for all the infrastructure development he brought about in Lunglei District.

It is the same regarding Tourism Department also. We have seen many flyers and advertisements promoting tourism in the state. This is imperative that tourists may be aware of different destinations in our state. I appreciate the work done by the hon. minister as well as the department in this regard.

Moving to School Education Department, my constituency is also thankful for many things just like other constituencies. New schools were constructed and renovated at many places. Better drinking water facilities and toilets were provided in schools. Their work in this connection is worth mentioning.

Regarding Demand No. 24 Health & Family Welfare Department, I am overwhelmed regarding the work done by this Department in the fight against COVID 19 pandemic. As this kind of problem never happened in the past, everything in this matter is new for everyone. There are many difficult decisions to be taken. The Department under the guidance of the hon. minister concerned had done great in these regards. We are also thankful that new oxygen plants were installed in Lunglei. Trauma Centre and RTPCR Laboratory are also under process. Doctors' Quarters and ICU are being constructed. All these are the signs of great works done by this Department.

On Demand No. 21, Higher & Technical Department, I thank the Department for their work to materialise MZU Southern Campus. We are eagerly waiting for its success.

On Demand No. 14, Commerce & Industries Department, it seems Indo-Bangla Border at Tlabung is going to be a success sooner than expected. It will be a great opportunity for our state. In this regard, it is very important that we are prepared with proper trading strategy to make the most out of this border trade. Many markets were reconstructed and renovated recently also.

I would like to support these demands under discussion today. Thank you,
Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The Session will be resumed after a short break at 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, there are many ongoing projects under this department. My constituency is within the cover area of PMJVKY. However, the implementation of this scheme is awfully irregular. I had asked questions in this regard also. The implementation of projects under this scheme needs better monitoring.

Regarding Tourism Department, tourist lodge was constructed at Bungtlang South during the previous ministry. It is not yet functional till today even though it is claimed to be already commissioned. It seems the building is going to be dilapidated soon if it is not made use of.

Moving to Demand No. 48, Information & Communication Technology Department, cellular networks nowadays are extremely poor especially at Lawngtlai. I Implore the Government to take necessary actions to solve this problem as soon as possible. Construction of Thingkah YLA building seems to be impossible to be completed with the estimated amount. I would like to ask the hon. minister to react on this subject if it would be completed or not.

On Demand No. 20, School Education Department, there are many renovations works of schools through NABARD Loan. There are many substandard works in such works. I request the hon. minister to take necessary action in this regard.

There is a LESDE Department office at Lawngtlai and Chawngte with only one LDC. It is impossible to function in that condition. Therefore, I implore the hon. minister to take necessary steps so that more staff will be posted in this office.

Regarding Health & Family Welfare Department, I appreciated the work rendered by the Hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana and Dr. ZR thiamsanga. However, it is difficult to thank the Department as a whole. The RTPCR Machine donated by our Hon. MLA remain left unused till the Hogh Court ordered for its installation.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, the construction work of Lawngpuighat Hospital under NRHM is now completed but not yet commissioned till today. I request the hon. minister to take steps to post a Doctor at this Hospital as it is the immediate need of the people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start from Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department; I am really happy that Lalremsiami became an Olympian representing India in Hockey. I do hope there will be other sport persons who will represent the nation in the coming Olympics.

Pu Speaker, Lena Stadium was constructed within my constituency during the last ministry. However, the size is quite smaller than standard size. I would like to request the hon. minister concerned to react on this matter. Besides, I would like to ask when will AIFF approved futsal ground and football ground will be constructed in Lunglei.

Regarding Tourism Department, I opined that there are some misconceptions in tourism. We used to adopt tourism strategy of some developed places. However, what is most practical for us is traditional tourism as they did in Nagaland. They could make their Hornbill Festival as an international festival through this approach. Besides, we need to promote local tourism first before expecting foreign tourism.

I would like to thank the hon. minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte for renovation of schools under NABARD fund. There are many SSA teachers in Mizoram who are working in a very poor condition. They do not have any kind of increment and worked for many years with a fixed pay. I would like to implore the hon. minister to adopt absorption programme so that they could have better worked condition.

Regarding Mizoram Youth Commission under LESDE Department, Demand No. 28, we had sent 20 IAS aspirants to New Delhi. There are some misconceptions in this connection. They are required to attempt central service examination for at least three years. They had faced only one examination. It will be unsuitable to judge them and the programme itself only from that. I would also like to make clear that the aspirants are not violating our agreement in any form.

Lastly, in Higher & Technical Education Department, it is necessary to resolve NIT construction problem to resolve as it is an important asset for the state. I would like to congratulate Government Serchhip College for having Grade A accreditation from NAAC, I also request them to consider as a challenge for further development in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 24, I would like to start with Healthcare Scheme. Whenever I ask about this scheme the hon. minister concerned used to refer it to the hon. Chief minister. I implore him to take responsibility as his department is the nodal department. It is weird to learn that there is no additional fun for this while there is so much accumulated debt in this scheme.

Besides, I believe it is safe to say that the government failed in its fight against COVID 19. It is a shame that equipment was bought from donations from the public and special audit necessary for the department during this crisis is lamentable.

Demand No. 43, Tourism Department is one of the fastest growing businesses nowadays. In fact, it comprises a major income for our neighboring states also. However, it is obvious from this budget estimate that our state government does not have any serious intention to bring about in this department. It is considered only as a consuming department. I exhort the government to take practical steps for tourism development.

Regarding Demand No. 20, Education Department, we are all aware how important education is. However, it is unfortunate that our education system is still not up to the mark. It is imperative to make all possible efforts to give quality education to our future generations. This is the foundation of economic as well as social development.

On demand no. 18, Printing & Stationery Department, I believe government departments should not be expected to sell merchandises. It will be better to strengthen and utilize the potential of this department for public needs.

Regarding Demand No. 48, I had taken care of this department as a Minister during the previous ministry. I could assure that they have a great potential. I believe that paperless transactions of business could be done in government departments. The main problem before is connectivity. However, in view of improved connectivity nowadays, this seems practical now.

Lastly, on demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, the budget decreases from the previous one. It may be true that they could avail additional budget from the central government. However, these additional funds are generally meant for specific purposes. It is necessary to make allotment for sport associations and finds at the disposal of the state. I would like to congratulate the hon. minister for availing 250 crore sanction for construction of racing track. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 22, i am very thankful that Serchhip Sport Complex became functional after a long time. However, there is no designated authority to look after the complex. The District Sports Committee takes care of it for the time being, i request that it should be permanently assign to them. I believe the decreased sports Budget of 5.43% will be met through SEDP as usual. It is also extremely unfortunate that ₹422 crore from PMJVK scheme is diverted for Sports Department while the scheme is meant for minority areas. ₹129.86 crore for Smart City Project is also given to Sports Department. It is really upsetting to learn this kind of financial misuse for this department.

Moving to Demand No. 21 and 22, i would like to mention my sincere gratitude that Government Serchhip College could get Grade A accreditation from NAAC.

Regarding the loan borrowed from NABARD, it is obvious that there is a massive misuse of this money. I have evidences that the contract works are sold illegally to another parties. Several works are also done against the norms laid down in the work orders. This needs serious investigation.

On Demand No. 20 and 21, I am deploying three teachers from MLA fund due to shortage of teachers. Meanwhile there is no budget allocation for State Matching Share for the wages of teachers under RUSA. We used to face this kind of problem in the past also. It is of a recurring nature. It is simply unacceptable.

We have also heard about seizure of substandard medicines. I kindly request the hon. minister concerned to state how those medicines were disposed.

Moving to Demand No. 24, Health & Family Welfare Department, I would like to thank all the healthcare workers within my constituency for their invaluable services. There is a Magisterial Enquiry conducted on the death of Pi LaldinOuii at Serchhip Hospital. The enquiry report recommended that the enquiry should be continued by independent group from outside. I would like to ask the hon. minister concerned if this recommendation is fulfilled. I would also like to hear his opinion whether he believe the Mizoram Healthcare Scheme is worth continuing. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to wind-up our discussion and to beg the House to pass his demands.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The departments under my portfolio are relatively small ones. The budget allocation is also not that big. However, by the leadership of the hon. Chief minister and efficient department officials, we have arrived to our achievements today. It is important to speak only the whole truth in this august House. There are times in which some falsities were used against different projects under my departments.

Regarding PMJVKY, in fact, I am well versed with the norms and provisions of the scheme. It is a kind of gap filling scheme formulated by the central government. There are provisions that the fund could be used as a means for filling gaps in other schemes. This is the reason why it could be used for sports development purposes. It is incorrect to say that it is illegally diverted to my department. It is the same with Smart City Projects also. It is after a serious deliberation with the dealing officers that we are assured the importance of playgrounds for smart city. It plays an important role for beautification and save place in case of disasters. Therefore, I would like to make it clear that there is no fund from Smart City project which is illegally used for Sports Infrastructure projects.

Regarding Pu Lalduhoma's proposal for authorizing District Sports Committee for looking after of Serchhip Sports Complex, it seems to be a reasonable and appropriate proposal. However, there could be some problems in the midst of streamlining and rationalizing policy of sports management and structure. We are also in the transition period between the chairmanship of DC and the elected member.

If I am not mistaken, the amount Sports Department received from SEDP is relatively few. Both Tourism Department and ICT Department is allocated around 10 lakh each while some departments were given around 1000 lakhs. Thus, is incorrect to say that my departments received so much more fund than other departments.

Pu Speaker, there are some allegations that my departments have so much debt that we are making Supplementary Demand. In fact, more than 10000 of our department's money remains in the State Finance Account at all times. However, we could not utilize the amount as we wish due to financial condition of our state.

Regarding Restricted tender, I fully agree that there are more contract works given through Restricted Tender than normal times. However, it is difficult for outsiders to travel to our state which makes it difficult to find contractors. I would like to mention that all these are done as per provision of the law.

Regarding elevated playground, we first proposed it to be constructed at High School Field and later shift it to Chaltlang playground. However, there was opposition from both the localities and therefore, the sanctioned amount is utilized for other projects like construction of Indoor Stadium and Halls.

Regarding race tracks which are smaller than standard size, i do not know why they are constructed at this size as they are done during the previous ministries. The MNF Ministry, by amending MSSC Act had now authorized Mizoram State Sports Council as technical authority. Contractors of every new project are required to take vetting from MSSC and thus, this kind of problem will be now avoided in the future.

Promotion of local tourism as stated by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is an important one. It is also the prevailing policy of the Department also. Other request he had made for Lunglei are also under process. I would like to mention that Lunglei will soon see huge development.

I will not go in details about PMJVK mentioned by Pu C. Ngunlianchunga. Regarding Bungtlang South Tourist Lodge, i had heard about this matter. The problem is that Tourism Department did not take over the building yet due to some defects in its construction. I will look into the matter and see if anything can be done. Regarding construction of Thingkah YLA Information Centre, i can give assurance for completion of this building. Funds will be sanctioned for this purpose.

The state's authority regarding telecommunication network is a little complex. We have no direct control over it. However, regarding poor connection we can try our best for its improvement. I request the MLAs also to directly approach the service providers also. They comply such request in most cases.

Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng had mentioned that Lunglei may now be able to host State Games which is indeed one of our visions. It will be a huge benefit for inegration of the state also if Mizoram State Games could be held in different districts. Speaking about Lunglei, I would take this opportunity to state that a new artificial turf will be laid at Thuamluaia Mual.

Regarding laying of astro turf as mentioned by Pu Vanlalhlana at Durtlang playground, the Hon. CM is also prioritise this project. It is proposed to be started soon through Smart City Project. I am fully aware about the matter of State Institute of hotel Management" also. We had moved this matter in the Cabinet Meeting also. However, due to austerity measures imposed during this COVID pandemic make it very difficult

for post creation and other new projects. It is still under a long process. I could not say anything much regarding Chalfilh Tourist as it is sub judice at the moment.

Regarding Swadesh Darshan Scheme mentioned by Pu Hlana, we have filed a complained to Lok Ayukta in this matter. Necessary investigations will be done and the truth will be revealed. We want to find the culprit in this scam and let us wait and what the result is.

Dr. Mathlana had mentioned about ITI Hub. I will take note of that. He had done a great job for his constituency which i appreciated a lot and regarding Ramhlun Sports Complex also, i hope we can have further discussion in the future.

I do welcome the gratitude expressed by Dr. BD Chakma. However, i think it is too early to assure another artificial turfed ground for Lawngpuighat and Borapansuri. It will be considered in the future. I would like to add that football tournament is proposed to be organised in commemoration of CADC Golden Jubilee.

Pu Rintluanga mentioned our projects within his constituency. There is a huge infrastructure gap between the western side and other areas of our state. We will continue to work so as to meet the need of the people in the future also. Artificial turf was also laid at Muallungthu and Hlimen. Hmuifang playground will also be taken into consideration for future project.

Dr. K. Pachhunga had mentioned about Zopuiphul and open gym. He had also introduced an open gym in his constituency at his own initiative. I regret that we could not assist him from our department. The amount sanctioned for development of Zopuiphul at Samthang is ₹359.21 lakh. It is now set to be inaugurated.

I congratulate Pu C. Lalmuanpuia that a good playground is set to be constructed at Edenthar. I could not react to every subject mentioned by Er. H. Lalzirliana. However, i think it is still a problem to create a post at Rajiv Nagar tourist lodge as it is constructed without any sanctioned post. It is difficult to create a new post at our present condition.

Pu KT Rokhaw had mentioned about construction of tourist lodge at Lodaw. This village is located Castle of Beino which is a good tourist destination. We had prepared a project for this and other connected works. I am not sure at this moment if it will be a success.

Regarding Pu Ramthanmawia's speech, it is true that we cannot take much initiative at that area at the moment. ₹200 crore is recommended for Tourism Department but will not be a success during this financial year. I hope there will be other way we can help them. I think i don't need to react to Pu Biakzaua's speech in length. I appreciated those proposals he had mentioned which i will look into those matters.

I am personally interested regarding Vairengte Sport Training Centre. It is now kept at No. 1 of recommended project lists. It is a matter of time that it becomes a success. We are also trying to construct a circuit at Chawngkhupa Island based at Serlui B which will surely be a good tourist destination.

I would like to mention that the new national Educational Policy has to be introduced in the near future. As per this new policy, stress is laid on physical activity in schools and thus, sports need to be developed. It also implies that we need to have much more sports infrastructures. We need to keep in mind that Sports is not a co-curricular activity anymore but now a curricular activity. We are trying to start 60 football centers covering every district in collaboration with TATA Trust. Even though it is very difficult to promote sports during this pandemic as sports practices are prohibited in most cases, we are trying our best to develop sports infrastructures. I have to mention that Adventure Training Centre project at Vaipuanpho is also under process and set to be approved by the Central Government.

Lastly, I would like to request the Hon. Members for the development of sports in their respective constituency. We will try our best in spite of budget limitation for sports development in the future. Thus, i beg the august House to pass the following demands for the year 2022-2023:

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
22	Sports & Youth Services	24,22,12,000.00
43	Tourism	11,37,45,000.00
48	Information & Communication Technology	4,90,60,000.00
TOTAL		40,50,17,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now vote on the demands of Hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte. Anyone who support the Demands may say “Aye”.

Anyone who oppose may say “Nay”. Thus, I declare the following Demands –

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TOTAL		40,50,17,000.00

Passed in this august House. (**Pu Robert Romawia Royte, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

Let us now call upon Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to react and wind up the demand discussion and to beg the House to pass his demands.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting from Demand No. 18, I will proceed demand-wise. In Printing & Stationery Department, we have 284 sanction posts out of which there are only 121 permanent staffs at the moment. Thus, we are compelled to deploy manual workers from outside the department. We are sometimes anxious that confidentiality issue may arise. Therefore, i hope the vacant posts may be filled as soon as possible. I beg the Hon. Ministers to make sure that their departments purchase stationery items from this

department as it will be revenue for the government. We are now having 67 approved stationery suppliers. Regarding Mizoram Calendar, its printing is allocated under I & PR Department. I would like to state that we could be able to do the printing if it is allocated under the department.

The reason why there is some suspense in the budget as asked by Dr. BD Chakma is that this department revolves its fund by purchasing and selling its own merchandise. There used to be suspense in case the items were not yet sold from time to time.

On Demand No. 28, LESDE Department, eleven Hon. Members speak about the demand. Dr. Thiamsanga ask if a Coaching Centre could be established at Champhai. We are trying our best to make this a success as per the budget and financial condition permits us. The problem regarding Aizawl ITI mention by Pu Lalchhuanthanga is because the present trainers of 16 trades had now retired. This imposes a huge shortage in the institution. We are meeting the need through guest faculties. We are keeping in mind to strengthen and renovate the it is in the near future. We are also trying to promote entrepreneurship development. However, not much can be done yet as the subject is recently allocated to LESDE Department. Regarding Chawngte ITI, i have nothing much to say as it is not yet handed over to my department.

During this Covid pandemic, we are trying to provide rehabilitation to members of MBOCWVB as far as possible. It is decided that if any member died due to COVID 19, they will be given ₹30,000 rehabilitation. Unfortunately, there are three members who died of COVID till today. Members hospitalized due to the disease were also given ₹10,000 each.

Only construction workers are eligible for enrollment under MBOCWVB. There are many other manual laborer's who could not be given assistance. The Unorganized Workers Social Security Act, 2008 was passed and as a result the PM of India launched W Shram portal Common service center. Any manual laborers could be registered under this programme. Mizoram is given a target of 3 lakh registration out of which we have only 26,000 only. I request the Hon. Members to spread awareness of this programme in their constituencies also.

Mizoram Youth Commission which is under LESDE Department is working hard for the welfare of the youth. Full sponsorship programme for Central Service aspirants is introduced. MYC Perkhuang – a singing competition is organized to promote the singers in the state. Army training programme is also introduced. Online portal for the general youth is also formulated. Rehabilitation for migrant workers from other states is also undertaken during COVID crisis through which 2632 people were registered.

Regarding the substandard works under NABARD fund, we tried our level best to have a good work. I had informed the contractors also that their bill will not be approved if their work is not as expected. Besides, it should be keep in mind that about 23% of the estimated amount is spent on taxes and processing costs as per the law. It does not mean that it is lost or corrupted.

Demand No. 20, School Education Department is one of the biggest Departments. I would like to mention that it is the worst affected department due to COVID 19 Pandemic. We faced a mammoth task in giving quality education to students. In spite of all these problems, the staffs and officials tried their level best in every means possible. Online classes were conducted and Education Television Programme was held in different local vision as well as DDK.

Moreover, 22,800 are targeted through Adult Education Programme. Mid-Day Meal programme is still going on even during the schools were closed. Students were provided their mid-day meal to their homes. 90835 students were covered under Samagra Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) through which 99,492 text books were distributed. 1174 elementary and 547 secondary physical and mentally challenged students were given stipend for their studies.

Regarding refugees from Myanmar, we consider education as a universal subject. Therefore, we decided to give refugee children education as far as possible. We enrolled 2526 students in our schools. We are proud to help them in their education while they are under a huge crisis. Regarding Pu Rindika's suggestion that it is time to change our text books, I would like to highlight the new format of text books under National Education Policy, 2020. One of the most notable features is the bilingual text book system in high school and higher secondary level. The academic authority in this regard is the SCERT. They are planning to introduce Large Print Text Book from 2022-2023 session to help students having weak eyesight. Also, Supplementary reader is planned to be introduced. This will be named 'Zonun' with a view to instill the values of cultures and traditions of Mizos.

In order to introduce assessment system in schools, State School Standard Authority is set to be introduced in elementary level. Different refresher programmes are also planned through NIPUN Bharat Scheme. Video and internet guide are planned to be provided using QR Code in every text book for primary and middle school student.

Regarding employees under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, it is decided that they will be given reservation in recruitment in permanent post. Report had been submitted to DP & AR Department for this purpose. Steps were also taken towards Finance Department to increase their salary.

We have spoken about poor school infrastructures especially in villages. Besides, it is known that teachers are facing problems due to unavailability of residents in villages. Projects were made and submitted for construction of teachers' quarters in villages and I hope it will be a success soon.

I appreciated the steps taken by the churches for education development in the state. Besides, private schools play an important role in the education system of our state. I would like to mention that they will be allowed to collect full tuition fee from the new academic session after they are directed to collect 50% - 70% only for two years due to COVID 19 crisis.

Lastly, I would like to make it clear that offline classes will be restarted from the new academic session. This is decided after in consultation with the hon. Chief minister

keeping in view the need to move forward for the future generation. With these words, I beg this House to pass the following demands under my portfolio:

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
18	Printing & Stationary	12,68,86,000.00
20	School Education	14,93,93,62,000.00
28	Labour, Employment & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	33,33,41,000.00
TOTAL		15,39,95,89,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now vote on the demands of Hon. Minister Pu Lalchhandama Ralte. Anyone who supports the Demands may say “Aye”.

Anyone who oppose may say “Nay”. Thus, i declare the following demands –

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Passed in this august House. (**Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

Let us now call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Hon. Minister to wind up the demand discussion of his departments and also to beg the House to pass such demands.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I think I should start from Health & Family Welfare Department. I would like to first clarify my speech yesterday. Four machines I had mentioned yesterday were four Truenat machines. We believe that these machines will be sufficient for Lunglei at the moment.

I would like to thank Pu Mama for donating RTPCR machine for Lunglei. Besides, I appreciated the support and dedications of all the members in the fight against COVID 19. I spoke to the Head of Indian Council of Medical Research Dr. Kavitha and she had told me that eight RTPCR machines will be delivered for Mizoram next week.

Regarding shortage of ICU bed at Lunglei, four-bedded ICU, eight-bedded HDU and 6 bed for trauma center ICU had been approved. ₹3 crore was availed recently from NEC for this purpose. Many of us had spoken about Healthcare Scheme. It should be remembered that it is a society. There is a governing body that has the final authority. It is not solely under the direct control of the government.

It is correct that salary of ASHA and NHM employees is on hold. This is mainly because they are centrally funded. There are some complications in this regard.

The Ministry has approved the SNA Account and I hope it reach the Treasury soon enough.

There are about 70 RUSA teachers who haven't received their salary; I feel pity for them as well. There isn't much we could do about it. This is the result of the inefficiency of Ministry of Human Resources Development.

Regarding the 'defective medicine' it was all captured and stored in Central Medical Store. It will soon be disposed once we get the authorization.

The Mizoram Government and Japan International Construction Agency are on a huge project Cancer Super Specialty Hospital worth Rs.500 Crore. It will be named 'Mizoram State Super Specialty Cancer & Research Centre'. This center will not only treat cancer patient but also it will be a center which emphasis cancer public awareness, a place for early detection and treatment, it will also take steps in easing the mental state of cancer patient (Palliative Care). This Centre will also serve as Rehabilitation, training and educational center for people recovering from cancer disease.

We have received 966 oxygen cylinders, 1410 Oxygen concentrators, 114 Ventilators and 24,800 *nasal canola* from different parts of the world and various Indian Ministries as Covid aid. Turkey has given us Oxygen Generating Plant. Besides all these, there are many minor donations we received; I would like to mention this before the House.

Then, Health & Wellness Centre under the Prime Minister Flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat is a scheme to upgrade Primary Health Centers and Sub Centers in various aspects. One of which is, Sub Centers will have Ayush doctors under this scheme. Out of the 57 PHCs 55 were upgraded to Health and Wellness. Out of 275 Sub Centers 159 were upgraded, 8 Urban Public Health Centre were upgraded. We will be able to have 24 Ayush doctors under Health and Wellness. There will be immense change in Sub centers and PHCs in the FY 2022-2023.

Regarding Covid, we have high percentage Covid rate because 'Mizoram is doing well in testing Covid as per IDSP, which result in high positivity rate. As per ZMC report out of 8246 covid patient, 474 died. Here, many of the deceased are more than 60 yrs of age and mostly having chronic illness. Now we have 306 seats for covid patient in ZMC and 44 ICU.

Since it is Medical College, there are 161 male and 210 female students, 142 teachers and 594 staffs. 103 crores were used in the construction of Academic building and hospital extension.

Model Rural Health Research Unit is also under construction. Also, we are the only state to own mobile RTPCR lab. (*interruption...*)

PU LALDUHOMA : India Formosa Foundation was willing to give us RTPCR – Van, why is it a flop?

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: These things are not easy, rather they are quite complicated. It is not that we do not cooperate well with them.

Oxygen filling plant will be established in Pukpui, Lunglei. This will be of great benefit for the western part. As of now, it is still in Delhi, we will receive as soon as we complete the plant housing.

Regarding Higher & Education, the main reason for long pending of NAAC accreditation for Govt. Kamalanagar College was that the college had faced problems in uploading of self-study report. However, with the intervention of the concerned officer of NAAC, the problem has been solved.

Moving on to proposal for Tipa College, it must be understood that, due to the National Education Policy, establishment of new college becomes complicated. One condition is that it must have at least 3000 students, this is a huge number. As of now, we have 3 colleges for PG studying viz, Govt. Aizawl College (Education), Govt. Hrangbanna College (Commerce) and Govt. Aizawl College (History). The new complex for Govt. Aizawl College at Mualpui is almost completed. Govt. Zirtiri Residential College and Aizawl West College were displaced in Durtlang and Luangmual respectively. This will greatly lift congestion in city centers. And the Mizoram University Southern Campus, Lunglei is still an ongoing process, I have talked with the Vice Chancellor. And MZU is accredited A-Grade in 2019, ranking 23th in Indian Universities and 562th in world Universities as per NIRF.

Regarding the vacant posts, there are various posts to be filled. We will look into the matter in cooperation with DP&AR. We have not given austerity measures to Health Department. It is true, we have relaxed a bit. Actually, we are about to fill up 734 posts under Health Department in 2019, unfortunately we could not due to the pandemic.

Under Commerce & Industries, we received approval of ₹1403.4 lakhs for Lunglei Super Market.

The Union Minister of State, Health visits us, and we have submitted our various needs. Let us hope for the best. Champhai is one of the most important districts since it is located on the Eastern border. Even the hospital is quite busy, so we expect to increase in 100 bedded hospitals. RTPCR almost function in Champhai.

We constitute Committee for Promotion of Locally Manufacture Protective Gears which looks after Handloom & Handicraft. The local tailors have manufactured masks and PPE equipment's. Besides, we have a project to construct Aizawl New Market with allocation of ₹3641.59 lakhs. However, due to covid, constructions could not be done swiftly. After completion, many income opportunities will be generated. Also, huge market in Lunglei worth 270 lakhs is expected to be completed by the year end. I also want to mention that Bamboo Development Agency is taking various steps in establishing value addition of bamboo. As of now, we have 2 units viz, Bamboo Technology Park, Sairang and Industrial Real Estate, Zuangtui. Mr. Speaker, with that I conclude. Thank You.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, Tipa doesn't have doctor, I request doctor to be posted in Tipa.

PU BD. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, we need to consider whether the face mask made in Mizoram are medically safe or not.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, may the concern minister react on the RUSA 72 post that is in the Cabinet Memorandum.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding RUSA, since it is 'subjudice' things are quite complicated.

Regarding the posting of doctor, we faced problems due to shortage of doctors. Recently, 10 doctors got their pensions plus 6 doctors pursue their Post Graduation. Anyway, we will do our best to fill the post.

Regarding the local made mask, we assume it should be safe enough. We are one of the best performing states in India in tackling against Covid. We stood 2nd in least death due to Covid. In our collaboration with World Bank to set up Primary Health Care (₹280 Crore), rural areas will see new changes in about 4 years from now.

With that, I request this House to pass my demands –

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
21	Higher & Technical Education	2,64,80,96,000.00
24	Health & Family Welfare	7,20,63,59,000.00
40	Commerce & Industries	63,59,63,000.00
TOTAL		10,49,04,18,000.00

SPEAKER : We shall now vote on the demands of hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana. Anyone who supports the Demands may say "Aye".

Anyone who oppose may say "Nay". Thus, I declare the following demands –

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Passed in this august House. (**Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

With that, we have concluded our business for the day.

Sitting is adjourned (10:35 PM)