

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR ELEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 9th MARCH, 2022
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA** to make obituary reference on the demise of **Pu K.M. BIAKSALOVA**, former Member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

2. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

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15	General Administration	92,11,45,000.00	87-117
32	Horticulture	88,09,71,000.00	314-320
45	Public Works	11,74,30,24,000.00	411-433
TOTAL		47,35,13,53,000.00	

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

5. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Therefore, let no man glory in men. For all things are yours.*
-I Korinth 3:20

OBITUARY:

Today we will observe Obituary, we will pay tribute to one our Former Member Legislative Assembly Pu K.M. Biaksailova, I invited our hon. House Leader Pu Zoramthanga for the funeral service.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we receive unfortunate news that this Sunday on March 6, the former hon. Ex-MLA Pu K.M. Lalbiaksailova, Zarkawt passed away at his home on Sunday night around 6:10 pm, he was a well-known person.

He is the son of Pu Lalauva and Pi Zamami born on 12th November, 1938 in Champhai, with four brothers and five sisters. Then, he got married to Pi Thangmawii Tlau on 25th February, 1970 with three sons and one daughter.

He studied Primary and Middle in Dawrpui School, in 1957 he finish his Matric exam in Mizo High School. In 1959 he finishes his IA Pachhunga College, Aizawl and in 1963 he finishes his BA at St. Edmund College, Shillong.

After finishing his BA he got a job as Headmaster in Thingsulthliah High School, then as an Assistant Auditor in AG Office, Shillong, after that Accountant. In 1972, under PWD he registers as CLASS-II Contractor and was quickly promote to CLASS-I Contractor, thus beginning of his career.

Pu K.M. Biaksailova then joined the People's Conference Party, in 1978 of the (Second Mizoram Legislative Assembly) General Election at Saitual Constituency with PC-ticket he was vote MLA. When emergency was announced in India, he was accused of pro MNF and was sentence to Nalbari Jail in June 1976-177 April.

Pu K.M. Biaksailova had a heart problem and on April 2019 at Apollo Hospital, Kolkata double-pacemaker was installed. In 25 January, 2022 he was admitted to ZMC due to covid, after that on 7 February he was admitted to Ebenezer Hospital. On 22 he was release from the Hospital and on 6 March, 2022 he passed away on Sunday night at 6:10. I looked up to Pu Biaksailova not just as a friend but, as an older brother. He was an old father in Aizawl who was kind and righteous man. My deep condolence is all I have to say Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now I invite hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you Pu Speaker, Pu KM Biaksailova was also known as 'Khawlhing Milai Biaksailova', refer to as young Aizawl youth. He used his potential, wisdom and strategy with all his heart to rebuild our home. Since our House Leader already mentioned his history, I would like to say a few secret of his.

In 1978, after he was voted MLA with PC tickets, there were only 30 MLAs and 5 Council of Minister. Our Chief Minister Brig. T. Sailo told me about his regret on the political decision when they were forming a ministry that he did not put Pu K.M.

Biaksailova as Minister. He was like a brother and brother-in-law to us. During the UT period when water connection was difficult, Pu KM Biaksailova was one of the few people who distribute was from his government vehicle, I just want said my deep condolence with all my heart to this loss, thank you.

SPEAKER : Anyone else? Yes, I invite hon. member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am sorry for the untimely passing of Pu KM Biaksailova. As our hon. House Leader and member have already said about his story. He was a person willing to go to Jail for the sake of his country, he was my senior MLA and he resides in my area, Zarkawt. Pu Speaker, I want to send my condolence to his wife, children and his relatives. May God bless them and protect them during these sad moments. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Yes, Pu KM Biaksailova had passed away during our session, therefore, he was an important person and we like to pay tribute during this session. Now, all his family and friends, including those that are watching from TV, I would like everyone to stand up and have a minute of silent for our hon. Former Member Pu KM Biaksailova. (Everyone stay silent during this time) Let us be seated.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Now, we will go to Question & Answer, to answer Starred Question No. 161 I invite Dr. BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state -

- a) When will the PMGSY road between Chawngte and Longpuighat be completed?
- b) When will the major bridges of PMGSY road between Chawngte and Longpuighat be constructed?

Thank You

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answers to the hon. member Pu BD Chakma are –

- a) The PMGSY road between Chawngte and Longpuighat is expected to be completed by September, 2022
- b) DPR for the major bridge between the PMGSY road Chawngte and Longpuighat is currently under preparation. The work will be tendered as and when sanction is obtained from the Ministry of Rural Development.

SPEAKER : I invite Pu BD Chakma for supplementary question.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will asked my next question in Mizo –

The PMGSY road quality between Chawngte and Longpuighat was very bad. PCC concrete with Tuichawng close river and cement is being done. Pu Speaker, the quality is so bad that will the PWD working tender be safe? But before we made a surprised visit they change all their work like nothing happen. Therefore, is this a surprise visit or informed visit is my question.

Firstly, did they estimate the PMGSY road without going to the site? Is my question, as rumours are being spread by the people, I would like our hon. PWD Minister and CM to send team to investigate it again.

As I have said many times before in the House, it's about the Chawngte to Chotrapansuri road, Pu Speaker. This is our lifeline, around 2010 under NABARD formation cutting was finished, and after that there was no development of permanent works. Is there any process for blacktop, if so, will the hon. member PWD Minister gives us assurance is my question. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I invite hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga for more questions.

PU C. NGHUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is about the Contractor of Vathuampui – Tuisebtlang road who submit withdraw letter to Lawngtlai E.E. As i said before, during the NGO joint meeting in Tuichawng tlang, it was state that the work should be stop and a threat letter was sent, even I've talk about this in the House. So, the contract submit the withdraw latter to the Lawngtlai EE on 21.2.2022 and the EE sent it to the SE on the 22th, so, I would like to kindly asked the CM and PWD Minister if they will sent other replace because an EM of District Council who answer PWD told me that they will sent other to replace him. (**Speaker:** Which year was the work order, anybody knows?) Pu Speaker, I think it was in 2017, but I don't know the exact work order no. Last time, it was said to excavate a field for 72, since the works cannot progress, the Joint Action Committee told them to stop the work. I kindly asked our CM, if they will send a replacement.

Secondly, as I have said last year in the Assembly Session Hall in February, the road that should be leading from Chawngte to Vaseikai was stop at Dam Lui, I would like to asked if the work progress be continued as soon sanction is completed, will it be completed if sanction completed?.

Thirdly, RCC concrete are being process in M. Kawnpui – Vathuampui road, as we all know during our government period, there was a large bridge which lead to IIT Kharagpur, but, till today it was not release, so from this road they should make deviation and Chikhur Lui Bridge should be constructed, even if the road is good because of monsoon the Chikhur Lui Bridge cannot be cross, I would kindly request the construction of RCC bridge.

SPEAKER : I invite hon. member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, for the understanding of my next question to the Chief Minister background is required.

Pu Speaker, Marah Chanoh Py (MCHP) General Headquarters, in Saiha Commerce & Industries, GoM has approved the project of NEC of Mara Women Handloom & Weaving Centre, Council Vaih, Saiha. NEC found the MCHP project to be good and approved of it. Then, NEC approved the project with the amount of 452, 61,609.00 lakhs, the NEC emphasis the work and deal with the tender on 14.12.2020 and the NEC release the civil work 1st instalment to the Director, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Mizoram. Then, in order to perform, this task the Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Mizoram transfer it to the PWD, Govt. of Mizoram on 9th August, 2021.

Pu Speaker, the question I want to the Chief Minister is – why the tender have not been release in order to perform the work? (**Speaker:** it's not clear what the job is.) When will the tender be release? This project is being implemented by MCHP; they made the entire project, can they be flavour when the tender is made? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Yes, the questions are wide apart, like ‘surprised visit or informed visit’. To answer the question I would like to invite our hon. Chief Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Chawngte – Longpuighat are divided into 4 under PMGSY –

- i) Chawngte – Jamersury Road is amount to 180.77 lakhs. The Contractor is Pi Lalthanthuami, Chawnpui, Aizawl. As of right now, 27% of the works have been finished.
- ii) Jamersury – Mandiasora Road is amount to 596.25 lakhs. The Contractor is Pu F. Sangkunga, Venghlui. 20% of the works is estimated to be finished.
- iii) Mandiasora – Rajasora Road digging work was given from 2018-2019, about 8.5 km. The amount is 798.03 lakhs; the Contractor is Pu R. Liantluanga, Bungkawn, Aizawl. 18% of the works is estimated to be finished.
- iv) Rajasora – Longpuihgat was sanction in 2016-2017, length of the road is 10 km, and the amount is 849.97 lakhs. The Contractor is Pi Coleen Lalsangpuii, Lower Zarkawt, she finishes the most and 88% of the works is estimated to be finished.

Then, the major bridge is estimated to 7, it's a lot. Most are Girder-bridge, but one is a trans-bridge, these are the things we are doing, the work is not very fast and it's quite complicated. About the ‘informed visit surprised visit’, I can give you the answer right now.

As we talk about the PMGSY everything is done in open tender, when they answer the per cent below, they complain and when to court. I'm afraid the problem will get bigger, for it is impossible not to give, even the previous government will also get in trouble. The money is too little to give, so there's no profit to gain even for the Contractor, and this is the exact problem we are facing in the PMGSY. If they answer below 25%, the tender cannot be rejected, it became low and in the end they withdraw it. If the restricted-tender was possible it would not have gone this way. Anyway, we will look into this matter again; there are some that withdraw at some point. As our hon. Member have said, we will take more measure into the work.

Before, due to the restriction of the Covid the Contract, Government and Engineer were not able to work. However, as the situation became endurable, as the hon. Member emphasis the work as it should be, since the road were already sanction. We will do everything within our power to solve these problem is my answer.

About Hon. Member Pu Nguna question, the withdrawer of the Contractor of Tuisentlang was unbecfitting to the occasion. The field they dig was not part of the contract, but since the work was 10 hours it was reasonable. Since he receives a threat, it will be difficult for him, we will try to find a solution to these problem. Then, did he said the road from Chawngte to Dam lui was curved?

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: PMGSY works are being carried out from Chawngte to Lai District. It reaches the Sumsi Lui, Sakei Lui, Jongnosury, Kar Lui-I, Kar Lui-II, Pandong Lui and Dam Lui. From the Dam Lui about 10 km reach Vaseikai road without reaching the Kawngpui, as its stop in the Dam Lui. As it is still PMGSY, but the road work was meaningless. I even asked a question in last year Budget Session.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: PMGSY is the problem; they didn't allow to dig the road, as it is between villages. If the road is not excavated from another sanction, the PMGSY will not accept the excavation of the existing road. Whatever it is, I will try to look at different fund and see if we can finish it.

Since, they cannot make the bridge bigger between M. Kawnpui and Vathuampui. It needs to be place on both sides, in any case, since the big ladder is very expensive, and digging the road was not included, we will try to find another way.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: The actual road is less than estimated. 12 km was estimate according to the tender, but 10 km was the actual length. They make dividion in Kawnpui – Vaithuampui, as they propose 70 lakhs for the ladder, it was enough without giving money. I hope they swiftly work before the monsoon, as it will be impossible to go during monsoon.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: I have walk from Mualbukawnpui – Vathuampui by foot many times, so I'll take action as soon as possible.

About the question by Pu Rokhaw, why didn't the MCHP tender the NEC project to PWD, I cannot say it right now; I'll make sure the tender is answer as soon as possible. And, about whether we can favour the one who did, if there is a way to favour them, they will be favoured.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : You haven't answered my additional questions, about the black-top on Chawngte – Chotraponsuri road under NABARD. And, the Parva I – Parva II was longer then desired, can you look into this matter again.

SPEAKER : Today is the demand day, so we have given you time. I invite Pu K. Laldawngliana to asked Starred Question No. 162.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Starred question No. 162, to the hon. Chief Minister for answer –

The Govt. High School building have been occupied by the PWD, National Highway Division-III in Thingdawl, when are they moving to their own place? How long has action been taken?

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Starred Question No. 162 is –

The National Highway Division-III, PWD, Thingdawl have taken measures and their main place will be in Hmunhlui Tlang in Thingdawl. The building design and detail estimate have already been prepared, and the work will start as soon as money is available.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. member Pu K. Laldawnglain for supplementary question.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – Can the renovation works of the National Highway between Khawnpui and Khawmrang road be finish before winter?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Pu Zodingtluanga Ralte to ask for additional question.

PU ZODINGTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. I haven't asked about the question on PMGSY in the previous conversation. There are many PMGSY in my area. Bunghmun, Laisawral, Marapara and Sesawm have all been finish. When will you take the initiative about the black-top is my first question.

Second – About one contractor in Thuampui, Lungchem working for PMGSY, does not want to work well, even the officer told him to work hard, as a government can we take action against him?

Third – About the by-pass road in Aizawl, when we look at the Unstarred Question No. 320 the road will link to Sakawrtuichhun, Ramrikawn and Dihmunzawl. If Aizawl is by-pass road then the Ramrikawn junction is already large, therefore, the DPR is not prepared to take around the place, and can our Chief Minister look into the matter. Can you make our by-pass road into Aizawl By-pass?

SPEAKER : I invite Pu Lalduhoma for another question.

PU LADUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is – Last year in the month of December work-order pay was given to the contractor between Meidum and Hortoki road. If our information is not wrong, they are doing survey right now. After the work order was issued, the survey was conducted. How can they make estimate without doing the survey? After the survey they should make the estimate and give the work-order issue. After given the work they make survey, how is it function is my first question.

Second – There are much compensation to give out to digging the road as it is long. The villagers here prefer to walk on the old road. If they walk on old road it will be 4 km shorter. The amount is estimated to be around 23 crore. My question is whether they can make used of the old road, if so, can they look into the previous estimate work order?

Third – PMGSY cannot pour on the old road is what it said. Shouldn't it start from the main road, then, there will be no problem.

Fourth – It will come out from Ramrikawn if they dig, as it will circle around, but the road between Khumi and Sihhmui takes too long. They are in trouble because of compensated, can it be solve as it is already long, is my question.

SPEAKER : The question is very wide, so I invite the hon. Chief Minister to answer as much as he can.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Yes, Pu Speaker, it looks like I will solo today, hon. Member Dr. Thangtea was supposed to answer it, but had to welcome the Vice-President, the answer was given to the Dy. Chief Minister, but he was not available. They say they will tell the Speaker, since this is my demand, I will said it since there are much to say.

About the question made by Pu Dawngtea whether they will finish it before winter is, yes they will finish it. The work is very fast, this week they will finish the attaching and resurfacing. Since I don't have time to write the second I hope it was not included.

About the question by hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga – the PMGSY in Bunglemun about the black-top is that we hope it can be done, we will pursue the authority and will try to black-top it as early as possible.

The Contraction between Thuampui and Lungchem who was not working well, we will let the engineer look into the matter and will be force to work hard. The Aizawl by-pass said by hon. Member Pu Duha look very similar. I don't know where it will go, but it has been survey. As our hon. members have said, about the re-open of that area, I cannot said it as an individual, so I will survey it again. Therefore, if there is a way to do it, I will look at where the by-pass will not go through.

Again survey the Meidum and Hortoki when they start their work, they search the road even through google. After putting much effort they came with work-order. The contractor surveys the entire area to see if there is any mismatch. From the beginning they should have been careful without looking again. However, since they are in a little bit hurry, with low fund, they begin to quarrel about which road is good or bad. Example: The road between Sailiamkawn – Keitum in Serchhip is like up and down, we quarrel with the NHIDCL as they were given compensate too quickly which make the problem bigger.

As we had said, we quarrel with the NHIDCL. We told them to finish their work quickly before the money runs out, to search in a hurry for the road was not very wise, so we had to search again when we were about to dig it.

Hon. Member Pu Duha one question – The Meidum – Hortoki road should go to the Kawngruh hlui was the question, I will ask them. If the villager had told us before that there is a shortcut before we had started, our expenditure would also have been reduce, so we will follow and search for a way.

I would like to say a little bit more about the place to our hon. Member, the ONGC company in search of gas have found a gas in Meidum, and since the fold is too small, they want a prospect between Hortoki and have high expectation, since they build it with NABARD money. From Hortoki to airport road process has been made, since from airport it link close to Hortoki and Bairabi. Any I will look at the request from our hon. Member and take action as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask Starred Question No, 163.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Commerce & Industries Department be pleased to state -
Initiative taken for progress of the Border Haat in Indo-Bangladesh?

SPEAKER : As we have already heard from our hon. House Leader, Dr. R. Lalthanglian is at the airport to welcome the Vice-President, he gave the authorized paper to the Dy. CM where he call to me. So, I would like our hon. CM Pu Zoramthanga to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon. Member Pu Nihar is-
The Progress of the Border Haat in the Indo-Bangladesh border is going smoothly.

SPEAKER : I invite hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga for Starred Question No. 164.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Starred Question No. 164 is-

- a) Have the construction of the Mautlan Water Supply under BADP Bungtlang RD Block in the year 2018-2019 with the amount of 11 lakhs finished?
- b) If it was not complete, why?
- c) If the work was done, who was the work Agency?

SPEAKER : I invite our hon. RD Minister Pu Lalruatkima to answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga question is-

- a) The work has not be completed, but water pipe have already been brought and kept in Mautlang.
- b) Under BADP Water Supply Project is been conducted in Mautlang, after the new project of the Wate Supply in Mautlang is improve, then it will be finish.
- c) Under the care of BDO Bungtlang South the work is been done.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Pu C Ngunlianchunga for supplementary question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, I would like to thank our hon. Minister giving me a correct answer. This is not because of the Mautlang solar scheme, but they brought the pipe for 32 mm 300 pieces and kept in Mautlang, and left it there. The the remaining 300 pipe were used by the pumping staff. I visited Mautlan last time, if one piece of piep is ₹2,000/-, it was raise to 6,00,000/-. Where was the remaining ₹5,00,00 used? 11 lakhs was estimate so 300 pipe piece was correct.

Pu Speaker, what I want to say is that the solar pump in Mautlan, Sentlang and Hmawgbu was under the BADP special scheme during our time in government power. At that time we spent 69 lakh in pimping the water through the solar in Mautlang. Now the water supply scheme was supposed to be sent to Chamdur tlang, of the 300 pipe was estimate to be ₹11,00,000/-. The workers were BDO Bungtlang, so where was the money?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question to hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Are they going to rebuild the ruin of the BDO Office in Reiek? I want to thank that Chungtlang, Rulpuihlim village is not mark anymore by BADP cover area. This should be kept in cover area of PMJVK BDO West Phaileng.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga for supplementary question.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, last week as we said in the house they used rod sut-3 for the bridge t Sairang-Ngalchawm. Last week on Friday we went to visit with our hon. Minister. We did not speak about the truth is what I would like to ask our Minister.

SPEAKER : Now let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima to answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as our hon. Member Pu C Ngunlianchunga question regarding the BADP 2018-2018 in Mautlang, has sanction 11 lakhs. As the pipeline including the DPR was not finish, it was for the wate supply and laying. Fortuantely, we were able to see the additional BADP in solving the solar water in Mautlang by pumping to the pump house.

PU C NGUNGLIANCHUMNGA: Pu Speaker, I know the difficulty about the situation. During the Badp scheme they would asked the MLA advice. From the Chamdur tlang pipe was spread to Mautlang, that was the plan. Anyway, they lay the pipe, what about the rest?

PU LARUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to thank their enthusiasm. For a long time, we were working on the addition of the BADP, and we found it. Now, we successfully pump water in the tanky.

My answer to the question of hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo: Pu Speaker, I have 26 RD block and it is very difficult to maintain and renovate due to lack of money. However, we are have planning for the BDO Office in Reiek.

And, Pu Speaker, Chungtlang and Rulpuihlim in BADP have been cover. However, since PMJVK have cover only RD Block in West Phaileng and Chungtlang and Rulpuihlim covered only RD Block Reiek, we will keep surveying it.

Pu Speaker, as hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga have mentioned RD has sanction 30,40,000-foot suspension bridge in Ngalchawm. From there hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma said they used rod sut-3, from there I when with the are MLA including engineer and official on March 4 and then ...

SPEAKER : Wait a minute, we just finish our Q&A, should we let him finish? Yes, please answer.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu speaker. As the engineer look carefully, it was exactly as Plan and Estimate, different rod was used, so I want to say that the work is going as plan.

SPEAKER : Due to the member enthusiasm in the House as they speak their mind, and minister are look into it, I want to thank you all and move forward for the future.

Now we will go to the financial business, we will take hon. Minister Dr K Beichhua and Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga demand; we will try to pass it. Now I invite hon. Minister Dr k Beichhua, in the table of the House –

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I invite it to submit it to the House.

DR. K BEICHHUA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir I move the Demand Nos. 7, 29, 34

and 41 for ₹2,79,89,48,000/- for meeting expense during 2022-2023 in respect of the following departments: -

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Thank you, Sir.

SPEAKER : Now for the demand of our hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga on the table of the House-

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TOTAL		47,35,13,53,000.00

I invite to submit to the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the recommend of the Mizoram Governor and your permission, today I submit the demand on the House table

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
1	Legislative Assembly	31,22,02,000.00
2	Governor	30,60,000.00
3	Council of Ministers	7,02,31,000.00
5	Vigilance	6,63,71,000.00
9	Finance	31,12,17,34,000.00
11	Secretariat Administration	1,27,55,73,00.00
14	Planning & Programme Implementation	95,70,39,000.00
15	General Administration	92,11,45,000.00
32	Horticulture	88,09,71,000.00
45	Public Works	11,74,30,24,000.00
TOTAL		47,35,13,53,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our hon. Chief Minister and Minister have submitted the demand to the House, now we will start the group discussion. How many minute should we give? Is 10 minute enough? We will have 10 minute.

Who will start first? I invite hon. Member PU L Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu speaker. Today the demand No. 1 answer by our hon. Chief Minister – Under Legislative Assembly the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly has reach 50 years this year, with the upcoming of the Golden Jubilee. Pu Speaker, your devotion and strategy for the upcoming event have been prepared for a long time.

As we approach the Golden Jubilee, this august House first Speaker Dr H Thansanga, all the past House member, the present House member, all the staff member and leaders including the people , I would like to greet and thank you all.

For today demand I would like to say about my people demand, the need of Mizoram and different important demand. As I want to praise our Govt. for the effort during covid. However, Pu Speaker, today I would like to ask our hon. Chief Minister demand No. 14 – Planning & Programme Implementation, I want to talk about the Science & Technology as it is very important, since I have seen old records and would like to say to the house.

Pu Speaker, I know all of you here will know more about the needs and important of Science & Technology including the sound system, live cable network etc. Nowadays you win a war not by number of soldier but with the influence of good science technology.

I want to say about the rise and hard work of Science & Technology, and the need and advance for the future. I would like House Leader and Member to listen to the importance of it.

As we all know in 1894 English Missionary has made us A, Aw, B. The Committee on Estimate Report 2(1975-1977) when two English Missionaries make Sunday school teaching in 1895 and the first primary school exam in 1906 exam was made have been recorded in the House. There was no science teaching in 1973 in Mizoram, only in middle there was GK as biological science. In 1973 it was change as UNICEF and Indian Govt. came into agreement as Indian Govt. and Mizoram UT came with a resolution with 50 primary school and 30 middle school teaching science. After that Science Promotion Officer/Science Consultant was kept.

Pu Speaker, Padma Shri A Sawihlira came into my thought as he was camping for science, our society might find science difficult with some says science is for fools, but I want to come to conclusion that science is the reason for our development today. Thus, as MBSE came into light, Academic office was open. In 26.4.1977 as the then Chief Minister Pu Ch. Chhunga said when he was invited to open the MBSE office, MBSE will give it all for the development of science and mathematics for the development of Mizoram, and mizo's student should not neglect their studies as it

depend on our future. Rev Dr. Zairema was the first Mizo to finish B. Sc. (Chemistry) honour in 1940.

And the next one is Dr. LN Tluanga who have finish his honour B. Sc. (Mathematics) in 1955 was also a Joint Director and a missionary, he also state that Mizo student have the brain for scientific thinking.

Thus, as school developed, as shown in the UDISE+dat in 2020-2021, there are 49 science courses, 189 arts and 24 Commerce level Higher Secondary School. Since the Govt. put science in a very high position different school now have put effort in the development of science.

Pachhunga University Collage was built in 1958, and in 1973 science teaching was establish. Now almost all the college in Mizoram have science course. Mizoram University was open in 2nd July, 2001 now they have science course from M. Sc. (master) to Ph. D.

There was no Higher Secondary School in the past, so student who have pass 10 will be promoted to college. Even our Dy. Chief Minister was an Intermediate Science student in 1960. I am happy that we have leader who are having background in science. And, in this 8th Assembly we have the most science background leaders. In medical science we have Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga, Dr. K Beichhua and Dr BD Chakma. And, from Engineering we have Er. Lalrinawmma and Er. H. Lalzirliana. And in General Science we have 3 including me, Dr. K Pachhunga and Dr. F. Lalnunmawia. Mizoram Science Society was form in 1975 and in 1986, Science Teacher Association of Mizoram Was also formed. In 1995 Mizo Post Graduate Science Society (MIPOGRASS) which is now Mizo Academy of Science was formed. These are all the development of science. And, there was National Science Congress which has seminar and workshop, with the purpose of making science more popular. Depth of Rih Dil and height Of Phawngpui were all measured with the help of science. Hen science Quiz, nature camp, polythene project and STAM proficiency award were also held. Now, The Mizo Academy of science is form for the more development of science which help us understanding environmental science.

Then, Mathematic Society has also help Mizo student to learn more knowledge on mathematics, which include mathematic competition and summer camp.

Pu Speaker, as to why I said this entire thing is that. In 1947 when India became independence and first Prime Minister Sir Nehru said that for the development of our country we need science. The Govt. also provides the Deptt. of science & Technology and Deptt. of Bio-Technology. During the Covid we made good use of the Bio-technology Deptt. And they create new Deptt. of Space, Council for Scientific & Industrial Research and Defence Research & Development Organisation. Mizo maybe late in the development of Science as the Mizoram Council of Science Technology & Environment were only formed in 1985.

Pu Speaker, I want to request to the House leader that excluding Meghalaya India have promote different department, Mizoram have 48 departments as of right now. There is no department that doesn't make use science.

Yes, Pu Speaker I would like to make a suggestion, one is – For the higher development a department. And the second – Indian Parliament have Department related committee, but there systems are different. They used to look at Supplementary department which means “Department related parliamentary standing committee on science and technology, Environment Forest and Climate change”. Pu Speaker, I would like our House to practice these kind of method for the development of science in Mizoram.

Let’s have a committee in Mizoram and let this committee called all the science related development and day to day activities, thank you.

All the things I have said, I wrote it down on a paper and will submit it to the House. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : In this Session I would like our hon. Member Pu VL Zaithanzama to pass it for 5 minute. Who will say next? Yes, I invite hon. Member Pu Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today I wanted to say about the demand of our hon. Chief Minister and hon. Members. However, since we have limited time, I want to say something on the Demand No. 34 – AH & Vety.

Pu Speaker, under these Department of SEPD, pilot project of around 1020 families have been process. Under Covid 19 chicken farm and pig farm has been developing, I want to thank our Minister and Department for their hard work.

There are seven Veterinary Department in different district, and new department are planned for the three new districts. Our state need to develop in producing meat, we need healthy meat which is good for our health, hospital for any kind of animals is very important. We need a good hospital for any animal in case they are sick.

Now, we have 8 Vety dispensary building which is very good news. Unfortunately, our state has been infected by African swine fever which causes many problems inkling the death of many of our pigs, by the effort of our minister and department the virus has been under control.

And, I would like our hon. House leader and Minister to hear me out, as Mizoram was affected by ASF, here SEPD were followed according to the new rules in Mizoram. To breeds as much pig as possible.

And, the second one is making Social Welfare Deptt great, there progress on Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) have 11 groups, from central for the better education they started building. Plans were under the Tribal Research Institute in Kelsih. For the Tribal Research institute 2000 lakhs plan were made, we also thank the department. Under this department there is Community Hall and Tribal Girls Hostel.

Aganwadi is for the beginning of our Grandchildren, Aganwadi centres are also being renovated. And, since under the guidance of our hon. House Leader for the Drugs addict a Jordan Centre was made even during the pandemic the centre was still opened.

And on Demand No. 41 – I will say a little bit about Sericulture. Project-base on SEDP has been process in Mamit and Saiha District; jobs were created for around 900 families. As we are still unfamiliar about sericulture, it plays a crucial role in Mizoram and farmers. Under Sericulture we can sell cocoon silk in India without much difficulties.

Demand No. 7 – Let us go to Finance. I want to praise our hon. CM. His speech on our budget that we got from central was estimate to be around 2632.58 crore for the pandemic and state development is one of the things, as he spent his mind wisely. Due to our hon. CM leadership initiative on our flagship program under SEPD around 700 crore was kept safe. As we can see from the Prime Minister Development Initiative for Northeast, in our budget we can see we got 500 crore for our development of Aizawl by-pass and the project construction of bamboo link road around 100 crore. I want thank our hon. CM for these great progress a head of us.

Even during the pandemic, we still work together, I'm thankful for that. Today all the demand we had said from our hon. House Leader and Minister is that 'Let us pass' is what I want to say, thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will say again? Yes, I invite hon. Member BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This budget session maybe I'm not interest because I don't have much to say.

Pu Speaker, as I have said before during the Q&A on our hon. Chief minister Demand No. 45 – Public Work Department. Under NABARD Borapansury – Chawngte road in 2010 was dig, but till now no black-topping was done is what I want to say to our hon. Chief Minister.

I want to say something about the PMGSY road quality material. Chawngte – Longpuighat PMGSY in Tuichawng Lui, Luilung isbeing construct as PCC. But before monitoring the contractor mixed some stone, so I want to say if it was departmental approved material. The Parva-II – Kamtuli road have been finish, but I would Pu Speaker to send PWD to send expert an investigate in this matter again.

Demand No. 9 – Finance Deptt, since our area is CADC, I asked the CADC financial distribution and management about the supplementary question. Till to this day Lai, Mara and Chakma ADC have State Consolidated Fund around 7:9:11 money distribute, in percentage its CADC is 25.92%, MADC in 33.33%, LADC in 40.74%. But in 2014-2015 the CADC budget kept falling till now. Our District Council Chairman is an accounting expert and I asked him to make a comparative statement. He sends me a letter which says till 4 March, 2022. Pu Speaker, I submit it for the House property.

Since there was no actual SEDP head I submit it to the finance about the SEDP, when we had a political analysis on SEDP vs NLUP the 2-flagship programme was 100% failure, the govt. ministry falls every 10 years. Under Congress NLUP of ₹30,000/- was delivered.

Pu Speaker, the promise of the distribution of Rs 3 lakhs under the MNF Ministry is like a Pandora Box, a mother of all problems. I believe this is a sign of disaster for the MNF ministry. Anyway, I am glad for the plans to distribute eggs under Animal Husbandry and I express my gratitude on behalf of all the members.

Under Demand No.29, can the hon. minister please state the reason behind the post ponding of old age pension? Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Under Demand No. 14, Planning, Programme Implementation I propose that the implementation of teaching and learning Science & Technology should be conducted in our mother tongue, I.e, Mizo dialect for better understanding and that a politician should have a better science and development perception for the development of the state.

Experts should implement more research on herbs in university and college, further stating that pharmacy companies could be established in Mizoram like Sikkim. Like other developed countries which had oil and petroleum as vital resources, our State is the 'hot spot' in the north eastern area. So, I request to implement more practical researches with lesser theories.

Under Demand No.32, I compliment the work of Horticulture officer and staff in developing production such as dragon fruits and other vegetables, the state had sufficient amount even during the pandemic.

Under Demand No. 45 – Public Works, I compliment the ruling party for establishing better roads, particularly Lunglei – Aizawl route. The state had no issues with regards to food demand and supply from other states.

Under Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics Department, the State's location is ideal for drugs supply since the state shares 510 kms border lines with Myanmar in the East and Bangladesh in the West. 'Supply Reduction Scheme' is needed to be implemented with the help of voluntary association, Tawipui area had faced transportation problems regarding transferring deviant persons and had to consult Lunglei YMA to assist them.

Under Demand No.34 – AH & Veterinary Department, under SEDP project, the government is awakened to influence the public in cattle farming. African Swine Flu (ASF) was believed to spread from Lungsen, Bangladesh area which killed numerous pigs and chickens. The Department should be alarmed and prepare at all times to fight the spread of ASF disease.

Under Demand No.41- Sericulture, the Government had taken several development projects in implementing Muga silk, bamboo shirts and other fabrics, silk fabric is the most expensive material and if silk project is successful, the state will enjoy surplus amount of profit. I will conclude by stating my support to pass the hon. Chief Minister and Minister Dr. K. Beichhua's Demands.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I respectfully express my gratitude towards all the former and present MLA's and the Ministers and i am thankful for the upcoming celebrating of Assembly Golden Jubilee.

Under Demand No.15, General Administration Department, Lunglei Circuit House needed renovation and there are individuals of 18 years who were registered under electoral roll form no.6 who were rejected. So, I plead the department to find out the cause and take necessary actions.

In celebrating of Tlabung 150th Anniversary, the chief guest had promised helicopter service and I compliment the honorable Chief Minister and the chief guest for keeping their promises and implement a successful helicopter service.

Under Demand No.45 Public Works Department, I plead for bridge construction in Diplibagh – chengkawl Lui Area, Mauzam – Punkai area and Tlabung – Mansuri area. I also appeal for PMGSY road construction to include bridge construction.

Under Demand No.34. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, I request the Department to sanction compensation for the ASF disease victims since pig farming was the vital resources for the locals.

Under Excise & Narcotics Department, more manpower is required to further tackle drugs supply from the East and the West and under Demand No.9 – Finance Department, I plead for quicker pension sanctions to the pensioners since many had died before claiming their pension salaries. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No.45 PWD, tender had been minimized resulting in low work quality and if a proper rate is fixed, contractors could work better in a faster pace. I further request for renovations such as black topping or resurfacing road through the Department in Lunglei and to complete by-pass road project as soon as possible.

Pialthleng approach road and Khawivah Electric Power Station were included among the renovations projects and I compliment the Deputy Chief Minister and Power & Electricity Minister. I also request the completion of eastern side by-pass road project and renovate Lunglei Circuit House since VIP's from other states choose the place for their stay.

Under Demand No.15 GAD, I request for renovation of Delhi Mizoram House to be fully furnished and equipped with electrical wirings, water pipes, air conditions etc. Under Social Welfare Department, the department played an important role in governing the State's affairs and if political trainings are implemented to the legislators and political leaders, the state will have a better face in the future.

Under Demand No.7. Excise & Narcotics Department, the department is the treasury for the state. I compliment their works in establishing projects like ‘Total Prohibition Act’ etc. Under Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, particularly in Lunglei District, the Department had established Veterinary Hospital and prepared incubation centres that produce 5000 eggs in a day. I also compliment for projecting compensations to those ASF victims.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Under Demand No.29, Social Welfare I compliment the ruling party for establishing another 11 Eklavya School, Central School under EMRS, totaling 17 with the previous 6 and the scheme reached villages like Bikhawthlir. I also compliment the department for establishing Anganwadi and renovating Jordan Center in Bikhawthlir. ‘Inter State Cultural Centre’ was appealed under Article 275 in the Central and I hoped for its success.

Under Demand No.34 AH & Veterinary Department, I am glad that Bikhawthlir RAHC is conferred to Dispensary and for implementing ‘License in Regulation of Private Limited & Veterinary Hospital and Clinic, Act 2021 for the first time in the state.

Under Demand No.7 Excise & Narcotics Department, I express my gratitude towards the ruling party for terminating alcohol tax which was implemented by the previous ruling party. Under Demand No.1 Legislative Assembly, I praise the Assembly Secretariat for working efficiently and tirelessly during the Assembly sessions and hoped other departments to implement the same kind of work nature.

Under Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, the department projected bamboo cultivation in Thingthelh under which 63 families had answered the floated tender. I compliment the department for supplying tankies and pipes and further pleaded for compact plantation project to North Hlimen and Saipum.

Under Demand No.9, Finance, I am glad complimented the department sanction funds through SEDP and other Schemes even during covid pandemic and gave high appraisal to the honorable Chief Minister for his generosity in times of need like boundary conflicts and wars.

I convey my gratitude to the Education Minister for renovating Assam School in Saihapui V and Buarchep and that the schools were now taken care by the Mizo locals –Mizo students and teachers.

I am glad for the sanctioning of ₹400 lakhs to establish PWD in Bikhawthlir and for layering PCC flooring in Buarchep. 750 metres internal road PCC flooring was done in Saihapui V and renovation of Bikhawthlir ‘Second lane’ after 40 years is ongoing.

Through PWD, an amount of ₹ 5000 lakhs had been received for the construction of National Highway- 306 A, Phainuam – Zero Point, further stating that the ideal Bagha sand will be able to be substituted after constructions are completed in Serlui B

Bridge, with that I will conclude by expressing my support on the Demands of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the hon'ble Minister Dr.K.Beichhua. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now have a short recess and resume our meeting at 2:00 PM

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : May I now call upon the hon'ble member Pu V.L Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you Pu Speaker. Starting with the budget for Anganwadi, funds decreased by ₹ 8518 lakhs including the salary under Demand No.29 Social Welfare Department. 'Old Age Pension' in the starred questions had been distributed till March 2021 but pensioners had not received it for more than a year, so, the scheme needs to be pushed before pensioners died without claiming their funds.

Under Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, the budget decreased compared to the previous year and questioned whether 220 households who chose pig farming were safe from the ASF virus under the SEDP pilot project which commenced on November 2020.

Veterinary doctors who completed internships in 2021 had not receive internship funds. Observations had to be made in the butchery areas of Lunglei, Champhai and Serchhip who were long neglected unlike Mualpui and Bawngkawn Brigade.

Under Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, I want to inquire when and where were warehouse collective centre established under NABARD funds. Dragon fruits project had been implemented under SEDP, and out of 50 Tuiripuk Zau locals, 20 had received ₹ 60,000 each. Those 20 receives were not locals from Thenzawl but 'Zau residents, further stating that justice had to be imposed and distributed the funds to the rest 30 locals.

Under Demand No.49, Public Work Department, I request for road construction between Maubawk and Lawipui so that Lawipu, Maubawk, Reiek and Ailzawn residents will have better access and avoid traffic at Khatla.

Under Finance Department, the department had reserved excessive funds which increases supplementary demand which was recognized by the Accountant General Audit, in the report, the problem lies within the gap between projection and actual amount, a mix expenditure between capital and revenue was also highlighted in the audit report. Lastly, I want to ask, if it will be possible to take steps as suggested by CAG, thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I want to compliment the work of the department under Demand No.1, the dedicated and hard-working

Assembly staff members from peon to the Commissioner, who had treated everyone equally.

Under Demand No.15 GAD, I request the honorable Chief Minister to highlight the projects of Order of Precedence and also the Government to inspect Autonomous District Council issues who had celebrated Republic Day and Independence Day separately, as the issues can tear down the unity of the state.

Under Demand No.9, Finance, Lai, Mara and Chakma Autonomous District Council constituted 15 % of the total population while the budget made was only 9 %, so I request the House Leader to increase the Budget rate to 15 %.

I also appeal for posting of SDO and staff members within Tipa PWD and renovate the Assam type building construction and also request for internal road black topping and pavement within Mara Autonomous District Council Area. I also request for 400 metres pavement construction between Siash and Beino road, new pavements to Phura zone, Salah zone and Palak between Lahi – Vahia road. I also appeal for the construction of Tribal Hostel in Palak area.

Under Demand No.7 Excise & Narcotics Department, I request to construct a stronger enforcement team to tackle the government's project of 'Total Prohibition Act' since there are limitations of only 400 enforcements staffs who cannot suffice alcohol termination.

Under Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department he made a request on providing 'Grazing ground' for cattle farmers since improper grazing of cows destroyed many private lands that were mainly used for agriculture purposes.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I request the House to provide recess rooms and lounging area for drivers and PSO's during the long Assembly sessions.

Under Demand No.9 Finance Department, I compliment the Finance Minister for making ends meet although ₹ 2600 crores were stuck due to the pandemic. Under Demand No.29 Social Welfare, I compliment the hon'ble Minister for sanctioning ₹ 2400 lakhs for the establishment of Eklaavya School. Recreation and rehabilitation centres were established in Sethawn under Article 275 projects, and I request Education & Health Ministers to observe projects under PMJVK cover aspirant district areas.

Under Demand No.41 Sericulture, I compliment the department contribution and for declaring potential area within my constituency as official and that the farmers were highly appreciative to the department.

Under Demand No.15, General Administration, I thank the House Leader for permitting to establish Police Outpost in South Sabual and the project is almost completed for rent, in the meantime Silchar Mizoram House and Shillong Mizoram

House under GAD needed immediate attention since renovations were not done for almost 40 years to Silchar Mizoram House and 20 years to Shillong Mizoram House.

I also request for Resthouse establishments through GAD projects in Marpara area since DC Resthouses were ruined and officials still had to sleep on the floor and I request for better accommodation place.

Under Demand No.32 Horticulture, I compliment the department for establishing Block Horticulture officer resident in Phaileng RD Block Area and BHO to Reiek Block Area. I also appeal for the establishment of Agriculture Block Office resident in Reiek and to divide PWD IB block for Agriculture and Horticulture Block office.

Under Demand No.45 PWD, I request for a proper tender rate where work quality will be better under a fixed rate with a shorter duration. I want to point out that Kanghmun, Darlung via Bawlte, 19 kms construction is almost finished and 4.11 kms construction awaited funds.

I also request for 5kms, 'North' of Marpara Chakma area to be included in PWD work map since border fencing had extended roads, there by constructing bailey bridges. West Phaileng to Dampui road was renovated by layering black toppings and new streetlights were provided, the road of 8 kms were important for the 42 villages of Mamit district. I am also glad for the implementation of PMGSY projects to Pukzing and Silsuri area.

I request the PWD official to terminate Tlawng lui abutment since the unfinished project created problems for the farmers, stating that 407 trucks had to travel extra 50 kms to reach Rawpuichhip.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 7. Excise & Narcotics department, the success of 'Total Prohibition Act' was the outcome of unity between church leaders and NGOS/YMA'S. Although the state lost ₹100 crores in one year on alcohol tax recorded by the 15th Finance Commission, it quickly gained momentum through other funds implemented by the Central Government.

Under Demand No.9, Social Welfare, 3 girls Hostels were constructed under Tribal Welfare within my constituency and sanctioned ₹ 350 lakhs for old Age Home establishment and ₹ 100 lakhs for high school building construction in Zotlang. I also appeal funds for constructing Anganwadis as MLA funds are utilize to complete the projects and also requested wheelchairs and hearing aid to the locals.

Under AH & Veterinary Department, I compliment the department for developing Zoram Poultry Development Society (ZPDS) and for implementing pigs, cows and chicken farming within my constituency.

Under Demand no 34 Horticulture Department, I pleaded observe the ideal off-season vegetables to be grown by the local farmers and Sairang Dinthar is also awaiting its inauguration of cold-storage unit.

Under Demand no 15 PWD, the department had projected four-lane black toppings, under NHIDCL and under PMGSY, if tender had a higher fixed rate, projects will be more successful.

An amount of ₹500 crores had been sanctioned by the central for by-pass-road, Sihhmui - Muallungthu before budget was passed in western side project and further and an amount of Rs 100 crores were also received for Bamboo Link Road. I also want to add that the Blessings bestowed to the state were the outcome of the 'Total Prohibition Act'. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu F.Lalnunmawia

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will start with Demand No.15, GAD, the department motives are to have an effective and efficient government to maintain rules and regulations and to look after district administration. Church leaders and elders were invited to join the devotion and prayer in every Assembly Session thus, resulting in better performance. I also compliment the Aviation Wing for implementing Airport extensions and Runway projects.

Under Demand No.9, Finance Department, I compliment the Finance Minister for targeting 'date to GSDP ratio' to lower rate and 'date to GSDP ratio' is expected to drop to 31.81 % from the previous 41.89 % during 2018-2019.

The total State's debt is ₹12,553 crores and RBI Annual Report, 2020-2021 announced that the state has the lowest debt rate in North East behind Sikkim.

Many developmental projects had been undertaken by the Horticulture Department and made a request on plastic pipes distribution. Under Planning & Programme Implementation, I requested Science & Technology Department to involve more in organizing Scientific innovations. Under PWD, I request the Government for Excise Constable and staff posts, and also to implement innovative projects to Champhai, Hnahthial winery.

Under Demand No.34 AH & Veterinary, I compliment the department works under SEDP projects and eagerly awaiting to revive pig farming who suffered from ASF disease. Many developmental projects had been established in Sericulture through Social Welfare Department under Demand No.29. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No.45 PWD, Teirei bridge had been constructed and due to floods, the recorded 80 metres had extended to 102 metres and pile - test had also been conducted. I also request that the department should move in a faster pace and finish the project

work. Under PMGSY, contractors work under a proper plan with proper agreement and I request the members to not interfere so that projects could be completed sooner.

Under Demand No.9, Finance Demand No.11 Secretariat Administration and Demand No.15 General Administration, cooperation had to be maintained between the Government and its employees. I request the ministry to pay heed regarding salaries and other incentives in case of emergencies and also for observation and plan to lower material possession prices in order to balance the salary.

Under Demand No.34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, due to ASF disease, 675 pigs died affecting 213 families. I hope the hon'ble Minister will provide compensations through the central funds to the victims. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, I compliment the works of Commerce & Industries and Mizofed through the hon. Chief Minister and Additional Chief Secretary's guidance under nodal Department Horticulture, the government profited ₹353 crores through vegetables, fruits, fish and meat supply chain.

I express my gratitude towards the people of Tualte for generating ₹247 lakhs, and also ₹95 lakhs by the people of Sialhawk through pineapples and ₹262 lakhs through cabbages. I am thankful for the implementation of bamboo development project to 100 households through SEDP and 18 households through NEC.

Under Demand No.45, I compliment the contributions of the honorable Chief Minister, road constructions were the targets of the MNF party and I am glad that the constructions of roads are done in Buichali, Bualpui, Thingdawl, Vairengte and Kawnpui- Khamrang, a 15 km National Highway.

Under Demand No.9 Finance, I express the department for making ends meet although ₹ 2600 crores were ceased by the covid pandemic. Under Demand No.7 Excise & Narcotics I appreciate the department for managing to submit revenues from 2018 to December 2021 and I further appeal the Minister to provide excise outpost or mobile check post to Serkhan by-pass road area.

Under Demand No.29, Social Welfare, 'Jordan Centre' in Sethawn was successfully implemented and the Centre had 56 patients currently and I also request Social Welfare Minister to establish Eklavya Model Residential School to Thingdawl Block area.

Under Demand No.34 AH & Veterinary, an amount of ₹ 1895 lakhs were sanctioned to 1020 households under SEDP in the previous year and the SEDP Board had planned to extend further to 4000 households in the year 2022-2023.

Under MULCO, a nodal Department, diary sector is needed to develop to increase production rate and PIGFED project was supervised under Vety Department. I

request to establish animal checkgate in Buhpui and Serkhan to implement Pig-multiplication farm to either one of the towns.

Under Demand No.41 Sericulture, around 100 households had chosen sericulture for their sources of income and I also requested to establish sericulture farm in Kawnpui and a firm Serified Board. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Starting with Excise & Narcotics, the department projected drone device to observe Rangvamaul and Rural Development lies under State Rural Livelihood Mission and National Urban Livelihood Mission under UD & PA and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship under LESDE which would be important in strategic plan to terminate alcohol in the State.

I request Social Welfare Department to fund pensioners salaries and I plead to implement PDF downloaders mobile apps that store projects and objectives of various schemes. I question the works of NGO, and I believe that the Government could have handled Drug Demand Reduction project better.

Under Demand No.41, Sericulture, under MoU, women received free silk and mulberry threads within my constituency, handloom projects were connected with market which resulted positive outcomes for the widows. I appeal for the establishment for Silk Emporium between Chanmari – Treasury Squares and pleaded for post cocoon marketing system.

I also request to observe Laipuitlang RWD quarter as the building could collapse from earthquake shocks and also re-construction of the bridge near Ramthar Galili Veng UPC church.

Under Demand no.9, Finance Department, pension charges had increased which will benefit pensioners. ₹1000 lakhs were reserved for IFMIS project and ₹15,749 lakhs under NABARD. Due to tender restriction, payments to RBI increased exponentially and the debts amount decreased from ₹4713 crores to ₹4500 crores.

Under Planning & Programme Implementation I am thankful for having 500 minor works under Lunglei HPC and that sustainable development goals under SEDP and Entrepreneurship Development Scheme were neglected by the majority.

Under PWD, renovation and extension of Lengpui Airport had been imposed where ₹ 2 crores were for renovation purposes and ₹35 crores for other purposes, thus total expenditure amounted to ₹47 crores.

₹15 lakhs were generally used for renovating restaurants and toilets while border line workers received ₹50,000. An amount of ₹ 350 crores is allocated for SEDP project so, I request for increments in Agriculture, Horticulture, LESDE and Commerce & Industries Departments. School Education received 5 % while Higher & Technical Department received 0.15 % and a total of ₹862 lakhs were received by the veterinary

department and we will keep an eye open on the rate of success on these departments. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Dr.Vanlaltanpuia

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I will start with Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I compliment the department for their efficient works and I want to state that 'Reference Section' was implemented to the State's Library. I suggest it will be wise to transfer Assembly House due to traffic congestion and severity reasons. The implementation of Pawan Hans Helicopter Service by Civil Aviation under GAD needed a 'raise' and tender had been issued for further development.

Under Demand No.9, Finance Department, an amount of ₹ 700 crores budget was reflected and observed under SEDP project and I compliment the Ministry for having no budget lapse.

Head of Accounts could use sport infrastructure to maintain liquidity and ₹ 100 crores were given to UC to bail ₹ 800crores under PMGSY and funds were used by the Ministry under the observation of Head of Accounts.

The budget system have BE, RE and Supplementary for Grant under which only rough estimation is known under BE. I request the House to be more technical in addressing the budget especially BE, where the amount is only in projection form and the actual amount is only known at the end of the year.

Under Demand No.14, Planning & Programme, Implementation, I compliment the works of the Minister establishing proper allocation plans in the Planning Department, so that the state does not suffer famine during the pandemic.

NITI Aayog was set up after Planning Commission was dissolved, which is now functioning as a 'think tanker'. I request the implementation of SDG – 17 by the UN and Planning Department to counterpart SDG – 17 programme with the State's policy.

Under Demand NO.7 Excise & Narcotics Department, since the State is poor, the utilization of resources need to be maximized, thus proposing an official agreement i.e., to monetize possessions and instead of demolishing alcohol bottles, to return in pristine condition to make profits.

Under Demand No.41, Sericulture Department, the state had high potential in Eri and Muga especially in times of global warming and requests to implement mulberry and tassar. Under Demand No.34, Ah & Veterinary Department, 1020 households were permitted pig and chicken farming and 7 veterinary hospitals were constructed, I further compliment the Department for putting ASF disease under control.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu C.Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First, I would like to request the honorable Chief Minister to grant the demand for official treatment of the Ex-CEM and Ex- Chairman in Mizoram House. Since they were still regarded as state leaders, they deserve better treatment even outside the state.

Under Demand No.9, Finance Department, I appeal for Pay & Allowance increments for the District Council under the DC & MA Demand. Under Demand No.5 Vigilance Department, I request for 3 representatives each to judicial and non-judicial under Lok Ayukta in order to function in full-phase. I also request to construct Mizoram House in Mumbai, as Kolkatta have also 2, Guwahati and Delhi shared 1. There are 3 flats offered for 10 crores, and I request the Government to make payments for these flats as it will be very beneficial for the people.

Under Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, the repost of the established dragon – fruit project given by the department field staff was not the same with the Minister’s report, insisting all reports should remain the same at all costs.

Under Demand No.45, PWD, Diltlang to Parva Road ‘Defense Road’ under BRTF had been ruined by monsoon every year and inspections could be done only during Autumn season since road was blocked from Siabawk – Vaseikai.

Under AH & Veterinary Department, Rural Health Animal centres were established in Diltlang South, M Kawnpui, Vathuampui, Kar lui and Hmawngbu under the previous ruling party, were now being dissolve, and I propose for the re-establishment to those centres.

Salary had decreased to ₹722 lakhs under Veterinary Department while wages increased by ₹54.46 lakhs. Doctors were removed in Chawngte while Sangau and Vanlaiphai shared the same doctor. I also request to clarify ₹1600 lakhs difference to ASF disease victims compensation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Er.H.Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.1 Legislative Assembly, I compliment the department for adapting corporate culture, their efficiency and hospitality. Under Demand No. 9 Finance Department, the department struggled during the covid pandemic and funds were withheld. With the initiatives taken by the hon. Chief Minister I am glad for the implementation of the new Central Scheme ‘PM -Devine’

Under GAD, I compliment Civil Aviation Department for the airport renovation and making flight fare reasonable suiting the commoner’s budget. I further request to establish Mizoram House in Mumbai since the State is a financial capital and the centre for cancer patients.

Under PWD, NHIDCL contractors faced problems since tenders were below 25 % or 28 % resulting the work quality to be low. I request to adopt other state’s technique where tenders below 15 % were cancelled.

I compliment the hon. Chief Minister for success of revised estimate of the NH – 44A scheme which were never successful before and for funding Mamit Link Road project under Special center assistant for capital assets and implementing funds for the establishment of Mamit playground under NH – 44 junction.

Under Excise & Narcotics Department, I request to put more guardians and servicemen to state boundary and international boundary. I compliment Vety Department for establishing Dispensary Unit in Lengpui, Vety Hospital and satellite headquarter in Mamit.

Lengte and Nghalchawm had been declared ‘cluster area’ due to ASF disease, the biggest pig farm in the state had lot more than thousand pigs and compliment the initiatives taken by the department to fight the disease. With that I will conclude by stating my support in passing the Demands of our hon’ble Chief Minister and our hon’ble Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.45 PWD, I compliment the works of the Minister and the department for establishing better roadways especially within my constituency, where black – toppings were not done in the last 17 years. I request the Minister to implement funds for the renovation of roadways in Melbuk-Hruikawn, Khuangthing-Thekpui and Vaphai - Chawngtui East.

I also request to renovate Khawbung Resthouse and Farkawn PWD IB and to manned with JCB to Champhai South Sub- Division to clear the roadways during monsoon season.

Under Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, I request to establish cold storage in Dungtlang to store Samthang, Khankawn and Farkawn products. Pilot project had taken place in Farkawn where 150 quintals of potatoes from Shillong were sampled and demanded to implement potato plantation in Leisenzo.

Under Demand No.9, Finance, I compliment the Minister and the department for their management although covid had halted ₹ 2600 crores from the Central Government. Under Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, I plead the Minister to react on EMRS 2019, implemented through Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs 2020-2021. Social Welfare Department was divided into two directories- Directorate of Social Welfare and Tribal Affair with 2000 staffs. Out of 81 posts, the department only had 37 staffs with Joint Director and Deputy Director who would retire shortly, thus I plead to fill the officers post and 44 vacant posts. I compliment the works taken by the Minister and the department, further requesting opposition parties to not interfere in projects such as promising ₹3 lakhs to the public since it was likely to be successful. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First I want to compliment Legislative Assembly for introducing less paper project, I.e software copies of 'Statement on Salary data' through pendrives, as 510 pages of hard copies in the previous years were troublesome.

I compliment Dr. J.V Hluna for composing Mizoram Independent MNF, a debate recorded from 1966 till date. He had also prepared parliament debate through Research Wing Department and I complimented the department for their translation, and that Parliament levels could be studied further in depth detail.

'Federation of Mizoram Government Employers Association' organized bandh, demanding salaries payment on due dates and 17% DA notification. Under Veterinary Department, I believe it would be better to declare ASF disease as natural disaster in the state first, then request compensation to the Central Government later.

I compliment non-voluntary association of Durtlang North for creating burial grounds for ASF victims. Passes were privatized under NH – 306 (four lane) project and land lease by the Soil Department in Bualpui area in hopes of compensation.

Under PMGSY, 137 projects were not completed due to covid pandemic, boundary conflict and monsoon season. Road repairmen agreement had been signed by the YMA and the honorable Chief Minister where joint committee is established and joint verification had been noticed, but at the same time the ministry is not competent as they thought themselves to be. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon Pu H. Biakzaua, the hon. member.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Finance Department, I complimented the concern Minister, the honorable Chief Minister for his financial management especially during covid pandemic and his projects on developing better roadways. A separate committee is established in concern to the pensioners and I request the Minister to take steps with regard to the salaries of EM, CEM, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, pensioners and office staffs.

Under Demand No.15 GAD, although BDO had taken charge for the last 20 years, office had never been officially run in Sangau Civil Sub-Division, So, I request the establishment of headquarter, and Sub-Division Sangau is near, Myanmar border which is very important. Sangau RD Block areas were inspected by Siaha PWD Division and I request the Division to reside under Lawngtlai EE.

Under Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, 7 Veterinary Hospitals, 8 Dispensary buildings and 10 animal check gates were established in several districts and 37 RAH centres were conferred to dispensary. Sangau, Vanlaiphai and Hnahthial District shared doctors and I plead for Vety doctors to be posted in Sangau and to Bualpui 'NG'.

Under Demand No.24, Social Welfare I compliment the department for constructing EMRS schools, Anganwadi centres and implementing development

projects under Article 275. I request for EMRS School establishment to Sangau and also for the establishment of Tribal Affairs to Lawngtlai.

Under Excise & Narcotics, I request for the establishment of new building in Lawngtlai District since the current building has been rented from a private owner. Under Demand No.32, Horticulture Department, I compliment the attribution of the Minister and the department, as tankies, pipes, fertilizers and pesticides were received by the farmers and I hope for flourishment in the future. I will conclude by expressing my support in passings the Demands of our two hon'ble Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.29, Social Welfare Department, I compliment the department for establishing Eklavya Model Residential School in Tlangnuam and I further plead PWD Minister to establish road construction and also provide water connections to the EMRS schools.

Under Demand No.34, AH & Veterinary Department, the recorded pigs death rate had reached 44,327 and I plead for the declaration of natural disaster in the state to claim compensation from the Central Government and the estimated value was ₹60.82 crores.

I requested for 'Behusis' supplement to be added to animals' diet, as the supplements is more appetizing than the regular supplements given in the state.

Under Demand No.41, Sericulture Department, I requested for further development of silk industry and the labour could be easily pursued even by women and older persons. I request the department to observe Central Silk Board and further take necessary steps to flourish the project. I also request to implement Muga and Eri since they were better than Mulberry.

Under Demand No.45, PWD, the increased budget rate was 109.62 %, and the increased rate was phenomenal compared to other departments. Although I am pleased with road- renovations, I request to renovate side drains and PMGSY projects took longer than anticipated with regard to village road-construction.

Under Demand No.32 Horticulture Department, although the State is claimed a 'potential area,' developments were slow and I request for cold storage establishment in MINECO and to make more useful of the already existed mega- food park in Khamrang. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short break and resume our session at 5:30 PM

5:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. member Pu Z.R.Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.1, Legislative Assembly, I compliment all the efforts and sacrifices made by the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Commissioner and Staffs, House Leaders, Security team, PSO and drivers leading a successful Assembly session.

Under Demand No.9, Finance, the State is the least debts with 31.2 % while other States like Punjab had 53.3 debts and I compliment the hon. Chief Minister for his excellency in financial management.

I want to state that ₹50 crores were reserved for Mizoram Healthcare Society Council, with corpus fund wirement, and the state has now ₹250 crores. 1 % of government servants salaries were cut for healthcare and if entrepreneurs and other businessmen reserved 1%, the total corpus fund would reach ₹ 500 crores.

I compliment the department for constructing roadways in Champhai, the 12 hours drive reduced to 6 hours. I request for Easter Circle implementation to Champhai PWD and resurface the roadways and I further request PWD to mark the roadways on their road map/ road statistic.

I appreciate the implementation of tomatoes, dragon fruits and other plantations, the vegetable supply chain had sufficed the local needs. Under Excise & Narcotics Department, I pleaded for more staff posts and appreciate the Finance Minister for managing the State without school tax.

Under Social Welfare & Tribal Affairs, I am glad for the construction of EMRS Eklavya School and for sanctioning ₹ 2028 lakhs to Tribal Research Institute construction in Kelsih, for establishing Community Halls and Tribal Grils, Hostels. Under Article 275, Anganwadi Centres were built and nutrition was supplied continuously during the pandemic.

Under SEDP project, 1020 households led successful pigs and chicken farm and 7 veterinary hospitals were built during short 3 years, AH & Vety dispensary and animal check gates were also established. The first ever 'Licensing and Regulation Private Veterinary Hospital and Clinic Act, 2021' would be implemented in the State and I plead for more Vety doctors, VFA and staff posts. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker. Every department budget had decreased compared to the previous year. The Finance Minister had pointed out that ₹ 1,12,553 crores will be the State's future debts and that from suppliers, contractors and other bills, the K-Deposits only amounted ₹ 1686 crores.

Exercising and passing the budget should be centered in 'Demand for Grants discussion' while office discussions were passed instead. After the budget was passed, discussions and decisions were made by the Ministers and Department Leaders which was then appealed to the Finance Minister.

The process was long and complicated unlike the claims of the MLA's and the MLA's directed their demands to the honorable Chief Minister without the consent of the Ministers, and it is more like a 'Financial Dictatorship' and I request to change the system.

It is mentioned that expected central funds were not received due to the pandemic; I would like to mention that unexpected funds were also received due to the pandemic.

Under Demand No. 45, PWD, ₹10 crores was set aside for Lunglei by-pass road. ₹15 crores was also set aside for Lunglei Civil hospital and works for these projects have not yet started. I would like to request the government to start construction on these buildings.

Pu Speaker, it was mentioned by members on your right side regarding the admirable works performed by PWD in regards to construction of National Highway-54 and NH-6. I would like to clarify that PWD does not play a role in the maintenance of these highways and is under the supervision of NHIDCL.

We have discussed about healthcare recently, the hon. House Leader is the Chairman. We have a debt of about Rs. 59 crores under healthcare. If we cannot pay for this, why do we continue with this scheme?

The duration of policy for healthcare is between 1st Oct- 31st March and the policy is valid for only 6 months. My question is why does the government make the people suffer? There is no concern or inclination towards the people.

Under Demand No. 1, Legislative Assembly, I would like to thank the Assembly office staffs for their hard work, dedication and willingness to help.

Moving on to Demand No.7, Excise & Narcotics, it is ironic that MLPC Act was reintroduced by the government where sale of liquor was prohibited while the government was powerless to stop sale of liquor at Rangvamual.

Under Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, it is unfortunate that African Swine Flu was prevalent during the past year or so. This has happened during our tenure as well. The difference is that the current ministry was unable to provide financial assistance, whether great or small to those who suffered losses while financial assistance was given to the people during the previous ministry. There is no love for the less fortunate.

I would like to request the hon. Minister to react during his windup as to the cost of importing piglets from England to Aizawl. How many of them are still alive?

Demand No. 5 Lok Ayukta need strengthening as they cannot even give judgment order. I would like the hon. Minister to give the reason for this.

Lastly, under Demand No. 32, Horticulture Department, what is the condition of bamboo plantation around Mizoram as we have spent a fair amount of funds for it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No. 14. Mizoram has been a State now for 36 years which is under the leadership of two political parties. Both have flagship programmes which is 'distribute'. We must put an end to this practice.

Moving on to Demand No.24, the name 'Kamrula' has been mentioned endlessly. The amount of contract taken up by him is more than the budget of 27 departments within two and a half years. His contract worth 1959 crores which started on 21st April at the airport does not even have a work order.

Pu Zoramchhanahas taken up contracts worth upto 9062.99 crores. One of his works does not even have an estimate. How is this even possible?

On the other hand, we are so destitute that we are upto our ears in debt. We cannot even pay the salaries of government workers and cannot pay for healthcare bills. People are dying prematurely as the government is unable to pay for their healthcare while enormous amounts of projects and contracts are given to contractors. Does this seem fair to you?

Lastly, we need to change our system and use our budget rightfully and use it for the development of the people and Mizoram. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to windup and beg this House to pass his demands.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Mizoram is going through trying times due to the pandemic, earthquake, border skirmish and others. I thank the members who participated in the discussion of my demands.

Demand No.7, Excise and Narcotics. In answer to Pu KT. Rokhaw, the hon. Chief Minister has given priority to reinforcing our forces and 45 constables will be recruited. I would also like to mention that our motto is 'quality' and not quantity.

Under Demand No. 29, we are aware of the problem regarding old age pension and I am mortified that the situation has come to this. Since 2014, the lists made by Ministry of Rural Development and our department are mismatched. We are trying our best to deal with this and a new proposal has been submitted.

In response to Pu KT. Rokhaw in regards to establishment of tribal girls hostel at Tipa, the proposal was unfortunately rejected by the ministry. I assure you that we will try our utmost to realize this project.

In response to Pu Ramthanmawia and Pu H. Biakzaua, we have submitted our proposal for EMRS at Khawbung and Sangau and waiting for response from Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Moving on to Demand No. 34, AH & Vety Department, central ministry is aware of our plight regarding African swine fever and we have already submitted our proposal for compensation. The Union Minister has replied and assured us that instruction has been given to take action.

Pu C. Ngunlianchunga has complained about the dissolution of employment of 17 employees during congress ministry. I would like to explain that this is due to the fact that the term of their employment contract ended on 31st March, 2019.

In answer to Pu Zodintluanga, 45 piglets were imported from JSR Genetics, UK. However, due to the pandemic and African swine fever, they were able to reach Aizawl after one year. Unfortunately, due to African swine fever, we lost all the imported pigs. Government of India paid for all expenses which came to Rs. 88.275 lakhs. I believe you can do the multiplication for the cost of one pig.

Under Demand No. 41, Sericulture, i thank respected member Dr. Vanlalhlana for his input and contribution concerning silk production. I assure you that your input is always welcomed.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, Mizoram is potential area for Muga and we have several projects lined up for muga silk production.

Pu Speaker, these are the achievement under Sericulture that we made during the year 2021-2022 :

<i>Area of plantation during 2021-2022</i>		<i>Production of Cocoon during 2021-2022</i>		<i>Production of raw-silk during 2021-2022</i>	
Mulberry	4197 ac	Mulberry	434.269 mt	Mulberry	50.01 mt
Eri	845 ac	Eri	7.224 mt	Eri	5.772 mt
Muga	668 ac	Muga	12.67 lakh No.	Muga	1.879 mt
Tussar	20 ac	Tussar	1. 52 lakh No.	Tussar	0.024 mt

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my demands :

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
7	Excise & Narcotics	49,24,95,000.00
29	Social Welfare	1,48,53,13,000.00
34	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	64,71,48,000.00
41	Sericulture	17,39,92,000.00
TOTAL		2,79,89,48,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua has begged the House to pass his bill and all those in favor may say 'yes' and those not in favor may say 'no' (Members: yes)

The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the Hon' Minister Dr. K. Beichhua totaling ₹2,79,89,48,000.00 (**Dr. K. Beichhua, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker)

I request the Hon' Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to windup and clarify the discussions and then begged the House to pass his Demands.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker and I will try to brief it as short as possible. The hon. member Pu L. Thangmawia mentioned the importance of Science & Technology and how it is necessary to be fully developed. He also requested to create a department related committee on Parliamentary Committee and we will keep these in mind.

The department is aware of the matter regarding black topping of Chawngte-Chhotapansuri road under NABARD which was mentioned by the Hon' member Dr. BD. Chakma and we will take measures in accordance to our finance. We will also look into the crooked road at Parva.

A fund is allotted for the renovation of Lunglei Circuit House which was mentioned by Pu Nihar, but we were afraid to take measures on developmental works due to the Covid pandemic. However, we attempt to take measures from Special Assistance since we find this issue important.

It is true that several bridges are needed under PMGSY and we will look into this matter. Regarding the pension salary, our budget was so limited during the past 4/5 months and it was quite upsetting that we could not provide the pension salary. However, we are now recovering and we will do our best to clear it. Regarding the contract rates, PWD do have a scheduled of rates but some bidders still bit lower than the specific rates and it was too low when it was a PMGSY tender. The scheduled rate was and is below 5% during the previous term and today which causes problem. However, we will do our best to increase the security deposit so that the works can be performed fully.

We will try to take measures on Pialthleng-Khawiva road through Special Assistance and we will take measures on resurfacing AOC-Kikawn road. There are so many suggestions and we will try to perform the necessities through the Special Assistance to the State for Capital Expenditure amounting Rs.400 crore which is verbally promised by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaram.

In response to Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng regarding Lunglei bypass roads, it is a must to have a bypass road in Lunglei since the goods from the south and Tlabung need to pass through Lunglei and we plan to take measures on this matter. We also plan to repair the Mizoram Houses located in Silchar and Shillong under GAD. Regarding the warehouses questioned by Pu Zaithanzama, the sanction is received but the works are not yet allotted. However, the department issued that the warehouses will be at

Saitual, Hnahthial, Champhai, Aibawk, Zemabawk, keifang, West phaileng, thenzawl, Chawngtlai, Zote, Mualpheng, Khanpui, Cherhlun, Khawlailung and Tuipang. Their costs will be Rs. 50 lakhs, 60 lakhs, 10 lakhs and Rs. 114 lakhs depending on the infrastructures.

Regarding Thenzawl dragon fruits farmers, around 61 families cultivates dragon fruits out of which 20 of them were provided from SEDP. The others were from different heads but they were still provided. Pu Zaia made a suggestion to excavate Lawipu-Maubawk road and we will look into it.

In response to Pu Rokhaw, they disagree with the new warrant of precedence. However, the current warrant of precedence was made in 1990 and it is time we renew it carefully.

Budget is not granted in accordance to population base even though there might be some cases. Anyway, our 11th Finance commission will provide a recommendation and this recommendation should be made important.

We will take measures on Tipa road black topping and SDO office in accordance to our finance. We will also do our best to black top Beino by 400 meters and also black topping Laki-Vahia road.

In response to Pu Lalrindika Ralte, the department is also doing its best on Teirei Bridge since it is our commercial road. Some said that the government should not interfere with PMGSY however, it is all controlled by the Central and we would not face problems if it is handed to the state.

We will also carefully consider the statement made by Pu Ngunlianchunga regarding the Ex CEM staying in Mizoram Houses as officials on duty. We will also look into the District Council salary in the coming financial year since it is quite difficult to increase salaries due to Covid-19. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Ex-CEM and Chairmen are not that many and probably there will not even be 10 officials when dealing with offices in Delhi)

It is a good idea to have 3 Lok Ayukta members but it is quite expensive to look after the members. However, we will look into this to provide more than 1 member. It is also a good idea to expand Mumbai Mizoram house but it is terrifying during this time of financial crisis. However, we will look into the matter since it is a place for cancer patients. Pu Ngunlianchunga mentioned that 6 farmers chosen for cultivating dragon fruits were dropped and this is because some families have 2 shares (**Dr. Vanlalhlana:** There is a list and that is a false report) I am quite certain with what I have.

In response to Pu Ramthanmawia, we will do our best in black topping our PMGSY roads and also renovating IB at Khawbung, Farkawn and other places. It is also necessary to install cold storage at Dungtlang since there are lots of horticulture products.

In response to Pu Vanlalhlana, I have mentioned how complicated PMGSY is. We paid salaries to the smaller group first and then the bigger groups since the central provide us late. We will do our best to pay salaries at the same time. The difficulty of paying salaries on time is also the central's responsibility and that is always been our problem. Truth be told, our financial situation is very difficult and we cannot afford to increase our DA every time the central increases it. There are many northeast states who cannot afford as well. However, we do our best to accomplish it.

Bualpui land pass is the Revenue Department's concern and I could not provide answers to land conflicts. Speaking of four-lanes, we had the mind to excavate 4-lane from Vairengte to Khamrang passing through Mualkhang to enter Sairang. However, NHIDCL Consultant argued to excavate a normal road on the bank of Tlawng and we had a disagreement. I don't want to be cursed by our youths when our lifeline gets blocked and I told them that they could do what they want when they have a Chief Minister who agrees to their plan. I got a phone call from Nitin Gatkari PS telling me that he agreed with the excavation of Khamrang- Sairang road and not the road bank.

Pu Biakzaua mentioned the importance of the function of SDO at Sangau and we will do our best in this matter. We will also look into the matter about combining with BDO.

Regarding the debts and GPF mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga, it is difficult to provide each and every one's request since we are in a very bad financial situation right now. The Central could not provide Rs. 2600 crore which was promised and the amount of revenue we expected to receive due to Covid-19 is not even included here. We put Rs. 50 crore for healthcare but due to the pandemic in 2021, the amount decreased by crores. It is true that we could not distribute SEDP and we are glad that we survive the pandemic. There are many problems we faced that the public is not aware of and our situation is far from normal. However, we are getting better and we can move forward step by step. They will choose their own trade in SEDP and it seems that their choice of the appropriate trade will be the most successful. We plan to take measures not only in rural areas but also in urban areas by helping them in their chosen trades like taxis, hair salon, shoe making etc.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, one point of order. Can you explain why the CBI was referred without the government's permission?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, according to the Central, the CBI should only take those that came with the state's permission. Depending on the cases, some cases are investigated by the ACB without the help of CBI. However, there are also cases that need to be handed to the CBI and depending on that case, they need the state's permission and then the CBI will take measures based on our recommendations.

Pu Speaker, there are many suggestions on how to operate our budget. However, in my opinion, Pu J. Lalsangzuala was a former Finance Minister and there is nothing to criticize about him. However, the reality is that he was just a Minister and he did not have the final power to control the finances and the Chief Minister's power is always required. Otherwise, there can be jealousy among the Ministers (*interruption*)

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, our Hon' Chief Minister has a lot of experience and I would like him to tell us his personal opinion genuinely. Do you believe the Chief Minister's control of finance is better for the state?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: I was just about to say it and I was giving an example. Pu Sangzuala was a great Finance Minister no doubt but he had no final power. So, in his 1997 budget speech, he mentioned that the amount of debt is so high that the sword of Damocles is hanging over his head.

So, in large states like West Bengal and Maharashtra, there are too many works to be looked after by the Chief Minister and whether it was controlled by the Finance Minister or the Chief Minister, there must be assistance. However, there is efficient administration in a small state like ours. If we had another Finance Minister, nobody would dare to take measures without the Chief Minister's approval in this time of crisis. However, I have a role as a father and I am responsible for every good and bad turns and there is nobody else to turn to. Therefore, I think in a state like ours where our finances are small, the Chief Minister should manage our finances and I support that there are Ministers to help me in some matters. I looked after the Finance for 10 years and I've been taking care of it now again and it is difficult for others when there are big problems. So, this is my answer to Pu Lalduhoma. My opinion is that the Chief Minister must be able to oversee the finances to run efficiently.

There is a lot to learn about budgets and it is quite complex and so, experts should study diligently. I came up with the name BAFFACOS (Bamboo Flowering & famine Combat) during the famine and then we appealed the central with this made up name and we were granted more than ₹1 crore. Similarly, I came up with 'Peace Bonus' and we were granted Rs. 182 crore which was more than what we asked for.

The contracts mentioned earlier were handed to PWD headquarter. However, there may be some wrong information because the Pu Duha's figure is 10 times higher (**Pu Lalduhoma:** I don't blame you Chief Minister, but the information you received is inaccurate. I have all the documents which I have collected from our questions and I believe my documents will be much more accurate). Anyway, we will look into the matter and the members need to know the accurate figure.

All other states are heavily indebted than us while Sikkim (being a small state) is the least indebted state in the Northeast. (*Interruption*)

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, it is always a surprise. Debts should be declared from our income but our Chief Minister repeatedly said in such a way. He always mentioned Maharashtra but its debt is only 17% to GSDP. I respect the people and let us describe in percentage.

SPEAKER : Specify in percentage

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I have the GSDP here and other states have a lot of debt as well. Nagaland has a debt of 44.2% with a low GSDP. There is nothing more accurate than RBI: A study on state finances, a study of budget.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Look at the ‘actuals’. I have *RBI: A study on state finances, a study of Budget, 2021* with me and 2020 is the only with actuals. Here, there are 23 states with lower debts than us and there are only 7 states that are higher than us.

SPEAKER : Mathlante, what year is your document?

DR. VANLALTHLANA : 2021

SPEAKER : Pu Mawi, which year is yours documented?

DR. VANLALTHLANA : This is the latest that I downloaded today. 2022 is BE and it can change anytime. We have to look into the ‘actuals’.

PU LALDUHOMA : We always quarrel on the same subject and there will be no quarrelling if we describe in ‘percentage to GSDP’. This is how other states, other countries and the world kept on saying.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I have 2016-2022 with me.

SPEAKER : Which year is it? You can take off your mask. (**Pu L. Thangmawia** : Starting from 2016 to 2022 BE Pu Speaker.)

SPEAKER : Was the percentage given?

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Not in percentage but as GSDP. Yes, it can also be a percentage. All states and all UTs are recorded and Mizoram is among the least indebted Pu Speaker.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : All we wanted is to be described in percentage. Maharashtra which was compared to our state has a much lower debt than us.

LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: He is the Chief Minister, Finance Minister and the House Leader and he will speak as he pleases.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Speaker, they can describe as they want if they have the percentage.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : It is not the way of saying.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : It is not a rule and I have heard many Finance Ministers describe it this way.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Do not say whatever you want when you are not even a minister for a single term and never handle finances.

SPEAKER : Pu Chama is our senior who was once a Finance Minister and a Speaker.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Mizoram has a debt of only 31.2% and we are next to Sikkim with a debt of 29.6%. Nagaland has a debt of 44.2%, Meghalaya with 39.2%, Manipur with 31.3%, Assam with 31.9% and Tripura with 36.3%. Sikkim is the least indebted in the Northeast and all the other states have higher debt than us.

SPEAKER : Pu Chamliana explained it clearly and we will end the subject matter. Let the Hon' Chief Minister continue.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Duha suggested that we change our SEDP pattern but we are most afraid of changing our pattern constantly. We have our way of doing it and we have been doing this way for 60 years. So, we cannot change it constantly. Our financial situation is improving and we will do our utmost to move forward with our people. Pu Zodintluanga asked the condition of the bamboos and it has only been a year or two since the plantation and they are the size of humans. So, no steps can be taken yet until they are matured. However, we are doing our best and it is quite a difficult road.

The hon. members spoke respectfully and it is appreciating that that we had finished our budget. There are some that I could not react on time but our officials are recording them to react later.

Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass my Demands :

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
1	Legislative Assembly	31,22,02,000.00
2	Governor	30,60,000.00
3	Council of Ministers	
5	Vigilance	6,63,71,000.00
9	Finance	31,12,17,34,000.00
11	Secretariat Administration	1,27,55,73,00.00
14	Planning & Programme Implementation	95,70,39,000.00
15	General Administration	92,11,45,000.00
32	Horticulture	88,09,71,000.00
45	Public Works	11,74,30,24,000.00
TOTAL		47,35,13,53,000.00

SPEAKER : I appreciate the passion shown by Dr. Vanlalhlana and the percentage mentioned by Pu L. Thangmawia and Pu Chama is quite interesting. I appreciate your services for the state. The Vice President will address the House tomorrow and it will be on live.

The hon. Chief Minister has begged the House to pass his Demands totaling ₹47,35,13,53,000 and all the members in favor may say 'yes' (Members : Yes) All those members not in favor may say 'no'. The House has unanimously passed the Demands of the Hon' Chief Minister.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS:

We will proceed to Legislative Business and I request Pu Zoramthanga, the hon. Chief Minister to beg the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”.

PU ZORAMTNANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? (Members: yes). I request the Hon’ Chief Minister to introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTNANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I request the Hon’ Chief Minister to move and beg the House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”.

PU ZORAMTNANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”.

SPEAKER : Appropriation Bill is never discussed so we will now take a vote. All those in favor to pass “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022” may say ‘yes’ and all those not in favor may say ‘no’. The House has unanimously passed “The Mizoram Appropriation (Demand for Grants 2022-23) Bill, 2022”. (**Pu Zoramtnanga, Chief Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

Our session for today is over and we will continue tomorrow dated 10.03.2022 (Thursday) at 10:30 am

Sitting is adjourned (8:56PM)