

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR TENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 8th MARCH, 2022
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

2. **ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** to present to the House a copy of the Seventh Report on Action Taken by the Government against the Recommendation of the Committee on Government Assurances contained in its Sixth Report of Eighth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

3. **PU C. LALRINSANGA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)	<i>Demand for Grants Page No.</i>
31	Agriculture	1,75,04,30,000.00	300-313
37	Co-operation	15,81,67,000.00	350-354
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	92,53,08,000.00	445-451
TOTAL		2,83,39,05,000.00	

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

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)	<i>Demand for Grants Page No.</i>
8	Taxation	22,56,13,000.00	46-49
16	Home	7,21,25,40,000.00	118-146
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	63,84,79,000.00	295-299
TOTAL		8,07,66,32,000.00	

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.*
- Luke 6:31

Pu C. Lalsawivunga and Pu Zodintluanga were not able to attend today's session due to family matters.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

We will start with *Question Hour*. Let us call upon Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Starred Question* no. 141.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare be pleased to state -

- a) The amount of unpaid healthcare bill accumulated during the extended period of registration from 1.10.21 - 31.3.22 under Health & Family Welfare Department?
- b) Can patients registered during this period draw medical bill?
- c) The amount of unpaid healthcare bill and the reason for non-payment of this liability?
- d) If there is any, what is the amount?
- e) Is there any intention to repay soon?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to reply.

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

- a) The accumulated amount is ₹3,21,67,050.
- b) Patients registered during the period in question cannot yet enjoy healthcare bill.
- c) Volume of unpaid bill is ₹2,3031. The amount or value is ₹59,63,40,278.
- d) Same as 'c'
- e) Yes, we intended to repay them soon.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, how did the government utilize the accumulated fund? It is stated that the said funds as being deposited in different banks. Is it not better to deposit the same in a single bank which offers the highest interest rate?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Is there any channel for patients to get medical care in healthcare affiliated hospital using golden card prior to actual payment by themselves or the government under healthcare scheme?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, what steps are taken by the government towards implementation of healthcare scheme? And, what steps are needed to be taken?

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

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, healthcare scheme is operated by Finance Department and the sum accumulated are deposited at MUCO Bank, Apex Bank, MRB and Yes Bank under 14 account numbers. To deposit all in one bank is not convenient and it involved taking risks. Hence, Finance Department did what they consider to be the best.

It may be noted that there is transparency in the implementation of healthcare fund. The amount could not be spent for other purposes than healthcare, thus interest is acquired through bank deposit.

Operation of Golden Card is slightly different from SEDP for Mizoram. Up to 2 lakhs is billable and is operated through insurance company selected on the basis of open competition. When a new ministry was formed in 2019, revised healthcare scheme was again introduced so as to include all patients. (**Pu Vanlalhlana:** Pu Speaker, what is the specific reason for the non-payment of healthcare bill?)

Pu Speaker, with funds expected from different banks through Ministry of Expenditure, I hope that many of our liability will be cleared.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are cases that cannot be specifically clarified by the hon. Minister as there are financial involvement. Due to the pandemic, funds meant for healthcare scheme were rerouted to tackle covid, thus our resources are limited at the moment. (**Pu Lalchhuanthanga:** Pu Speaker, *Point of Order* - It was stated that ₹2 lakh as being allocated to each family under SEDP. Does the Health Department has the power to utilize such funds?)

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Upto 2 lakhs can be availed whereas certain amount has been cleared from SEDP. However, there were some additions over time which payment cannot be made all at once. It is intended to be cleared step by step and we expect to be better off in the new financial year.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga to ask *Starred Question* no. 142.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for UD&PA be pleased to state the loan amount from Aizawl SUTP and ADB?

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

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Govt. of India and ADB signed an agreement on 26th October, 2021 for 4.5 USD loan for employment of Project Readiness Financing (PRF) consultancy under Aizawl Sustainable Urban Transport Project (ASUTP). This does not come in cash, it should come as reimbursement. Hence, the loan amount is not yet received.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, what other projects are included under this project?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, what is the function and objective of SUTP? What will be its main work?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, back in January, 2019 at Mizoram House, Chanakyapuri, Delhi, the hon. Chief Minister talked about double storied road for Aizawl. Any initiative taken by the government in this regard?

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

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, at the behest of the hon. Chief Minister, initiative was taken since 2019. UD&PA submitted project report to Department of Economic Affairs, Finance Ministry, Govt. Of India. It was accepted and approved and ADB agreed to finance our project on loan.

The main objective of the project is to enhance development and improvement of our state capital, Aizawl. Central government gives high priority to this project and we too had given much thought to it. List of works for consultants is there under the project.

Rule is formulated specifically for its implementation. As it is the norm with ADB, tender is to be floated at international level. Selection was done on 8th December, Mott McDonald Pvt. Ltd was selected for consultant and another consultant is there for government of Mizoram.

We were ready to implement the project in 2020, and 100 lakh was allocated from 2020-21 budget and another 3600 lakhs from 2021-22 budget for its implementation. Its estimated cost for completion is 248 million USD, equivalent to 1860 crores in Indian rupee. Consultancy firm will study the feasibility of Aizawl city and submit their report and make DPR on the basis of their findings.

Works for consultants under this project are-

1. Construction and improvement of roads;
2. Construction of flyover;
3. Construction of bus fleet;
4. Construction of bus and truck terminal;
5. Construction of footpath and steps;
6. Junction improvement works;
7. Construction of ropeway and others which are necessary.

An agreement was signed with the firm to have their DPR ready within 36 months. Loan agreement was signed by India and ADB on 26th October, 2021. Loan recovery is 80% for Central Government and 20% by our State.

Project agreement was signed by the Secretary of UD & PA, Pu K. Lalthawmmawia with other signatories from Central government and ADB. There are norms to follow, hence things cannot be done as swift as we like to be. When the consultancy firm submits DPR and is approved by our State government, agreement will be signed and only then project works will start.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask *Starred Question* no. 143.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister in charge of UD&PA be pleased to state -

The working condition of Lunglei Solid Waste Management Centre?

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

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, construction of approach road to Lunglei Solid Waste Management Centre is completed.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) What is the present position of Aizawl Solid Waste Management Centre?
- b) Who is in charge of the solid waste management?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, by the term 'UD&PA', we are quite familiar with urban development, not with poverty alleviation. My questions are as follows –

- i) What measures are taken by the department to alleviate poverty in urban areas?
- ii) Regarding the process of floating of tender, allotment of work order and payment of bill for works in the districts under UD&PA Department are directly handled by the Directorate. Why don't we let our districts handle it by themselves?
- iii) What is the latest position of pending bill kept at K Deposit for works on pedestrian footpaths and retaining walls constructed in 2020?

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

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, firstly, Solid Waste Management Centre, Lunglei was initiated during the previous ministry, estimated cost is 600 Lakhs which was received from DONER and the funding pattern is 90:10. Mizoram Planning Department and UD&PA made exerted efforts for its successful

implementation. 162 Lakhs was released as 1st Installment and the same contracts are to be retained as jointly agreed. We have not yet had the environmental clearance which is one of the hardest parts.

About K Deposit, funding is released in sequence according to requirements. No doubt the Covid pandemic has immensely affected our fund movement. It is expected that funding will be cleared soon, due patience is requested.

Works executed under UD&PA in the districts are directly handled by the districts themselves to the level of their power, which is the same in the case of payments.

Regarding measures taken towards poverty alleviation, urban development goes side by side with poverty alleviation. Various schemes are implemented under Livelihood Mission, Housing for All and Prime Minister Special Package for Urban Poor, Housing for Poor (BSUP), Swachh Bharat Mission, AMRUT, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation.

Regarding Solid Waste Management in Aizawl, about 100 trucks are engaged to dispose city waste. As all the wastes and garbages are not of the same kind, waste management centre is necessary. There is one such centre at Tuirial. It was earlier managed by SIPMIU but now, it is in the hands of Aizawl Municipal Council.

There are funds mentioned for purchase of a burner machine, but still some formalities are needed to go through for its final procurement. And environmental clearance is again needed. We are working on this at present.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask starred question no. 144.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state –

When will technician for X-ray and ECG be posted at Tlabung Sub-District Hospital? When will Tlabung Sub-District Hospital have a dental surgeon and ophthalmic assistant?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to reply.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. A technician will be posted when permission is obtained for filling up of vacant posts. The same goes for dental surgeon and ophthalmic assistant.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu KT Rokhaw and Pu Lalduhoma.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are-

- i) Will a specialist doctor (ortho and pathologist) be given to Siaha District Hospital?
- ii) Is there a mean to complete restoration of Siaha Nursing School Building? Will additional funds be provided if required?
- iii) Fulfilling my request, a doctor was given to Tipa PHC, but the doctor left to pursue further studies and Tipa PHC is again without a doctor. May another doctor be posted?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, earlier, Reliance Company was engaged to handle healthcare. At the end, the company with heavy debt of some crores stopped, leaving many patients without payment of their medical bill.

Now, another system is again introduced with a debt of around ₹59 crore at the start. How are we to handle healthcare scheme under the new system? Is there an easier way for patients to get their medical bill at earlier period?

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

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it may be noted that there are PHC or Sub District Hospital which are not provided with doctors or specialists. At this stage, Siaha is one of them.

In 2019, permission is obtained for filling up of 734 vacant posts with fund provision of ₹50 crore approximately. However, due to Covid, austerity measure needed to be taken. If our condition permits, I hope we will be able to solve these problems. Besides Tipa, some PHCs at Bungtlang South, Khawlailung etc. are without doctors as well.

Regarding Nursing School building as mentioned earlier, I personally visited the site. Such buildings are there in the constituency of Pu Lalduhoma and another one at Champhai. They are of the works initiated before my tenure which is during the previous ministry. There seems to be some gaps here and there for completion of such buildings which hinders our progress.

As of Pu Nihar's questions which he asked in every session as it is an important one, almost for the last 20 years, our government does not recruit dental surgeons. Recently, about 10 posts were created, recruitment will be done after which I hope a solution will be there.

Regarding Pu Duhoma's question about healthcare, there is a governing body under the chairmanship of our Chief Minister consisting of a co-chairman, Chief Secretary, members from various departments such as - Finance, Rural Development, Urban Development, Law & Judicial including members from MUP, MHIP and Central YMA. Pensioners' Association of Mizoram was also contacted, but they could not yet make a concrete decision. Sources of funding had also been actively searched. The scheme is undoubtedly very good. If we can get around 100 crores which we applied

from Asian Development Bank, we expect it to be sustainable. The scheme is to be continued even in the next term and we hope to do even better.

SPEAKER : There is an important announcement we should pay attention to. His Excellency, the Vice President of India, Pu Venkaiah Naidu is coming to Aizawl and will address the House on 10.03.2022 at 10:30 AM. After his speech, there will be a photo session and the sitting will be resumed and question hour will also be extended.

It is a privileged for the House to have such a distinguished visitor; his visit will surely be of great remembrance.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

Now, *Question Hour* is over. We will go to *Presentation of Reports* and call upon Er. H. Lalzirliana, Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I lay on the table of the House 'The Seventh Report on Actions Taken by the Government against the Recommendation of the Committee on Government Assurances Contained in its Sixth Report of Eighth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram'.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. As we all know, the Vice-President is Ex-Officio, Honorable Chairman in the Rajya Sabha.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

We will proceed to financial business. We have *Discussion and Voting on Demands* to be moved by Pu C. Lalrinsanga and Pu Lalchamliana. First, let us call upon Pu C. Lalrinsanga.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. On the recommendation of His Excellency, the Governor and with your permission, I move the following demands of my departments for consideration and approval of the House –

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SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalchamliana, the hon. Minister.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. On the recommendation of His Excellency, the Governor and with your permission, I move the

following Demands of my departments for consideration and passing of the House such as –

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Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Ministers has submitted their demands to the House. To start the discussion, let us call upon Pu VL Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, Thank you. Let me start with Demand No. 31, Agriculture.

The hon. House Leader is actively involved in enhancing rice production which is our main target. As per the census of 2011, rice requirement is around 1,80,000 metric tons whereas only one-third is produced in the state. Thus, it is undeniably imperative to improve rice production. But, in view of the topographical conditions of our state, other cash crops may be more suitable. Perhaps the hon. Minister too is aware of this as he has introduced large scale cultivation of sustainable cash crops. For example - ginger, chilies, betel nut, passion fruit and squash are largely grown generating good income that can be used for buying rice. So, technically speaking, it may be more profitable to grow such cash crops.

Regarding Demand no. 17, Co-operation, I am pleased that fund allocation increased in the current budget. My question is - why haven't the Co-operative Development Council created on 18th June, 2020 functioned or had at least one sitting or recommendation and programme set to this day? I believe it was created for improvement and development of cooperative movement in Mizoram. The same council was also created during the Congress Ministry. Committee members are the Director, MLAs and some prominent citizens. Surprisingly, no active co-operators are included.

The purpose of Co-operative movement was helping those adversely affected by Industrial Revolution; for them to improve their wretched conditions and help find livelihood. During the 1st and 2nd World Wars, this movement played a pivotal role in Europe.

After Mizoram insurgency in 1966, many families faced severe hardships to find livelihood which further causes many service societies sprang up to sustain each other. Such societies contribute valuable services to the public as Co-operative consumers store opened in rural areas are much valued by the public, particularly by the poorer section of the society. I strongly believe that co-operative movement will continue to play more and more pivotal roles in Mizoram as it is in other places. Generally

speaking, a town or village in which co-operative society could not set up are normally not an advanced town or village.

Regarding Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, the achievement is noteworthy as it has exceeded the target by achieving ₹733 crores by January. So, I think their budget should also be increased by the next year. As I have often said, fund allocated for the Taxation Department is not an expenditure; it is an investment.

At the same time, I would like to ask when the department will occupy a private building rented for check post near Champhai - Khankawn check gate for ₹3800/- month?

Regarding Demand No. 16 - Home, I have once mentioned about traffic signals light for crossing which had been installed since 17.7.2020 by incurring an expenditure of more than 22 lakhs. What is the purpose of this installation which incur the department with huge amount of bills?

Lastly, it is learned that the police forces seized large amounts of betel nuts from check gates. Why can't this be seized from the godown but not at the check gates?

SPEAKER : Dr. BD. Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It seems pointless in having a discussion as all the fund is like tied-fund.

Under Demand No. 31 - Agriculture, CADC has large potential area for land-based livelihood but no initiative is made by the government. ₹3 crore had been received from NEC last year, but selection process was unfair and discriminating which result in stoppage of fund provision from the NEC.

Also, Pu Speaker, Borapansury-II is selected as a *Model Village* for the area is of agriculture potential. If a tractor should be demanded for the construction through Model Village Development Committee, will it be possible for us to get one for the area is potential for vegetable farming?

Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources Department, the department has implemented some projects within CADC for there is nothing much to expect from the CADC budget. As such is the case, will the government provide solar pump and electrical water pump from other sources?

Under Demand No. 37 - Cooperation Department, Chawngte has no SBI branch except MRB which becomes increasingly problematic especially when NGECA fund is disbursed. Thus, the area needs another bank. May Cooperative Apex Bank be established in this area to alleviate the problem?

Under Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, may I ask what sources of taxes are there in ADC which is to be submitted to State Treasury? Has the entire fund collected as tax is used by the State Govt? Is there any fund provision which is left to be used in ADC?

Moving on to Demand No. 16 - Home Department, there is no developmental works done in Chawngte despite dilapidated govt. buildings such as police station, staff quarters, police sub-division quarter, SDPO quarter and lockup.

In the Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I must say that the problems stated by Pu Nihar and myself has often been neglected. So, we will be thankful if silpauline is provided to us so that we could help those who are in need. Another suggestion I would like to make is setting up of Disaster Monitoring Committee at divisional or constituency level by consisting all political party and NGOs to prevent manipulation of funds sanctioned when disaster strikes.

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is next.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that Tlabung Agriculture Division is shifted to somewhere else indicating negligence of the government towards the people of Tlabung. So, to show my disappointment to the government, I have to make a protest by standing silently for half a minute. Pu Speaker, this is the sign of protest I can show. (**Speaker:** You are a senior member and you know that our rule does not permit such kind of action. However, I will take it for granted.) Pu Speaker, if Parliamentary rules do not permit, I apologize for that. The department claims the said as being shifted due to ongoing process of restructuring the department of which I find it hard to accept. We have Agriculture Division at Tlabung for many decades. Is there a way to put the division back to Tlabung? (*Dy. Speaker at the Chair.*)

I have always mentioned about the potential area we have for WRC in my constituency covering not less than 450 hectares. However, larger portion had been destroyed in the process of border fencing on which no initiative is made on social impact assessment till today. Every year, there is flooding problem because of border fencing; hence, proper assessment is necessary. Besides, I regret to say that no notable improvement is made by the Agriculture Department during the last 4 years despite the need of massive drive for this area.

Pu Dy. Speaker, one suggestion I have to make is prioritizing our potential area so as to increase rice production. Also, we have to consider if it is permissible for us to have our villages beyond Indo-Bangla border fencing. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start from Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt.

A periodical land slide at Hunthar Veng which often destroy the lifeline road for Aizawl and largely for Mizoram is located within my constituency on which fund involvement for this improvement is extremely high. Also, there is large scale erosion between Electric Veng and Chhinga Veng. As per fund availability, I opine it is wise for the government to prioritize these two projects.

In Demand No. 16 - Home Department, I appreciate the service rendered by the department's staff. I believe there are number of vacant posts on which I have to request the hon. Minister for filling up so as to strengthen our police forces.

Under the Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department, the hon. Chief Minister is deeply concerned for attainment of self-sufficiency in rice production. So, I kindly request the hon. Minister to note that farmers in my constituency are eagerly waiting for provision of pipes to the farmers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua is next.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. The hon. Minister seems to have great interest on agriculture as much improvements are seen and I am thankful for that.

One important point I want to raise is that the department is facing problem due to shortage of field staff and in block offices. Also, it may be noted that Block Agriculture Office and staff quarters in my constituency Sangau needs overhauling repair.

In the Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources Department, we have 4 divisions only in Mizoram. I opine it is wise for the government to consider opening more like in Lawngtlai etc. for more improvement in agriculture.

In the Demand No.16 - Home Department, the hon. Chief Minister and Home Minister are quite active in resolving boundary issue which is deeply appreciated.

Also, I have to point out regarding dilapidated DC office building, Police Quarter in Lawngtlai and Sangau which needs immediate attention as well as the need for a befitted vehicle for Sangau Police Station. At the same time, I request that Bualpui Police Outpost be upgraded to police station.

In the Demand No.10 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, we hardly had enough fund to meet the requirement. Almost in every session, I have mentioned about massive landslide near Lawngtlai District Hospital caused by earth cutting works of Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Road. I kindly request the hon. Minister that necessary actions be taken within this year to prevent further disaster. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte is next.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.31 - Agriculture Department.

My constituency, Serlui is of agriculture potential area as many projects are being implemented. I personally want to thank the hon. Minister for being opened to farmers and societies approaching him for some projects. Relating to this, it will be thankful if farmers are assists once again in cultivating their lands after the border tension.

Last year, we have passed the 'Mizoram Land Leasing Bill' and was implemented; and, I must say that the rules serve a great purpose especially in my constituency.

In the Demand No. 47, I thank the Irrigation Department for its performance in my constituent village of North Hlimen. Whereas Saipum, which is located in the Assam border and the area concentrated in agricultural crops need proper irrigation channel which may kindly be noted as well.

Regarding the Demand of Home Department, it has done tremendous works amidst the pandemic despite 3000 or more vacant posts for which recruitment is of utmost necessary. Whereas renovation of its buildings is the badly needed in various places particularly of those in Assam border. Also, allotment of good conditional vehicle is much necessary especially for the times of crisis.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the people of Mizoram are well-aware of the performance of the government on our border disputes with Assam. Several duty posts were created along the border; funds were allocated for construction of buildings and barricades in that area. In addition, it is quite desirable that IR Company Headquarters should be established at Vairengte. This will be very convenient to monitor all duty posts as well as outposts in that area. There are many infrastructure developments going on in the area which are vital in protecting our boundary.

Moving to Demand No. 30, I would like to thank Disaster Management Department for providing immediate relief at the occurrence of heavy storm in my constituency. Meanwhile, I would like to ask when the proposed projects in my constituency will be started. We will be very pleased if it could be started before the monsoon came.

I support these two demands of the Hon. Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take a break and the sitting will resume at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now first call upon Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department.

During the year 2021-2022, 50 hectares of land in Siaha District has been cultivated through NABARD loan; I hope this could be continued this year also. Besides, I would like to mention that the rice production from Phura Zawl wetland cultivation increased by 1450 units during last year. Another vital steps to taken for this area is provision for solar water pumping and more tractors for the farmers. It is apparent that the production will increase significantly if these two could be provided.

Besides, Zyhno and Lungpuk area in my constituency has a great potential for vegetable production. However, their main problem is shortage of water supply. So, I would like to implore the Hon. Minister concerned to take necessary steps of irrigation system for Siasi, Maisah, Palah, Lopu, Kiasieh and Zyhno village.

Regarding Home Department which is under Demand No. 16, the building of Siaha SP Office is the only such building in the eight districts which is left unreconstructed. I beg to reconstruct the building with RCC as soon as possible. Further, there is a huge shortage of staff in SP Office for which recruitment may be made preferably for the local applicants since most of the staffs posted from outside the district usually refuse to stay in their post and subsequently applied for their transfer. The most effective solution for this problem seems to be of recruitment of a person from the same area.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I had stated the deteriorated condition of Siaha District prison during last year session as well. The building is so old that some inmates even escaped due to its dilapidated condition. So, the building needs immediate reconstruction. Also, establishment of Police Outpost at Chakhei also is very important as it is located in the Myanmar border.

Lastly, on Demand No. 13 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, we used to receive silpauline in the past through this department but not this year. I had even purchased several bundles from my MLA fund as there is a huge demand due to huge influx of refugees in my constituency. I hope the department may continue to provide us with silpauline as immediate rehabilitation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am truly grateful to take part in the demand discussion of the two hon. Ministers today. I would like to start from Demand No. 31- Agriculture Department.

More than 300 hectares of land is cultivated under the WRC in which initiatives through FOCUS and PM-Kishan schemes are worth mentioning especially during the pandemic. Is it appreciated that 20 nos. cold storage are set to be installed through RKVY scheme. Meanwhile, there is no permanent staff at Kawnpui on which it is our utmost desire to have at least one permanent staff posted to this office.

On Demand No. 37 - Cooperation Department, I am grateful that the budget for this department is increased as the federations under this department play important roles for development of the state. There are more than 1300 registered primary societies. At the same time, only 14 out of 40 sanctioned posts of Cooperative Audit Officer has been filled at the moment. In general sense also, there are about 190 vacant posts in this department which clearly shows which level in the department has shortage of staff mostly.

In the Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources Department, I express my gratitude for all the development works within my constituency such as Chemlui of Bualpui area and Dilzau. We are pleased with fund provision for construction of water

tank at Hortoki. Also, we have ongoing project of Tuizau irrigation on which we are eagerly waiting for its completion.

Moving to Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, it is overwhelming to learn that the department had already collected ₹802 crore revenue against the target of ₹717 crore. It is well deserving that Addl. Commissioner of State Taxation post has been created. Yet, there is shortage staff in the department particularly of Sales Tax Officer as 20 posts are lying vacant. So, it is desirable that such posts are filled as they are a revenue generating department for the state.

In Demand No. 16 - Home Department, roles play by this department is noteworthy as their efforts for safeguarding our state boundary is outstanding. Establishment of Boundary Committee, reception of refugees from Myanmar, COVID issues, Anti-Women Trafficking, etc. are all important works of the department. Whereas improvements of Fire & Emergency Service should not be kept unnoticed. Regarding my constituency, we really need establishment of Police Outpost at Serkhan and computer sets for Kawnpui Outpost.

Lastly, Demand No. 30 - DM & R Department, I am overwhelmed to witness the cooperation between civil societies and the government during COVID crisis. It is also noteworthy that more than ₹50,000 relief has given to 420 covid victims.

Thus, I support the Demands under discussion today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am happy to take part in the discussion of the Demands under the Hon. Ministers Pu C. Lalrinsanga and Pu Lalchamliana.

To begin with, in the Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department, we have seen immense improvement in agricultural production in which some of the most notable initiatives are - construction of link-road, land development and providing tractor and power-tiller on subsidized rate. I would like to thank the department and the officials for their efforts in this regard.

We are really thankful for a newly established Block Agriculture Office at Vaphai. Meanwhile, construction of staff quarters is important to let the department functioning more actively. Whereas reconstruction and renovation of Agriculture Guest House and completion of Vaphai – Tiau road project under FOCUS are much awaited.

Moving to Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources is regarded as a major department in many states for its role in providing irrigation which is vital for agriculture production. There are initiatives of the department at Vangchhia, Khawbung, Vanzau, Farkawn and Bulfekzawl of our constituency. Thus, I opine we are immensely blessed and I expect the department to continue with the system in future as well. Whereas we have the need for Grade-IV staff to serve as care-taker at Staff Lodge of Bulfekzawl.

Regarding Pu Lalchamliana's Department, Demand No. 16, I would like to express my gratitude that Dungtlang Police Outpost is upgraded to a full-fledged police station recently. It is an important station in view of the disturbance in Myanmar. It is the same regarding Farkawn beat post and I therefore request for two more police staffs to be posted at Farkawn. Whereas the vehicle assigned to Dungtlang Police Station is very old and thus be replaced with new one or else.

In conclusion, Pu Deputy Speaker, I support the Demands on discussion for passing unanimously. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The departments we are discussing today especially Home and Agriculture Department are the backbone of the state economy. In fact, all the past ministries prioritized development of these departments.

Speaking of Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department, it is an important department for the state; yet, there has never been major initiative being made within my constituency. Thus, the present ministry is proposing setting up some the structures. When we thought that there is no prospect of WRC for Phuldungsei, initiative is made by the department at Aivapui-Zau by engaging excavators and tractors provided to Aivapui-Zau Project Society. Likewise, the department provided tractor to the Project Society of Saisih for the same purpose. I am thus happy to mention in the House today, that the concerned farmers are quite exciting for such initiatives with potentiality available within constituency. Saithah, for example has a large area with ample water supply which is quite suitable for implementation of WRC Project.

Demand No. 47 and No. 31 are very important and closely related. We have WRC initiated in my constituency; yet, I think the real success depends on irrigation. We all are aware that without water, crops and rice cannot grow well. So, these two departments are the keys to development and prosperity in our state.

Moving to Demand No. 16, the dedication of this department, amidst huge shortage of staff is truly praiseworthy. The Home department strongly serves for the safety of our state. Their efforts in the face of the conflict are great and their sacrifice for our country is brave. Mizoram government had never been as brave and committed before so as to protect our state.

There is much more to be said about these departments today. If we are self-sufficient in foods, livelihood of our state is safe; it is enough. We are aware of all the shortages of staff in the department and thus, should be prioritized.

Finally, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have a non-Mizo Police Superintendent in Mamit District as language barrier arises from time to time. Thus, I request the Hon. Minister concerned to give us a Mizo SP. I support the unanimous passage of the Demand of the two hon. Ministers of these important departments. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will start from Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department. It is one of the first departments in the country and a lot of progress has been made even today. Pu Deputy Speaker, the hon. Minister and his team, corresponding to such progresses provide us with some tractors within this term alone and we really are thankful for that. Whereas FOCUS projects are underway and we expect some benefits from it as well. The project includes improvement of road. So, we expect inclusion of Chhawrtui river bank cultivation road which is quite narrow and dangerous at present.

(Chairman Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, at the Chair.)

Also, it is much a relief for the farmers to have numbers of expert in Agriculture Department. Even in the previous months also, we have watermelon plantation in Ngopa, Lamzawl and Pawlrang areas which unfortunately were infected with the disease. We immediately called for helps from the Agriculture Department who had sent some experts on the spot without delay to attend the problem. We truly are appreciated to receive attention of the department in times of need.

Then, Demand No. 37. Co-operation Movement, according to their website was started in Mizoram in 1949. This department has a wide range of importance in the development of our state. As we are speaking much of ginger cultivation nowadays, I opine it could be a success through cooperative movement. So, it is important for the government to give important to the Cooperative Society.

In the Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources, the department has done a lot of works in our constituency as survey has even been carried out for other projects as well. So, I convey my appreciation to the government in advance.

Demand No. 8 - Taxation is an important department as well as it is one of the main sources of funds for the state. We also thank for their achievement.

In the Demand No.16 - Home Department, I visit many places where the department works and witnesses their courageous acts on border issues. As such, many of Police Stations and Police Outposts are improved as so is Kawlkulh Outpost. In regard to Kawlkulh Outpost, I suggest renovating the defunct school building for our police station.

Lastly, in the Demand No. 30, I cannot fail to thank the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department for providing us with roof-sheets for more than 200 households which were destroyed by hailstorms last year.

With these words, Pu Chairman, I support all the demands which has been discussed today. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Let us call upon Hon. Member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Thank you, Pu Chairman. Starting from Demand No. 31, Agriculture Department, it is great to learn that Digital Agriculture Mission - '*Digital Agriculture Infrastructure in Mizoram Project*' is being implemented under the National E-Governance Plan of the Agriculture Department. Also, drone fertilizer application and remote sensing geographical formation data analysis will be carried out. So, the efforts of the Ministers, our Chief Ministers and of the government are commendable.

Also, the bio-control laboratory built with NABARD funds at Lengpui is truly a huge asset for agriculture development in our state whereas ITC Hnahthial was upgraded to the School of Agriculture Science. In addition, warehouses have been constructed at eight places under the Agriculture Department. We further see achievement of the department through installation of soybean processing plant, solar cold-storage and tissue culture of potato seed. Land development is being carried out in various parts of Mizoram and Custom Hiring Centers set up in many places. Whereas other development and initiatives are introduced under FOCUS.

As of Irrigation & Water Resources Department, Mizoram has only four divisions at present which may be increased. In the meantime, I praise the performance of all employees of the Irrigation & Water Resources Department.

Secondly, it is notable that much progress is seen with Champhai cooperative movement. Whereas Primary Agriculture Credit Co-operative Society is a co-operative society in which many people are engaged for their livelihood. Therefore, society and cooperative movements should be intensified.

Regarding Home Department, I would like to commend the police for their dedication particularly on border dispute and COVID. Whereas the service rendered by the Mizoram Traffic Police also is praiseworthy for transforming our Aizawl into a smart city. So, considering their performances, I opine it is important to increase their allowance also.

Moving to my constituency, Hnahlan is tri-junction of Manipur, Myanmar and Mizoram and also is a hotbed for drugs and human trafficking. Setting up Police station therefore is of utmost important here.

Pu Speaker, achievement of Taxation Department is a noteworthy particularly for achieving the target of ₹61,178.5 crore from collection of VAT and GST etc. during 2021-2022 which further indicate they truly works hard.

To conclude my speech, DM&R is a department which concern for the need of every MLA. Thus, it is much desirable if the sanction provision for relief and rehabilitation is increase. Whereas performance of the department during the pandemic is commendable. I convey my thanks to all the concerned staffs of DM&R. And, I support for passing the demands of the two hon. Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we see, Demand No. 31, 37 and 47 increased by 10% from the last year's budget. Now, going straight to Agriculture Department, I would like to stress on the report of economic survey on agriculture. The revised estimate allocated ₹20.34 crore to Agriculture Development Board through SEDP which I opine insufficient for development.

Also, I am really concerned about oil palm. Oil palm plantation area during 2004 - 2015 was 20,000 hectares. The only thing we grow more than that is rice. However, it has never been a success and we need to re-evaluate the initiative taken for oil palm cultivation.

And, I used to talk about research. Our funding for research over the next three years is only ₹6 lakh (₹2 lakh per annum). Nevertheless, they have prepared the papers well, produced leaflets and other things to help farmers. So, it is a good idea to allocate more provision for this purpose.

FOCUS was once implemented through Grant-in-aid but now only with the capital and it does not include fund provision for salary and wages, medical reimbursement.

Getting back to the Co-operation Department, I was once a member of the Development Council and I had a talk with the concerned minister a lot. In this regard, I would like to stress the importance of effective use of Co-operative societies.

Regarding Irrigation Department, there are schemes like PMKSY and so on. I would like to ask the Minister if underground water extraction affected the water table and whether the government has any legislation in this regard. If there is any plan for taking necessary action in this regard?

Regarding Demand No. 8 – Taxation, demand of ₹22,56,13,000.00 is made to the sanctioning department and enough fund is thus expected. The target for this year is ₹1,637.73 crore. I opine shortage of staff in the department should be prioritized.

Regarding Home Department. Smuggling of areca nut is of a serious matter. Notification issued by the Central Board of Income Tax & Customs clearly stated that it is of illegal trade. Whereas it affects our livelihoods and mindsets, destroying farmland, trees and soil and even our economy. If our government stands for the people, we must act according to the will of the people. We really need to stop this.

Regarding ACB, there are many cases of corruption in our state as so is money laundering. So, let this be over. Pu Chairman, ₹250 lakh was allotted to ACB last year and ₹350 lakh this year indicating a positive change.

Finally, in Disaster Management, I would like to reiterate the need of retaining wall at various places of Ramthar Veng to avoid unforeseen calamities. So, I urge the need is immediately attended. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Let us now call upon Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Chairman. To start with Demand No. 8 - Taxation Department, it is worth mentioning that the department exceeded the target of ₹716 crore by achieving ₹802 crore this February. Whereas there is shortage of staff in the department which may be attended immediately.

Now, Demand No. 16 – Home. Despite its importance, the department has its budget which is 5.78% lower than that of last year. Pu Chairman, we have 3rd Batt. MAP in our area which I visited occasionally. I, therefore, observe the renovation of their camp is an urgent need. During the last session, I had even informed the department officials of their shortage of staff for immediate attention. So, the hon. minister concerned is expected to react if any plan for recruitment is made.

In the Demand No. 31 – Agriculture, is a major department as large portion of fund is spent every year. Yet, it is regretted that no notable success or self-sufficiency is achieved till today. So as to achieve one, I opine fund provision for maintenance of link road need to be increased.

Regarding DM&R, it is a department we all need in time of some difficulties and calamities. I implore the department to function irrespective of constituencies as of ruling or opposition. Thank you.

(Hon. Dy. Speaker takes the Chair.)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I will start with Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources department.

I feel that our need for this department is increasing as solar pumping project is being introduced in various places to help the farmers in dry seasons. Pu Dy. Speaker, may I remind the concerned minister of our desire for immediate completion of construction of Lunglei Irrigation office.

Demand No. 37 - Cooperation Department, I must say that the potentiality of this department has not been fully explored in our state even though it is regarded as a major department in the central. I believe sustainable economic system can be achieved if various departments work together under the Cooperation Department.

In the Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department, agriculture link roads are being constructed under proper planning which leads to huge improvement for the farmers. It is also pleasing to learn that cold storage installation is expected soon.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Demand No. 16 – Home, performance of the department is widely praised and I also commend for their tireless efforts. It is a fact that our state cannot move forward without this department. It is quite comforting for us for having strong police forces.

At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express the problems of my constituency as well. There are not less than 3,000 nos. post vacancy in the

department on which recruitment could not be made due to pandemic. I hope it could be done soon as the situation improves. I would also like urge the department to take note of the immediate need for improvement of Lunglei Traffic Management and Fire Station.

I conclude my speech here with my support for passing the demands of the two hon. ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

To start with, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation is the department we all relied upon in times of disaster. Geology & Mineral Resources Department conducted a landslide investigation in Mamit Bazar Veng in early October last year but the survey report is not submitted as yet. So, I urge immediate action of the concerned authority in this regard.

Despite the fact that Home Department is severely short of manpower but their performance today is commendable. Lengpui Outpost is of an important post which concern with high security zone of airport. It will be much appreciated if the hon. minister explain initiative for improvement of this post, if any. I would also like to ask if appointment on compassionate ground is possible in filling up the vacant posts under the police department.

Taxation is of an important department as it is known as a 'revenue earning department'. It seems we, the Mizos are afraid of taxes in the sense we should know that we have to do so for ourselves. It is important that we should willingly contribute any tax for the development of our state.

Regarding Agriculture Department, I must say that the importance is more than obvious after the Covid crisis during which we were able to deliver some vegetables fresh and delicious. It is also apparent that there is a huge leap of development in this sector also. Speaking about my constituency in particular, Suarhliap Zau, Tut, Suanguang, Ngaizawlphai, Bawngva, Phaizau and Teirei areas have a huge potential for WRC. I would like to ask the department to take necessary actions for its development.

Cooperation Dept. has an office in Mami which needs much strengthening. We will be very pleased if this could be pursued as soon as possible.

I support the demand of Pu C. Lalrinsanga and Pu Lalchamliaana today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon'ble Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would like to speak about Demand No. 31 - Agriculture Department first. Agriculture is very

important, the first thing we need as a human being is to meet the needs of our bodies. That is why Agriculture is important. I don't think the government is teaching the people the right way. It seems that we are teaching our people to succeed without working hard. Let us learn that we must work hard to succeed.

In the days of our ancestors, we were happy and peaceful when we had self sufficiency in food items. But today that is not enough. I think it is right for our state not to cultivate rice as it is cheap and difficult to grow in our state. Organic farming is more important to me. I think if we succeed in this, it will be very beneficial for the people.

In the Home Department also, I reckon that our police and our traffic police should not demand too much from drivers from outside the state. They should be treated kindly as they are the bearers of our needs. Mizoram citizens from outside the state should be able to continue their journey peacefully. I think our police should have the same idea.

Also, Demand No. 47 – In irrigation, 33 households in Darlak constituency have taken steps through ground-water irrigation. Our farmers are also happy for which I also am very thankful. I think there will be further developments in the future.

Regarding Demand No. 16 – foundation Stone of 4th IR Battalion HQ Building was laid on 3.8.2013 at Rengdil. But we waited until today. Please, I want our Minister to stop delaying the hope of our people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we shall call upon Hon'ble Member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Starting from Demand No. 31 – Agriculture Department, food security is most important to me. I opined that we should introduce WRC more and more so that we can grow more rice. The Minister and his department have donated tractors, power-tillers to artisans and farmers free of charge and at subsidized rate. I hope we will soon be self sufficient in rice.

In Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources Deptt, without water, it is difficult to succeed in agriculture. Therefore, many of our crops are not fed during the dry season, and many of them are rotten and destroyed. Therefore, I think we should do more in irrigation and work together with agriculture.

Mr. Dy. Speaker, Speaking about Demand No. 16 - Home Deptt., as our friends have already mentioned, the Police Department has a lot of vacancies. 4,000 police posts are vacant and not filled up. There are 304 candidates on compassionate ground. It is quite desirable this could be filled as soon as possible. Police Modernization Scheme should be given priority. Many Jail Warder posts are also vacant which needs immediate attention.

Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, Sairang villagers are required to provide rescue equipments. They are the ones who do the rescue when there are drowning in their area.

With these words, I would like to say that I support the demands of the two Ministers today. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you very much.

Demand No. 31 - Agriculture and No. 47 are separate but closely related departments. Irrigation and Agriculture are the two sectors that the Prime Minister of India announced as “doubling farmers income”. Schemes such as RKVY, NSFM, NMSE, SMAE, PMKSY-PM (Kishan Madan Yojana) were introduced to achieve this. It is a question if we can double the income of farmers in Mizoram.

In connection with, Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, Aizawl North-I is surrounded by stiff slopes. Therefore, it is quite prone to landslide and thus, we often need the rehabilitation of this department from time to time. While imploring the department to continue their attention towards our constituency, I would like to express our sincere gratitude on behalf of the people of my constituency.

I'll talk about Home Department briefly. The importance of this department is quite immense if we see Allocation of Business Rules. My fellow members have said that more than 3,000 posts are vacant in the department. It should be given priority to fill these posts.

And how do we issue Scheduled Castes and Schedules Tribe certificates? Do we just issue in good faith? Do we not have the OBCs which is common in other states? What is the government stance about this? I am a little curious about this.

Taxation Department is, as already mentioned, an important department. It is not a big department but it is a revenue earning department. They said that there is a huge shortage of staff in the department also. Staff needs to be increased in this department also. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, Hon. Member Dr. K. Pachhunga is welcome.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

Starting from Demand No. 16, I will go to the Home Department first. I am pleased with the way the government is treating the police in the face of many difficulties. I think their work is great. The Hon. Minister has done his utmost to build roads and duty posts in the midst of the border dispute. I would like to appreciate the 2nd Battalion MAP at Luangmual and Lunglei Traffic Police. They performed their duty sincerely.

One of the biggest Mizoram's biggest political arguments nowadays is matters relating to areca nut. As we know, there was a complaint to the Ministry of Home Affairs two/three years ago. Assam Rifles were also told to arrest illegal imports of areca nut. It is not a recent subject. It occurs some 30 years back. It should be noted that Government and NGOs are doing their utmost best to stop this trade.

Regarding Demand No. 8, Taxation Dept., their contribution for the state is immense. Through this House, I would like to thank the collectors, staff and donors. Also on Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management, we are very grateful for your help during various disasters.

Moving to Demand No. 32 - Agriculture Dept., as we know, rice is our staple food. They tried their best to increase the amount of rice production. In our constituency, we have given out prizes for the biggest production of rice. Therefore, link roads to the identified potential areas of the country are being implemented. I believe that if we have good times, we will harvest more rice with link roads.

And finally, Demand No. 47 - Irrigation & Water Resources Minister and his department have taken steps in irrigation in various places. The introduction of solar pumps are very beneficial for the farmers. I support the demand of the two Ministers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we will take a break and resume our sitting at 5:30 PM.

05:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon'ble Member Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

I will be starting from hon. Minister Pu Lalchamlia's Demand, Demand No. 8, Taxation Department. This is an important department and the main revenue collector of the government. It is with their efforts that many development works could be done in the state.

Speaking about Home Department, I think it is a pleasure to see better police discipline. At the same time, I think the police should be given more priority. Quarters, vehicles and duty camps should be renovated. I also thank the government for its efforts on the border dispute with Assam also.

Regarding DM&R Department, natural disasters are inevitable. ₹49 crore has been allocated to the SDRM fund for this year. We will be very pleased if mitigation measures could be taken in Ngaizel area there is always rock fall possibilities in the area.

Regarding Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga's demand, although BE is less than last year, SEDP funds will be available for implementation. WRC potential areas in Mizoram are being developed. Regarding Irrigation & Water Resources Department,

they have already constructed several water channels. I would like to say that Tuitiam Zau in Sialsuk and Tlawng kual areas are also in dire need of irrigation.

Finally, the Cooperation Department is very important and is one of the keys to development. Therefore, I hope that they will keep moving forward and become a beneficial department for the people. I support the demand of the two Ministers - Pu Lalchamliana, Home Minister and Pu C. Lalrinsanga, Agriculture Minister. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is welcome.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you very much. First of all, regarding the Agriculture Department - Demand No. 31, the Minister concerned Pu C. Lalrinsanga is very interested in his portfolio. I would like to thank him for setting up a tractor hiring center for WRC. I hope this could be continued in the future also. I believe underground water supply and crop insurance should be given priority. I also think it would be nice if the minimum support prices could be fixed properly.

Regarding Demand No. 47, Irrigation & Water Resources, water pipes should be provided to the farmers. It is not that hard to provide food security for our state. That is why I think it's important that we continue to double, triple our production. I would like to say that the Department's experts should work harder. High-yielding variety seeds are also vital for more production.

Moving to Demand No. 16, Home Department - I think they are doing a good job. They have also tried hard on the betel nut issue; I am sure it will be solved well. I don't think there is anyone who is more sincere about the border issue than this ministry. In our ideology or principle, we said that the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) 1873 is our stand. Thus, Assam launched a massive aggression, which we resisted. That is being done under a strong Home Minister.

Finally, in Demand No. 30 - I would like to make one more important point in the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department. NHIDCL Company is carrying out highway widening and I request the Department to do something for the affected people. I also request the government to implement the project for the rehabilitation of the Zotlang tourist lodge. I support the Ministers' Demand. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Honorable Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding the Home Department, Thingkah IR Station building takes a very long time for its completion. I implore that it should be commissioned by the current ministry.

Secondly, in Vathuampui, Pang Zirlai Pawl made a request to the Home Minister for the establishment of Vathuampui Police Outpost. I hope this could be given priority. Police Outpost was opened in Diltlang. However, I would like to make a request that the MLAs to be consulted on the works in our constituency.

In the DM & R Department, silpauline is in great demand. I ask the Minister to give at least to the MLAs. In the Agriculture Department, there is a huge potential area in our area. Taking for example, Tuichawng, Chamdur Valley alone, if utilized properly may feed the whole of Mizoram.

I would like to suggest that there should be consultation in this kind of work as well. Opposition and Ruling discrimination should be eliminated. Regarding Irrigation Department, Lawngtlai District is placed under Lunglei district. It is our desire that EE Office could be established at Siaha and Lawngtlai. This will enable us to monitor the area of Chakma, Mara and Lai district councils. I implore the Minister concerned to take note of this matter. Thank you. (Speaker in the Chair.)

SPEAKER : Well, let us now call upon Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I'll start in the Home Department. The areca nut trade itself has been around for many years. However, smuggling has increased since 2017. Subsequently, in November 2019, the Home Ministry asked the Chief Secretary to stop this practice.

Assam Rifles DGs have written two/three letters to the government stating that there are many hidden pass. In a letter, it was once stated that 2,540 bags of areca nut were seized, but police did not give them any co-operation. It is a shame that The Assam Rifles are the ones who have told us that the government is doing something wrong.

Our counterparts, the Assam police have done a great job in eliminating this kind of smugglings in their state while our state police states that it falls under central subject and it is not their purview. Besides, one of the ring leaders in this smuggling, designated fugitive by the Assam Government is even invited to dinner by our CM. Taking all this into consideration, it is quite a concern that the present ministry may no longer earn the trust of the people of Mizoram.

Moving to Demand No. 37, Cooperation Department, the government has signed MoU with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The MoU states that minimum support price for nine items will be paid under the Van Dhan Scheme. I'm not sure if the support price is being paid according to the MoU. I request the hon. Minister Concerned to react on this matter. Besides, there are different societies. Baktawng Aloevera, Leng Bee-Keeping, Vaphai Hmunphiah and Serchhip Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd (in turmeric and ginger) are required to pay matching share for the second installment. It is because the government doesn't have the money. This is very unfortunate. Whatever the case, they want to receive it rather than not receive it. We want to know if the 2nd installment has arrived and if they have sanctioned to the beneficiaries.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, In Irrigation Department - Demand No. 47, elephant yam cultivation is encouraged in Sangau area. I would like to ask how long does it take till its harvest, what is the condition of its marketing and what the cost of production is. In addition, Alu is being implemented under FOCUS. Last year, Hualtu villagers were farming a lot, they were very worried and came to us because they couldn't find a buyer. We feel sorry for them. I think it is very important that we link the market and the supply

chain in Aizawl. Lastly, I would like to ask in how many places is ground harvesting could be done at Mat river bank. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga to speak of his demand at the House.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to express my gratitude to hon. fellow member for their consideration towards my demand.

Now Crop Husbandry and Research & Extension have shared one directorate, but the reputation of our 'Director' is inferior compared to that of other 'Director'. However, after the restructuring process, I am grateful that two of our Director pay scale have been increased from Pay Level-13 to Pay Level-13A (super-time grade) namely – Dr. Saithantluanga and Pu Rohmingthanga Kawlni who have had their pension with a super-time grade. Unlike other organized-service, Agriculture and Horticulture Deptt. have Pay Level-10A which causes stagnation in promotion, however, due to the restructure, the grade pay of Level-10A is ₹6100/- and it had been like that for a long time and also 37 people of Pay Level-11 have been directly upgraded which is a rare phenomenon.

Therefore, our department officers have also expressed their gratitude to the Govt led by Pu Zoramthanga for this accomplishment, also three post have been added for the Jt. Director of Pay Level-12. However, 'SDAO' and 'Circle' have been replaced by RD Block which is as per central process, but I want to state that 'Tlabung will still be an important place' as it will soon be under a Block and BAO will be provided.

I also want to state that with the approval of the Council of Ministers, West Phaileng and North Vanlaiphai have been provided SDAO but due to the restructure, there has been an unforeseen problem here and there.

Pu Speaker, I want to mention some of the progress made under our department. Firstly, last year 2021 we have covered land development in all district under NABARD (RIDF). We have covered Hectare 484 during the working season but it was delayed due to the monsoon season, but crops are planted manually but still they have reaped a large quantity of around 19,275 buckets as per the reports which is still in process. We are extremely glad for this achievement and this led me to believe that NABARD fund have never been used for land development because initially the state level committee have approved it for land development but headquarters at Mumbai did not allow it and thought of diverting it somewhere. But we stand our ground and we wait for it to succeed. And we also have continuous support from Pu Hmingtea who is the member of the Board of Director at NABARD and finally we succeeded, and we have made a transformation which has never been done before. I have also made a request to NABARD chairman for more land development projects like this in the future.

Pu Speaker, we have continuously pursued the implementation of the Agriculture Land Leasing Act passed last year and we also want Rules to be implemented for the same. But, when we took it up to the Law Department, they told

us that Rules does not need to be put up necessarily so we didn't make it. But, we have made a 'collective farming policy' which is put up to the Council of Ministers for their interest and further consideration. Under this policy, strength of 75-100 small and marginal farmers of 'Farmers Organization' will be established and they will be provided an Agriculture Machinery. Central have planned to implement 'Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization' (SMAM) and 90:10 matching share under RKVY at a huge scale and with this we will implement quality-farming policy at a grassroot level and we will unite our farmers on the road to self-sustenance in crop industry.

Therefore, under Collective Farming Policy, we want to change the dropping-pattern which means that we will distinguish three major crops/plants that we can reap under a year and make plans to harvest these plants successfully and this will boost the morale of our farmers. Pu Speaker, if we succeed in this, we will make a huge progress in our agriculture industry.

Secondly, I want to mention that integrated farming system will be implemented under FOCUS in the areas of Champhai, Khawzawl, Saitual, Serchhip, Mamit and Kolasib only. We have made a proposal of 650 crore at World Bank and ADB, but they have objected the proposal, however with the support of our CM we hope to implement this integrated farming system and collective farming policy throughout the state.

Now, we have implemented a new strategy which is the 'OP-12 bio-fertilizer production unit' which is backed by our Hon. House leader and CM who has given us a top priority and have given a funding from SEDP for the same. Pu Speaker, in order to make this OP-12 bio-fertilizer we have tied up with CSIR, Northeast Institute of Science and Technology who have patented the formulation of bacteria in Assam and we have purchased this patent technology and we will increase its production at Neihbawih.

Also, this technology has a unique quality because it helps in the durability of the plants. If we can succeed in this, the planting of beans, maize, wheat, rice, potato, chili, ladyfingers etc. will be easier. We are glad that this technology will soon be released for use by the majority. It is also guaranteed to be used in the rural area in the future. We could also hire entrepreneur and discussed it further with the Chief Minister and plan about how it will be launched.

Next, we call it seed village, Mizo people thought they are self-support in seeds, maybe they are independent in rural, but in urban we are far from self-supporting plant seeds unless we bought plants produced by breeding of two genetically different varieties of species. Therefore, we must work harder to make sure we are independent. During the first Ministry, I have looked after the Agriculture Department along with the seniors. Bean seeds etc. during those times were supplied from Silchar. When it arrived in Mizoram, the seeds were shiny, and it was tempting to cultivate them but, as we plant the seeds, it wasn't germinating well at all, so it was decided that we should stop getting them from it. If we build seeds village, the doctorate degree holders in the districts and the Agriculture Technology Management Agency working together will be helpful.

Also, I want to elaborate upon Soybeans, rice, maize, cotton etc. Last year we were looking high and low for the Mizo's cotton, Specifically, Mizo's cottons have a

tint of brown shades and it is one of its characters and it was also named 'Mizo La' at the CSIR record. Also, the result after examining the cotton, it was stated that the fibers are tough. If the ATMA are working hard in seeds expanding, currently 15 varieties are being plant and around 100 quintals are expected to be harvested and the overall harvesting are expected to be around 200 quintals.

As we've said before, majority of the family consumed potato which is good for the children's health and a very good ingredient for the restaurants indeed. In Thingdawl, there was no infection in the produced potatoes, so it can be shipped to different parts safely. The new high technology called Aeroponic is said to be used for cultivating potatoes further with the help of NEC, FOCUS and IFFAT.

Then, we have a plan for installing soybean grinder by our Deptt. as it was already aimed by the RKVY. Using this grinder, after making edible oil the soya chunk is useful for people who have diabetes, vegan, and high blood pressure. Anyway, twelve 5 metric tons cold storage it is currently prepared under the RKVY rafter. Cultivating Maize in some parts of Mizoram is hard on the other hand if we could have the solar dryer for the Maize which will be useful.

Along with this, if we convert our turmeric and gingers into dry form there's a possibility that it could be sold at ₹400/- per kg at the foreign country but there's a minor problem in the preparation of it. So, the action should be taken under the RKVY. IN 2017and 2018, during the multi locational trial, KVS Scientist cultivate red Dal around 7.53/hectare. FAO, on the other hand produced around 6.11/hectare.

Then, Rabbi Season, in North Vanlaiphai, KVK and department working together are planting LINKEN DAL and wheat is also planted at Mat area in Serchhip. So, here we will end the topic regarding Agriculture.

As to answer our Hon. MLA Pu BD Chakma's question, we will provide tractor with subsidy at Model Village of Borapansury-II from the Agriculture Deptt. but custom hiring needs to be set up and a proper Association should be formed to avoid misuse of tractors by individuals.

Pu Speaker, we have discussed previously related to the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing which damaged lots of cultivated lands, we have done all possible course of actions from our side and we also suggest that individuals should also engaged in court which will also prevent further damage to our potential area. We give our priority and interest in this matter and we also want to provide whatever help required to the victims in all possible ways.

On to the next topic, in 2014-15 we have already set up custom hiring centre at Tlabung area at Tipargath and Dinesora through RKVY scheme and we will look it up again anyways, we have given it to WRC Farmers Society and Corban Society Tablabagh (1919-1920) through SMUM scheme and we also plan to setup a Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization at WRC potential area on need base.

As to answer Pu H. Biakzaua's question, we have of course a scarcity of employees at Block Agriculture office and buildings needs to be renovated and we are

preparing a plan to tackle this situation. As to answer our Hon. MLA Pu Rinsanga's question regarding land-levelling, we will execute land levelling in that area to prevent further issues and we will continue and monitor it.

Also, regarding maize sheller machine, I will do my best to procure it for the area of Pu Rokhawa and Pu Beia with water tanky. And also, regarding Pu Dawngtea's question about scarcity of staff, due to the restructuring of Agriculture Department we have faced problems throughout Mizoram but plan is underway to solve this problem. Regarding Pu Ramthamawia's question, there is a proposal for renovation of Vaphai BO quarter and plan is underway to immediately complete Vaphai-TiauAll weather link road.

To answer Pu Thangmawia's and Pu Thiamsanga's question, road construction will be done and proposal is carried out for Warehouse construction at Vaphai from Champhai Distriuct under NABARD WIF and rural go down construction at Ngur village.

Regarding Dr. Mathlanteas question, we will look up at the possible error and misinterpretation of economic survey report at agriculture department and regarding Oil Palm, Central has introduced viability prize inder NMEOP and it might be adjusted in proportion to the fluctuations in price. Pu Speaker, we have set up an expert study teams from departments of KVK, ICER and MZU to study the effects of oil palm in the environment.

Therefore, as Pu Mathlantea described that 63 crore was expended under other capital expenditure, I would like to sate that FOCUS is an externally aided project and in order to make an asset, it is under capital expenditure like other EAP and cheque and salary is drawn by EAP owners like PWD Dept and as stated by Pu Chhuanthanga of the possibility of making All weather link road at RCC, it is on the way and we take it under consideration.

'Doubling farmers income' has been in my mind and as our Hon member Pu Hlana has given this statement, and it is not only RKVY, PM Kishan, PHKSY, NFSM, SEDP and CSS, our objective should be to improve ourselves and to have an organized farming activity and to move forward and this is all I have to say in this manner.

Pu Speaker, I would liked to get in the subject of Irrigation and it won't take long, we are really glad at 2022-2023 budget at Irrigation Department and our budget estimate was 92.53 crore and it has increased by 36.81 % than last year. It is worthy to note that we kept our working capital head at 78%. At present, salary and other miscellaneous are kept at 19% and the rest are kept under capital head. ₹4000 lakh have been kept for startup of 36 project to be completed and 30 new projects at Service Minor Irrigation Scheme under PMKSY.

And, for ground-water irrigation there is a an on-going project of 13 Nos. I want to state that under Pu Duha area, 31 is on-going, however as per our estimate it is 60 meter and we can't proceed as per our estimate. So, drilling provision needs to be decreased by 30 and drilling needs to be done at 180 ft proportionately for good supply

of water as per the source from our department. Then we have made a plan to put ₹ 2000 lakh for ground water.

Anti-erosion scheme of 500 lakhs is kept for prevention of cultivated land damage. Therefore, minor works has to be given proper leverage for proper benefit. That's why solar water pump should be implemented which will provide relief for the current situation.

Pu Speaker, NHP is a central sector scheme and I can't elaborate its importance because this project has provided important data on rainfall, water flow, wind and sun exposure for crop planning as well as weather forecast and it is observed under Southern Data Centre at Lunglei and we can use this information for many useful purpose.

Under NHP, Spring rejuvenation studies has been conducted by our department as well as Soil dept. and Forest Dept. Sediment studies, Stream bank protection studies and Ground-water investigation has also been conducted. And regarding solar water pump, under PM-Kusum Yajona, matching pro-rata is 50% central and 30% state and 20% will be provided by the beneficiary.

Under Van Dhan Mission, the current process of Finance is 90:10 sharing but only 30% share is of farmers and our Govt has to find a way to provide matching share but the Central Govt does not approve of this and we can't make any progress regarding this.

2nd installment is underway but I want to state that the 1st installment received from Van Dhan Mission with VDVK status, MOTA has given us a free sanction but 'MSTMAP', which is minor forest product procurement is 75:25 and this creates problems. But, we will try our best to mitigate this problems.

Pu, Speaker, I want to report the scarcity of worker, out of 11 district we have a division at 4 District and we can't include the remaining 7 District which is a burden mitigated by our irrigation department and out of 220 posts, 55% i.e., 123 post has not been filled up and our govt has to consider these and our govt. has to do something about it.

Pu Speaker, I want to respectfully get back to PMKMY Farmer's Pension Scheme even though we have got past through Irrigation. I want to give answers to question regarding these and I want to propose that our farmers need to do PMKMY, Farmer's Pension Scheme. They can apply at the age of 18-40 years, if they register from 18 years then in order to reach 60 years they will have to wait 504 months. In doing so, they will have to contribute ₹55/- for the next 504 months and this will amount to ₹27,720/- at the age of 60 years. So they will reap a benefit of at least one year deposit through interest and if they reach 100 years then they will receive ₹3000/- which is quite profitable for them.

Also, I would like to state that, Agriculture Department have made use of NEGP and certain websites like loneitu.nic.in, 'Loneitu thian' and e-governance. Nowadays, 'NEGP' has been changed to 'Digital Agriculture Mizoram' and progress has been

subjected to 'Digital Infrastructure Mizoram' and there is lots of scope for progress regarding this matter. So, there is a sanction of ₹15 crore and we can make use of robotic drone to monitor our plantation and so on.

Let's take a look into the Cooperative department. Here there are some questions that need to be cleared, though Cooperative Department is an organized service for long time struggles in service and promotion, which is used by entry post JICS was not accepted by cadre entry post o the Service Rule. But still JICS was a part of entry post and when the service year entry post came in, it wasn't well fed to keep on going while the finance department kept on rejecting us on the other side. Finally, our Hon. Deputy CM told us to come backhand so we let send our juniors and amalgamation was allowed and we were very thankful.

Also, specifically in Mizofed, Multipurpose Post harvest Management Project in Mizoram for Covid19 economic revival 4.9 crore NEC was requested and 4.61 crore was given to us. By using this project fund, cheap food supply chain and consumer plan was aimed in different parts of the district. Using this fund, it is planned to build collection centre in different districts like Khawzawl, Serchhip, Mamit, Kolasib, Champhai etc. and some are already done.

Also for different Cooperative Society, improvements under NCDC scheme, "Integrated Cooperative Programme Project(ICDP) has been implemented and for the year 2021-2022 571 lakh project is estimate is in progress. And right now 87 cooperative societies are selected and 126 lakh has been distributed to 25 cooperative societies. Pu speaker, I would like to state that Mamit district is an aspirational district, it is of an utmost importance to make a progress through cooperative society and I will conclude the matter regarding Cooperation.

Elephant Yum in Mizoram has a very beneficial health properties because it contains 'glucomannan' which has a chemical properties to reduce fat and it has been sent to Thailand, Japan and China for its health benefits. So, we must reap its benefits within three years since Mizoram is rich in this plant. Therefore, I want to emphasize to our locality that we must collect and preserve this plant.

I felt that Pu Zaithanzama's question was quite important regarding Cooperative Council and I want to mention the important members as follows:

Chairman	-	Minister Pu C Lalrinsanga.
Vice Chairman	-	Dr. ZR Thiamsanga, MLA;
Secretary	-	Society Registrar;

The member representatives are Dr. F. Lalnunmawia MLA; Dr. Vanlalhlana MLA and the rest are from MZU and department etc. Anyways, I wanted to call a meeting but due to Covid-19 it wasn't possible to gather in a large number. Still, without council meeting we can keep going on for now.

Though Pu KT ROKHAW already answered Cooperative Deptt. Mr BD Chakma's question about the Chawngte Bank Branch opening, I will answer it again. To open a branch, there need to be well planned criteria. But the workers know along with the people and government services that it is not possible to talk about its criteria.

Anyways, I will let my juniors investigate further and they will have a survey. Chawngte is important and Tippa too.

About the MSP and MFP questions- Since the State share is only 25% under MSP under MSP for MFP scheme under Vandhan scheme, it is hard to make a proposal. To deduct the state share from 25% to 10 %, even our hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga had given a DO letter to Mr Arjun Singh Munda, Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 25.06.2020, the reply is still pending. The funding for MFP procurement of 91.50 has been sanctioned and already transferred to the Mizoram Finance account. Work is on progress for further transfer to the State Implementing Agency account.

So, Pu Speaker, my Demand -

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37	Co-operation	15,81,67,000.00
47	Irrigation & Water Resources	92,53,08,000.00
TOTAL		2,83,39,05,000.00

I ask this august House to pass the total sum of ₹2,83,39,05,000.00. Thank You.

SPEAKER : The demand of our hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga's demand is as follows:

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He asked this House to pass and whomsoever object to it please respond.
(*Nobody objects*)

Now, our Hon. Minister Pu C. Lalrinsanga's request for demand No. 31,37 and 47 for a sum total of ₹2,83,39,05,000.00 has been passed. (**Pu C. Lalrinsanga, Minister:** Pu Speaker, Thank You).

Now, let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu Lalchamliana to wind up our discussion and react to matter raised by the members.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. My demand has been supported by hon. Members. 11 Taxation members, 24 Home members, and 15 Disaster Management members have also supported my demands. But, Pu Speaker under 'HOME' there is 6 department/establishment and specifically Police have supported me and two members of Fire & Emergency Services and one Home Guard and two members from Prison supported me and No one in Sainik Welfare Rehabilitation.

Pu Speaker, First and foremost, I want to state that there are matters which are well known. Not only Police departments, almost all departments have scarcity of workers. We need better vehicles in police station and we need better infrastructure for staffs and employees. I will point out what our hon. Member have accordingly.

Hon. member Pu VL Zaithanzama's praise of the taxation department is very gratifying. Taxation department deserves credit. Champhai (Khankawn) taxation check gate hired for ₹ 3,800, why didn't they occupy it for police check gate? After the implementation of the GST Act, check gates are not allowed on highways. Therefore, in case there are those who try to deceive the government we made it functions as Data Collection Centre. Now the Data Collection Centre in Khankawn is meant to open while occupying a house. But, to this day it has not been opened.

And, he said, 'he found no used of the Pelican Crossing. Yes, it has no benefit. Anyway, with the approval of the traffic police UD & PA made it. On public day, especially on Christmas these crossing are beneficial for a crowd of people, there is also safety for the people on the road.

And, there are around 9 lakh kg of betel nut in Champhai, what to do with it, it is a bit troublesome. Because of the Custom rule of the Superintendent of Police have suspect of smuggle goods or contraband goods but does not have permit to check the goods. Therefore, we don't even know what to think is my answer right now.

Hon. Member Dr. BD Chakma said, does the Autonomous District Councils have taxes to be paid to the states, is my question. Profession tax can be collected by ADC within the Autonomous District Council, which they put it into their own treasury for used. But, they have no portion in GST, which are divided by Central Government and State Government.

He said silpaulin is scanty, it is true. Before silpaulin was distributed by DM & R, it's like a joke, 'Pu Nihara office was like a bazaar, people planning to buy silpaulin are here and there'. By the end of 2019 the State Disaster Management Authority department said 'silpaulin should be decentralized instead of centralized', which the SDMA approved us. The DM & R directorate has only small amount in case of emergency, and the rest of the money is given to the DC.

Natural Calamities Committee should be formed at Village level representing all parties, Village Level Disaster Management Committee is established at block level and village level under the District Disaster Management Authority, but I don't know how the party representatives participated.

Hon. Member Pu Nihar said that border fencing caused a problem in his area. Border fencing is not the responsibility of the Mizoram Government, so it is hard to say. A day back after some brief exchange concerning department or BSF are to be discuss again further, that's how I can explain it.

Hon. Member Pu Muanpuia want to thank for the progress of the soil decline in Hunthar, The DPR prepared by the previous government was not successful. After we became Government our Hon. House Leader followed them to Delhi and it was

successful. 20 crore was allocated for the rehabilitation of Hunthar Bridge, but Central side was running away while spending 16 crore and for us 4 crore was our estimate but instead, we spent 10 crores. We spent 9 crore and few, this is underway and we hope to complete it soon.

The NDMA were inspecting the Hunthar landslide including the landslide in Armed Veng, however, they said, 'to look in the situation again', Hon. Minister Pu Roberta was putting on great effort but was not successful till to this day, it is still tackled as we speak, 'DPR is been prepared' is what I want to say. By our own money the line between Electric Veng and Chhing Veng effort are been made, but they said it was not enough, even I witness it, we will see how it can be continued as appropriate.

Pu H. Biakzaua was praising our Police. Yes, our Police are praiseworthy. Their duty post whether it is in the boundary or, in their police station or, battalion place or, traffic duty I'm glad they're doing a good job; Police Outpost in Bualpui 'Ng' was suggested to make it into a fully function PS cannot be yet completed. And, the landslide in Lawngtlai near District Hospital will be taken care this year. On 28th December, 2021 a project of ₹1,73,91,500 was submitted to NDMA, but we are not sure if it will be successful.

Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte and others said that new recruitment is difficult but compassionate should be done, even me I support it with all my heart. However, it was not successful till today. And, Hon. Member PU KT Rokhaw said about Saiha SP Office. This is what we want, but was not successful. And, Saiha District Jail was ruin and he said they were put out two/three times. We are working to fix it. And one thing I like to say is we are working to renovate Mizoram Jail through project Planning Deptt. by sending it to central. The Leaders of the Planning Department are hoping it. For Saiha District about 50 crore DPR are made. And, there is danger of landslide near Chakhei Health Sub-Centre and hope retaining wall is created, we will pursue this matter by me or through Chakhei VC, I'll follow up according to the availability of money.

A nice new member Pu K. Laldawngliana said about an empty post. But as we already said it cannot be solved because of our situation. And Kawnpui Police Station computer is in a bad situation as some cannot be used. We will follow up and will find a way to give. And, the matter about opening the Serkhan Outpost, I will not answer it. And, police officer beyond their entitlement or are the retired police officer still hiring police for domestic help, is what I said to you two times. I don't know about the situation now but we will look into it and if we found out about it we want it to be stop, So, I ask if any hon. Member knows it, we would like to report it to us and stop it.

And, Pu Ramthanmawia beg two more police at Farkawn Beat Post, but even giving two police is very difficult, we will reconsider it.

Pu Rintluanga Sailo was praising our police about the dispute in boundary, and said they need to be care, even I support it. Our Police barrack and quarters are in worse condition. And, the uniform required for one year were 800 crore but we received only 2 and half crore. Therefore, we cannot give their requirement even though they need it.

Hon. Member Pu L. Thlangmawi suggests Police Outpost or Police Station in Kawkulh, Khawdungsei and Teikhang. I suggest that Teikhang is nearer as its area is in a relationship with Burma and were chosen for Free Movement and Regime Entry Exit Point. If there is a trade in that area, police station or outpost is a needed.

Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga said, our traffic duty is praiseworthy and therefore they are eligible for standing allowance. Sitting allowance is taken by our MLAs and standing allowance should be given to the police.

Dr. Vanlalhlana said about the increase in tax target this year. Last year as we know it rise from 650 crore to 717 crore, luckily at the end of January this year, we surpass 80 crore, so for next year our leader and co-worker should work harder.

And, the illegal trade of betel nuts breaks our mind and heart and should be stop. We are taking preventive measures to stop these illegal trading. And, I will not repeat myself about the uniform. And, about the repairing of retaining wall in our area our Local Council or MLA should submit it with the rough measurement in detail.

Hon. Member Pu Lalchhuangthanga said, "Taxation need Audit wing and Investigation Wing". Right now, they are still working together and does not have separate wing with shortage of staff. We are still working on it is what I want to say. Yes, merchants are very important in GST, but if they do not register, they are giving tax. Therefore, merchants need to be faithful. Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana said there are still some who don't register and what to do with them. They should be registered and for those who have not yet registered, staff member should go and teach them how to register.

Pu Chhuana asked if our police are still staying inside a silpoulin in the boundary, some may and some may not. Hon. CM doesn't want our police duty in boundary to be in harsh condition, therefore, money should be collected and build a nice Bahrik in Kanhmun Medeli. And, somewhere build in Thinghlun which belong to an individual, they said 'if we don't build it they won't let us build it'. Therefore, the owner of the land builds it. So, in Dildawktlng, Aitlang and Vairengte Buarchep action were taking for building a house for upcoming monsoon. Other Dept. also made roads while Power Dept. are making electric pole and PHE are planning for clean water. All the police duty in boundary is taken care by our government.

Can a mizo guy David Lalrinsanga be put in DGP. IPS and IAS cadre controlling authority are MHA, but the Home Dept. Doesn't not know about it, and the DP&AR are incharge of Mizoram.

DM&R is very useful and should be reachable for Opposition MLA. And we welcome anyone in need for DM & R.

Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng mention that the Police in boundary and Lunglei area are doing a very good job. In Lunglei department are planning to make a traffic unit but was not successful. The Lunglei Fire Station should be upgrade through a project of Fifteenth Finance Commission fund and our first list in our project.

Hon. Member Er. Lalzirliana mention that Geology & Mineral Resources have already checked the land levelled in Mamit Bazaar Veng. They should be made by DP& AR and should be submit it to the central. We would like the Lengpui Outpost to be function as soon as possible but due to the shortage of money from the government, we cannot function right now.

About the 4th IR Headquarters the leader of each Mamit and Hachhek cannot get along. Now they are in 4th IR Mamit, Advance Battalion Headquarters are made in Rengdil, but it hasn't been occupied yet and should be occupied as soon as possible, and the 4th Battalion Headquarters are still in Mamit.

Hon. member Pu Zothantluanga mention something about jail with Pu Rokaw about the compassionate appointment of vacant police post. And, the Jail staffs were saying about the lack of Assistant Jailer and request the House Leader to look into the matter.

Hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana mention that there is vacancy and asked if some cancelled the ST/SC certificate given to them. In 2012, two foreigners with scheduled tribe certificate were caught and their certificate was cancelled. Our Executive Magistrate went to Khankawn check gate to give report.

Hon. member Dr. K. Pachhunga said the police and traffic are praiseworthy. They are smart and sincere in their work, he also said about the illegal trade of betel nuts.

Hon. Member Prof. Lalnunmawia is thankful for the decreasing death of alcohol related police. And, he mentioned about the danger of rock falling in Ngaizel and should be investigate it within this month.

Hon. member Vanlaltanpuia warm about the danger of landslide made by NHIDCL in the north side of the road, asked if there is compensation. But these are not on the guidelines of DM & R. And, about the danger of collapsing of Zotlang Tourist, if report of the project is submitted to Delhi.

Hon. member Pu C. Ngunlianchhunga said there is 5th IR but the HM said its 4th while it actually was 3th IR. We want to IR in Thingkah to be occupied as soon as possible. The Assam Rifles are still stuck staying in Aizawl, now the 3rd IR are still staying on the outskirts of Guwahati. The PHE Department are still working on the supply of water.

The request of the Outpost by Vanthuampui Pang Zirlaite is send to the HM, who said to look into the matter is pending. We thought the Police Department were planning the police station and outpost in different places but it turns out to be very difficult, in our meeting we suggest in 11 places including East Lungdar which is in my area. But we need permission from GAD. The Zochachhuah Outpost will be needed as soon as possible if trading started. We thought that hon. Member Pu Lalduhawma will say something about Police but instead he said about betel nut. From central we receive that MAMCO had given certificate, but were not sure if this is true. The reason is that merchant trading betel has requested that they still have much stock to sell, after

meeting with official permission were given for their last stock, but like a pot that never empty it keep pouring more and more. Since, they are not true to their word, we like them to stop for now.

So then, Pu Speaker that how I react to the request from my member, now I will talk about news from my department. First, would be from the Home Department.

As I said before all the Mizoram police Headquarters, Fire & Emergency Service Regions, Forensic Science Laboratory, Mizoram Home Guards, Civil Defence and Sainik Welfare & Resettlement are from Home. Thanks to the hard work the Police there is no complain about Law & Order in Mizoram.

Since Covid our Police have been on duty including the lockdown and curfew and our very tired. And, there were dispute in Inter-state border in which they have to be on duty without proper camp to rest. Last year, on July 26th there was exchange of fire, luckily, no one from our side were harm. During election, they were requested to be on duty since they are Indian Reserve Battalion and they were all worn out. Recently, due to Assam & West Bengal election around 8 companies were sent and for Manipur election around 10 companies were also sent. Under Police Department from SEDP we receive little money to build Police barrack, for Company Headquarters in Vairengte around 223 lakh are been prepared which are transfer to PWD.

Due to the hard-work from traffic police, those who broke the rules on vehicles were around 8,806 in which 29.46 lakhs are collected. During the outbreak of covid around 170 people have finished their training course in PTS, 11 people are sent out of state for training. From Police Headquarters around 170 from Medic & Communication Skills: Training of Investigators on women Safety and Orientation Course had given on online. Luckily, the broken down UD & PA 1st Battalions Hospital were rebuild for around 40 lakhs. The police petrol station is in Fire & Emergency Service Headquarters, Khawzawl are also preparing for it. Even elsewhere including Kawlchaw has been plan. Illegal of arms, medicine and bullets have also been seized. In 2021 all the illegal seize were estimated around 51.56 crore. Around 39 guns and 4307 bullets have been seized and 16 cases were registered.

Nirbhaya Fund, for the safety of women has been considered. Women Help-desk has been made from 39 police stations. By the order of Supreme Court CCTV has been place in police station and outpost. Now they want proved of voice recording which are sanction for 2 crore.

Anti-Human Traffic Unit which are in Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, Kolasib have been improved and four other district Siaha, Serchhip, Lawngtlai and Mamit are also planning from Nirbhaya Fund which they found 1.9 crore. Since the police on duty during covid, they arrested individual for breaking the law and all the fines are around 103.56 lakhs.

Fire & Emergency Services have receives fire call around 337 times throughout the year. Main reason of fire is due to domestic fire, carelessness and electric short circuit. 33 cases are registered for fire incident. Fires services which follow the AMC

building regulation since 2013 to this year January 2022 and collected Fire NOC fee total of ₹12, 34, 434.

Recently, three new Fire Tender– high pressure pumps are given by the DM & R money which is 140 lakhs. One of the equipment was sent to Lunglei. On 17th December a fire broke out in DC, Aizawl office, because of the threat of another fire in other office measures have been made and fire audit was held in heritage building 27.

Since summer are coming close, everyone should be careful of fire outbreak, smokers should make sure if the cigarette is extinguished, farmers should be making proper road so the fire on field would not spread. To upgrade the Fire station the 15th Finance Commission under ward have submitted 47.25 crore.

About prison, I think everyone would agree that jail is not just a prison, but for redemption. I talked to other department and NGOs about my thought on prison and we all agreed on employment of prisoner after their sentence is over. Under Prison Department, Development & Vocational Program in different jail has been set.

All those who raise cock, pig, sell seeds, weave cloths, make soaps, sew cloth and tame bees were given training. Those who raise cock and pig have received ₹2,7,15,000/- from agriculture during 2021-2022 years and submit it to the government. And, the jail infrastructure is already 30 years old and need repair and renovation; the department are preparing concept paper. Inside the jail from the SEDP money ₹14,15,000 has been spent for water tank.

Due to covid around 100 people have been infected in Central Jail, those patients are kept in separate ward and now they all have recovered. The jail is now covid-free. Most of the build in Central Jail are ruin and with the only money we have around ₹12,73,000/- the District Jail are been repaired.

Mizoram Home Guard & Civil Defence in 2021-2022 from Home guard volunteer duty reimbursement have receive a revenue receipt of ₹250,74,072/- till January. During 2021-2022 Civil Defence have receive money from below –

Machinery & Equipment	-	₹28,00,000/-
Motor Vehicle	-	₹24,00,000/-

Administration approval is pending with the Government.

Mizoram Forensic Science Laboratory is not a very big Department, but is very useful. During April 2021- January 2022 have receive 777 cases and 6211 exhibit exam. They also visited 37 places of crime scene. The Forensic Science Laboratory are very praiseworthy and have 0 pending case. Under the Nirbhaya Fund Scheme of India pilot project of 10 areas, Mizoram Forensic Science have been selected, from then on DNA laboratory have been upgrade. New Cyber Forensic Laboratory has been opened in 24th February, 2022. Around 5,982 miscreant finger prints have been kept in computer for investing crime.

Online Case Tracking System that is not available in other State are been made, the Police, Excise & Narcotics, ACB and others now can pursue case easily by looking at the Mizoram Forensic Science Laboratory website.

The Sainik Welfare & Resettlement are to help retired soldiers and still in duty. Sanik have given 33 war veteran gratuity of ₹2,400 every month and ₹2,000 to the 369 war widow. And the 7 disbanded Assam Regiment received ₹2,400 every month.

This year due to Covid on Armed Forces Flag Day they were not able to sell flag but they still receive donation of ₹55,530/-. And, this year was the 50 years India defeat East Pakistan, Vijay Diwas and was celebrated on 16th December. And Ex-Servicemen reunion was held and 8 war-widow received ₹2,000 each.

Last year we receive good news that two Mizo young men Subedar K. Laldingliana and Havildar Laltlanzoa were awarded Sena Medal for their bravery in Operation Rakshak and were given ₹3,00,000 each. The Assured Decent Last-rites Scheme is when ex-military have died, they will receive proper burial or cremation, about 27 individuals submit an application and were given ₹ 10,000 each.

Pu Speaker, The Home Secretariat in line department is doing unrecognized work. Those are number one about the solution of the land dispute between Mizoram and Assam. Not only the solution by is having trouble in the land dispute which are complain to the Union Home Ministry, and our Secretariat are working very hard.

About the transfer of Assam rifle our Home Department are the one taking all the works. The refugee from Myanmar is also in the hand of the Home but the cash are received from the DM & R. State Level Committee are form because of the refugee from Myanmar and a smaller committee from Addl. Home Secretary are made for learning and watching.

The DM&R Secretariat are working together for the prevention of covid; some time they reach 2 am just to submit a file. Pu Speaker, about the DM&R Department is very important, there are around ten people. As we all know Disaster Management process has State Disaster Management Authority our hon. Chief Minister is chairman, Vice Chairman are Dy. Chief Minister and Chief Secretary who are CEO and Member-Secretary. Under SDMA there is SEC State Executive Committee in which Chief Secretary chaired the meeting. DM& R receive money from central and 90:10 state-matching shares, we give 10% to them. They change the name 'SDRF' to 'SDRMF' (State Disaster Risk Mitigation Fund), and the SDRMF are divided into two, one is SDRF (State Disaster Response Fund), all the money of 80% went to SDRF and 20% went to Stare Disaster Mitigation Fund. Then, from SDRMF 80% and 50% from SDRF are donate to prevention of Covid. Then, all the money receives from SDRF to fight Covid is ₹3,31,07,08,234, which are distribute to the Disaster Management Authorities, and Health Department receive 14 crore.

The Construction of machinery stone brass wall with RCC frame structure for protection treatment of Bawngkawn landslide Area, Near Hauva Filling Station of around 3 crore was submitted in October. Hon. Member Pu Biakzaua always said about,

‘Structure at landslide on uphill site of KMMTTP Road at Civil Hospital to prevent from further slide’, of ₹1,73,91,500/- has been submitted in December. The soil decline in Hunthar work has been started and believes to be almost finished. In addition to the money we got from NDMA, our Chief Minister has sent PWD to check on 3place/4places of our problem. Could it be due to the treatment on the side because it was badly ruin during monsoon, the road is our only National Highway or life line supply. Afga Nitra training was held in Aizawl District. From 5 District NDMA have given 100 people training in Champhai, Kolasib, Lunglei, Mamit and Serchhip through fund. In French language ‘Afga Nitra’ means ‘Disaster’, the decrease family of Local Level Task Force active member due to covid receive ₹10,000/- each. And, the DM & R from SDRS money by the order of the Supreme Court about 445 people receive ₹50,000/- money.

Recently, the DM & R Department and Pachhunga University College, Aizawl work together to make three Seismic Station, in Pachhunga University College, BDO compound in Khawbung and DC office in Lunglei. Here they spent ₹11,04,725. And from the DM & R budget 5 crore budget have ben kept fir the MNF returnee in the year of December to PAMRA General Hqrs and Sub-Hqrs.

From the money increase in the bank the DM & R request of the Emergency Response Vehicle was granted by the SDMA and process are made, and 2 vehicles are brought for the Directorate.

About taxation, there are only few staff member but are very good in work and hardworking. The Taxation Department were working hard for the insufficient funds of the Government. Different Department in revenue are – GST, Mizoram VAT and Profession Tax. GST has the highest amount received, in 2021-2022 BE target 650 crore, and increase by ₹717 by RE. Now the 717 of RE surpass by 85 crore. And the total collection is 802 crore.

Taxation want office building and staff headquarter in different District Hqrs., but were not successful because it was all deposit work. Under PWD taxation office and staff quarter were built in Mamit, Lunglei and Saiha and the works are almost finish, and expected to be occupied in April. In Serchhip staff quarter type II unit have been finished are occupied.

This year further steps are planned and taxation office in Serchhip, Lawngtlai Office cum quarters and Champhai staff quarters are making progress. Pu Speaker, these are the achievement made by our department.

Then, Pu Speaker, My Demand are: -

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8	Taxation	22,56,13,000.00
16	Home	7,21,25,40,000.00
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	63,84,79,000.00
TOTAL		8,07,66,32,000.00

I request the hon. House to pass my demand of ₹8,07,66,32,000.00.

SPEAKER : As we all know these are the demand of Hon. Pu Lalchamliana :

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The Minister beg the House to pass his demands, if we agree say 'agree' and if not 'not agree'. (**Members** : Agree)

Then, the demand of ₹8,07,66,32,000.00 from Hon. Pu Lalchamliana have been passed in the House. (**Pu Lalchamliana, Minister**: Pu Speaker, thank you.)

Yes, today Business is over, we will take a break, Tomorrow 9.3.2022, Wednesday at 10:30 am we will start again.

Sitting is adjourned. (8:46PM)