

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR NINTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 7th 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.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

Discussion and Voting on Demands

2. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, 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>
4	Law & Judicial	28,03,000.00	16-31
12	Parliamentary Affairs	87,80,000.00	67-69
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	2,60,84,16,000.00	341-349
42	State Transport	45,69,33,000.00	396-404
TOTAL		3,35,44,42,000.00	

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

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17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2,60,99,44,000.00	147-155
19	Local Administration	1,20,64,20,000.00	160-167
35	Fisheries	9,29,03,000.00	336-340
TOTAL		3,90,92,67,000.00	

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

Demand No.	Department	Budget Amount (in ₹)	<i>Demand for Grants Page No.</i>
23	Art & Culture	11,59,75,000.00	204-212
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,92,03,14,000.00	262-267
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	19,80,57,000.00	321-324
39	Power & Electricity	6,44,88,03,000.00	366-375
TOTAL		11,68,31,49,000.00	

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : “But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine”

- Titus 2:1

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

We will go to *Questions and Answers*. Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask Starred Question no. 121.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

Is there any proposal to renovate potential areas like Kauruam, Zawlpui Zau, Tuipawl Zau, Putlungsih, Tuisen Chhuah and Bolia locality of Lunglei?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon hon. Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the hon. Member’s question, there are several central schemes under the department and different proposals under SEDP State flagship programme that we plan on implementing in the future.

SPEAKER : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask supplementary question.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker, my question is –

Can you tell me major schemes to improve the subsistence and livelihood of the people particularly in agriculture?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, my question is –

Since the previous government, it seems that there had never been any attempt to stop fertilizers smuggling and the people thus suffer the consequences. Is there any attempt to stop this illegal practice?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Pu Lalrinsanga to answer the question.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: To answer the question of hon. Member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng, there are several SEDP flagship programmes and we are planning to carry it out as fast as possible. Under NABARD, we have ongoing project across various districts including ₹70 lakhs which will be disbursed for development of uncultivated lands.

Regarding the question of hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma, fertilizer is an interesting topic for many including Agriculture Department with the programme of '*Mission Organic Value Chain Development*'. Moreover, the north-eastern region received special programme to ensure smooth outsourcing of the local products. As there is no official report on fertilizer smuggling, the answer could be provided only after we receive the detailed reports from our experts.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga to ask starred Question No. 122.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister for Art & Culture Department be pleased to state -

Is there a proposal for establishment of Art & Culture District office in all the districts?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: To answer the question of hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga, there is no proposal as of now.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga to ask supplementary question.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : My question is - When will the on-going construction of District Museum at Lunglei be completed? Who is the funding source and how much fund is received so far?

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw to ask the supplementary question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, I ask the hon. Minister if the Mara Autonomous District Council (MADC) may also have Cultural Hall-cum-Museum of or own?

SPEAKER : Pu VL Zaithanzama to ask supplementary question.

PU VL. ZAITHANMAWIA: Pu Speaker, my question for hon. Minister is –

It is regretted that all important documents and records at DC office vanishes in fire incident whereas scan copy of such documents are not accepted. If there is a proposal to transfer such kind of important documents to Mizoram State Archive?

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

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: To answer the question of hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga, fund for construction of Lunglei Museum is received from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India amounting to ₹8,27,21,000/- out of which we have spent around ₹413 lakhs so far. We expect to complete the project by the end of this year.

The question regarding MADC, it would be appropriated to have the project under PMJVK and we will do our best to look into the matter.

Regarding question from hon. Member Pu Zaithanzama, under the keen pursuance of Directorate of Art & Culture dept, there is regulation that all departments under Govt. of Mizoram should have their valuable files archived.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu Zodintluanga to ask starred Question No. 123.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state –
What have the Govt. done so far for the people of eastern region for cultivation of passion-fruit?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer for the question of hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte is –
Starting from 2019 - 2020 till date, there is ongoing SEDP project of passion fruit cultivation carried out in Ngur and Mualkawi villages.

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga to ask supplementary question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, as we all know, Pi Maria CT Zuali, Champhai DC initiated a project of Sapthei processing plant which involves ₹750 lakhs. My question is – Which authority will take up the maintenance - the Govt. DC or Growers' society? As per starred Question no. 291, may the Govt. take up maintenance of Hnahlan grapes plantation?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask supplementary question.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, my question to the hon. Chief Minister is –

May roadside market-shed be constructed in Mualthuam area to help dragon fruits farmers disposing their productions in time? I also opine cold storage be installed at Saichho as the production is increasing. Also, since this area is a certified *center of excellence for fruits*, we would like to know its functions as well?

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask supplementary question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is based on dragon-fruits cultivation under Lawngtlai Horticulture Division.

Officials were instructed to make selection of suitable farmers to bring out a successful cultivation and was followed. However, list of selection here is completely different from the previous one as so is confusing. My question is - If the selection actually made and how it is processed? Is it true that there is no room for people outside MNF party? May the process be continued with the previous list of selection?

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer question from the hon. Member regarding passion-fruits cultivation, we have a pilot-project in Mualkawi and Ngur areas under which 20 families each were selected for the project. A new method is applied to prolong the growing period and to minimize usage of fresh land for new cultivation.

Regarding grapes plantation, it is a challenging task for the fruit naturally contains high alcohol. With the implementation of *Total Prohibition Act* by the Govt., we are now trying to chalk out the balance between the two projects.

Coming now to the question of Pu Vanlaltanpuia, we have cold storage at Mualthum - *Centre of Excellence* which is thriving on various ways for the progress. We are planning to set up more roadside market sheds as well.

Regarding dragon fruits cultivation in Lawngtlai District, the concerned field-staff selected 10 people each under MIDE and SEDP scheme in 2020-2021 with a sanction of ₹1,20,000/- per selected household. Regarding selection of beneficiary, it is absolutely accessible for people outside MNF Party since selection is made based on success rate.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: As reported by the officials, 6 people who were previously selected were excluded in the final list. So, I ask if they can be included once again?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Since dragon fruits cultivation is a long-term project, I supposed those 6 people were excluded with the opinion of not being able to come up with a successful cultivation.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 124.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my questions for hon. Home Minister are -

- a) There is a money-laundering business in Serchhip area under the name of *Pearl Vine* offering excessively high rate of interest. I would like to know if this business is proved to be safe for the customers?
- b) How many of local people invest their money so far to this firm? If there is the same kind of firm operating in other districts as well?

SPEAKER : Though this question is of financial subject, I call upon the hon. Home Minister for the question is directed to his department.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: My answer to hon. Group Leader is –

- a) It is currently under investigation as it is believed to be unsafe for the people.
- b) So far, 119 have invested.
- c) The investigation is in process.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to ask supplementary question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, construction of Thingkah - 5th IR Bn is now going on and it said to be completed in November, 2019. However, it remains uncompleted. When will this be completed? What is the financial and physical achievement of the project?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question for hon. Home Minister Pu Lalchamliana is –

1) How many of the police officers under Home Department who are keeping Grade IV personnel beyond his entitlement? If there is any, is the department aware of it? If pensioners are entitled to keep Grade IV personnel?

2) Group-D workers had also been detailed in some field operations to serve the battalion. But their TA/DA is trifling in compare to the amount received by the officers. May the same amount of allowance be given to such Group D employee?

3) I would like to stress the need for more vehicles in Home Deptt. as there has been many cases in the past where the accused and victim needs to be transported in the same vehicle for lack of enough vehicle. What kind of measure should be taken to solve this problem?

SPEAKER : Hon. Home Minister Pu Lalchamliana to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Regarding the 4th IR Bn. (not the 5th as asked by Pu Ngunlianchunga), construction of the approach road is completed as of now. The work as a whole cannot be reported as completed without water construction which is in progress.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Obviously there was mis-information; I went there myself and barely see any work being done.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Investigation will be made in that regard. Long delay of the construction is due to compensation claim.

To answer the question of hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana, order has been issued regarding the matter and we have no information if anyone fail to obey. Pu Speaker, may the second question be repeated?

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Some Group D employees under Police Deptt. had often been detailed in the operation but without allowance being given. So, may the allowance be given to such employees as well?

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: We will enquire the matter. As of shortage of vehicle, this problem existed since long ago. When Central Home Minister Pu Amit Shah visited Aizawl in 2020, he had given a green signal to the hon. Chief Minister for provision of ₹500-600 crore to resolve the problem. However, we received his words of regret only. Yet, we are doing our best to solve the problem.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga to ask *Starred Question* No. 125.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Art & Culture Department be pleased to state -

When will the construction of Lai Culture Centre-cum-Auditorium in Lawngtlai be completed? Who is the constructor? What is the cost of the project?

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

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: The estimate time of completion is 15th March, 2022. It is constructed by Lushai Engineers, Ramhlun South. Project cost is ₹466.62 lakh plus additional fund of ₹14.00 lakh.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, Champhai District is an important district in terms of cultural richness. We have number of historical sites such as - Lianchhiari Lunglen Tlang, Thasiama Seno Neihna, Fiara Tui etc. Considering all that, we strongly feel that we deserve to have a District Museum or Cultural Centre. So, I request the hon. Minister to consider the case.

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker. we have *Mara Typical Village* being set up at Zyhno to commemorate Mara culture and customs. Is it possible to enhance the village?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To answer the question of Dr. ZR Thiamsanga, I am regretted to mention that it is not possible to consider his request from the existing fund provision. Yet, it may be possible if we approach the central govt. As of his request for District Cultural Centre, I have discussed the matter with hon. Law Minister as Tlangsam is proposed for the site. DPR has already been submitted for the said and we hope to see the outcome in the near future.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Starred Question* No. 126.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Home Department be pleased to state -

- a) Is there any intention to evict Assam Police forces stationed at Aitlang, Buarchep and Saihapui V?
- b) If the government have initiative for strengthening the Police forces in border areas?
- c) What is the exact size of the area occupied by the Assam Police within Mizoram?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchamliana, the hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: The answer is as follows -

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes.
- a) There is clash of opinion regarding the borderline. A such, it is difficult to mention the exact size of land occupied by the Assam Police.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, there are two kinds of border dispute, one is - conflict between the inhabitants on both side of the border; the other is dispute on the actual borderlines. The first one may die down as time passes but the second problem is ceaseless. Do the Govt. take measure to resolve this border dispute? If so, what is the progress so far?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Dr. BD Chakma to ask *Supplementary Question*.

DR. B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, two townships within my constituency Rasmondal and Montola have closer proximity to Chawngte compared to Borapansuri, a place in which a Police Station is located covering the aforementioned towns. Is it possible to place a police station at Chawngte to cover these two townships?

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Supplementary Question*.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: On border issue, Mizoram based 1875 notification (No. 2299P). Do the Govt. opine the said notification to be safe and reliable for the future of Mizoram state? Do the Govt. believe in victory based on this issue?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Home Minister, Pu Lalchamliana to answer the questions.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Regarding Dr. BD Chakma's question, if your concern for the people is of what exactly felt by the people, then, we will look into it after you have submitted a written request.

As for the question of Pu Lalrindika, our stance is the *Inner Line Regulation, 1873*. Most of us including political parties, NGOs and others agrees with it; but none

able to confirm what is best and to whom as border dispute is never an easy topic to solve.

Moving on to the question from Pu Lalduhoma, after our border dispute with Assam 2020, several official meetings had taken place but no tangible outcome has yet been made till now.

In fact, border dispute cannot be solved by a single group, it requires mutual consent from both parties. That being said, a meeting was held on 14th July comprising representative from all political parties and NGOs and decided to set up *Boundary Committee* consisting of all parties and NGOs. Meetings were held three times and Home Department forwarded a recommendation to set up Boundary Commission on Central Govt. level.

After careful deliberation, the committee felt the current approach would not be effective. So, as the next step, we were planning a conference with Manohar Parrikar Institute of Defense and Analysis, but the conference was postponed two times for various reasons and we are still waiting for the opportunity. When the time comes, Boundary Committee will have open discussion based on 1875 notification, only after that we will be able to move forward. Pu Speaker, as Pu Lalduhoma, the hon. Group leader had mentioned, ‘negotiation is *gives and takes*, but not *imposition*’; as the latter one never result in peace. Thank you.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

SPEAKER : Now, let us move on to *Financial Business*. We are going to discuss the Demands of the three hon. Ministers such as - Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, Pu K. Lalrinliana and Pu R. Lalzirliana. First, Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on recommendation of Governor of Mizoram and, with your permission, I move the following demands –

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SPEAKER : Next is, hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana.

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SPEAKER : Let us now call upon hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana.

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SPEAKER : How much time should we give to each member? Alright, let it be 10 minutes. Let us call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte to open the discussion.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 36 - Forest Department, we have many reasons to be thankful for.

Within my constituency, especially in Vairengte, broom cultivation has now become a common source of income. As such, we are extremely grateful when the royalty went down from ₹7 to 1.

Speaking of Serlui Constituency, I strongly feel that effort needs to be made for promoting eco-tourism. If we can make use of CAMPA fund, it would be important to set up *treatment plants*. I would like to request hon. Minister to set up Botanical Garden as we have several suitable places around Bilkhawthlir and Vairengte. We really need to have *Pualreng Sanctuary* renovated as well.

Among various points to be discussed in Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, I would like to mention how grateful we are that Commercial Vehicle Terminal is set up at Vairengte. Moreover, we are even grateful to have Auto-Rickshaw route in Saiphai, Saipum and Phaisen. As inter-state boundary, Vairengte has several check gates and ADTO post thus should be set up so as to increase revenue.

In Demand No. 17 - Supply Department, we have witnesses how the department function amidst Covid and border disputes; it was a wonder that there we never had shortage of ration supply and other necessities. In this connection, I would like to know the progress of construction of staff-quarters of Supply Deptt. at Serlui.

In Demand No. 19 - LAD, everything is handed to the people through VC, but there are several towns without VC House. I would like to know if there is any proposal to establish new VC house and to renovate old ones.

In Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department, it seems there is on-going project to help setting up fish tanks and assisting existing ones. I would like to know the progress made so far.

In Demand No. 33 - Soil Department, we often consider this department as inconsequential but is crucial in preventing soil erosion, drought, etc. ₹10 crore is being sanctioned through NABARD but is not enough.

In Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, there is a problem of insufficiency of staff despite the department perform it best. And, we are truly grateful for provision of new electric connection in various regions.

To conclude my speech, I support the demands of the three hon. Ministers. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw is next.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, I would like to discuss matter relating to *Order of Precedence*, on 11th August, 2020. GAD released the *Order of Precedence* with *Article of Warrant* clearly mentioned in it. But it is unfortunate that leaders of Autonomous District Councils are not included in it. A complain is lodged yet, it has not been revised till now. As representatives of the people, they strongly feel that they should be treated the way they deserve.

Secondly, in Art & Culture, we have Mara Typical Village at Zyhno, but our Council does not have sufficient fund to develop the village. Thus, I would like to ask if the State government could propose project of the same to Central Govt.

In Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department, Tuipang Hydel Project used to be the main source of power supply for Siaha and Lawngtlai Districts before landslide occur. I understand that work is now in progress; but I would like to know the exact situation as of now.

Also, I would like to inform the hon. Minister that transmission line of Siaha - Chakhei often fail and Lawngtlai - Siaha is only of 33kV line. As such, we desperately need 132kV line.

In Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, the supply of commodities and other necessities are imported usually by means of trucks and other vehicles. As such is the case, we need truck terminal or wayside amenities that includes fuel station, ATM booth, toilet, parking etc. I urge hon. Minister to keep this in mind.

Secondly, Siaha bus station has been functioning for years and without renovation or re-construction. So, we also need bus and maxi-cab terminal in addition to that.

In Demand No. 17, Legal Metrology Deptt. of Saiha District urgently needs staff and DCSO quarters as staff posted here often met with scarcity of house for renting. I would also like to request hon. Minister to fill rice stockpile before monsoon comes.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaua is next.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : First, Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial, Lawngtlai is located is frequented by various criminal cases such as murder case, rape case, arm case etc which requires judicial control. In order to solve the problem, I opine we need Fast-Track Court so that Judges from other districts may be deployed.

In Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forests & Climate Change Deptt., Phawngpui National Park and Ngengpui Sanctuary are placed under the jurisdiction of the State Govt as per MoU which expired after twenty years. As such is the case, I opine it is time to restore the authority back to District Council for more safety of the two important places.

In Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, we are fortunate for having a separate DTO office at Lawngtlai and also a new mar-boat at Maurawp Kai thanks to valuable concern of the hon. Minister and Chief Minister. In addition, I would also like to request the concerned minister permission of two-wheeler taxi service to alleviate traffic problem of Lawngtlai.

In Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, we are grateful to the government for many things particularly relocating some villages within Sangau RD Block from the control of DCSO Lunglei to DCSO Lawngtlai, the district where they belong. I am also proud to mention that we hardly have any shortage of ration supply since the establishment of Legal Mythology Deptt. and Supply Deptt. go-down at Lungtian. While this is the case, Go-downs at Lungpher and Vawmbuk needs renovation.

Lastly, in Demand No. 39 - Power and Electricity, I appreciate upgradation of Lawngtlai 33 kV to 132 kV. Yet, we still have a problem relating to cable alignment as some lines are being ignored due to building construction and some destroyed by felling trees. I, therefore I would like to request hon. Minister to look into this matter. Thank you. (*Chairman, Dr. F. Lalnumawia takes the Chair.*)

CHAIRMAN : Hon. Member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng is next.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker. In Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, the most notable work done by the department is that they are now free from debt; plus, they surrender ₹2,352 lakh to the Govt. and provides special assistance to differently abled-children as well.

In Demand No. 36 - Forest Department, it is a known fact that human beings and other living things needs each other to have clean environment. That being said, I would like to make a request to establish Botanical Garden in Lunglei District.

On Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial Deptt., as we have seen todays, most of the leaders of independent countries around the globe are of law graduates who makes strong impact on the administration of their countries for achieving the goals. As such, we also need to consider setting up our learning institutions towards this sphere. Regarding Lunglei Court building, I request the hon. minister to examine the situation and take initiative as soon as possible.

On Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Deptt., tremendous performance is witnessed over the course of year. Even amidst and after covid, we are fortunate to receive a regular supply of foods, petrol and gas which further indicates efficiency of the govt.

On Demand No. 19 - Local Administration Department, it is grateful to have numbers of VC house being setup and repaired. Also, our district parks may be equipped with better facilities to have more visitors.

Regarding Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department, our fish production is increasing as so is importing. Considering the number of eggs one fish can produce, it is questionable how we still need to import. Anyway, we are moving forward to attain self-sufficiency thanks to the advice and support of the hon. Minister and his department.

On Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department, Lunglei District is now able to use 132 kV alternate lines and as a result, we barely have shortage of power and we are ever grateful towards the department.

At the same time, I request replacement of transformers which are old and rusty and also to upgrade which are too small. Also, the approach road to Mini-Hydel station may be reconstructed. Regarding Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, we really need to take precautions in order to avoid soil erosion. If we ignore this problem, we will eventually face difficulties in the near future.

On Art & Culture, a kind of magnitude is observed in the department as our valuable culture has a great impact on our youth and young ones and we do not need to adopt this trend afresh as it already has a place in our traditions.

So, Pu Speaker, I suppose we should all agree for passing of the demands of the three hon. Ministers. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Dr. B.D. Chakma.

PU B.D CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. In Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, there is one issue I would like to address. Obtaining permit of commercial vehicle is quite a problem these days which consequently affect some auto-rickshaw drivers to pay a huge fine since they are compelled by their livelihoods to service without registration. As such is the case, it is important for the concerned authority to speed up the process of issue permit to any applicants having such vehicles. Another problem is, Pu Chairman, there is a notification issued from DTO Lawngtlai to report all concern commercial vehicles within its control at DTO office Lawngtlai which is much inconvenient to those living outside Lawngtlai District. I really hope at least registered vehicles are excluded.

In Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, it is learned that there are families who apply for shifting the category of their ration card without providing any reason whatsoever. There should be a solid point for their reasons otherwise their application should not be considered. As of demanding a fingerprint for

delivery of ration supply, I opine it is exasperating for rural people and a more convenience process thus should be used for the same.

In Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs Department, I appreciate *On-man Enquiry Commission* being set up to investigate superfluous illegal appointment within CADC. In the meantime, I would like to make a request for financial provision to the three ADCs for the celebration of District Council Golden Jubilee in the near future.

In Demand No. 30 - Power & Electricity Department, power supply is consistent than ever over the course of years but many regions around Indo-Bangladesh border are still facing shortage of power supply. As such, I would like to know the progress of extension of kV line to that effect.

Regarding Fisheries, CADC is thriving in the field of fish farming and I strongly believe the same can be done for prawn farming. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu L. Thangmawia is next.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. Regarding Law & Judicial, I would like to stress the importance of Parliamentary Affairs which play an important role between Legislators and the Govt. So, I urge all officials under Govt. of Mizoram to discuss nothing but the truth and to be true to one another.

On Demand No. 36 - Forest & Climate Change Department, I request the hon. Minister to continue with his initiative on Hliappui Rest House and to consider our the need for more staff.

On Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, the concerned minister and his staffs done tremendous job and in co-operation of the people. We see some progresses in the process of Inland-waterways project which is expected to have great potential for commercial. Pu Dy. Speaker, in my constituency, we practically called MST service '*Our lifeline*' for plying to major villages within my constituency such as - Mimbang, Hringmun, Teikhang and Kawlbem etc.

Regarding Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, we are ever grateful to the officials for their consistent and abundant supply of ration that does not diminish even through covid. In this connection, I opine it would be more convenient for the people if retailer and outlet is set up at one place.

Regarding the Demand of Local Administration, I request the concerned authority to arrange special loan for the benefit of rural people so that they could start at least a petty business for their livings.

Regarding the Demand of Fisheries Deptt, fish farming seems to be a legit business but farmers often face difficulties in its marketing. So, we have to look into this matter.

In the Demand of Art & Culture Department, it is much desirable to have a compilation of historical sites and cultural heritage in one compact file which can be accessed by all.

In Demand No. 27, I would like to request hon. Minister to clearly specify tell me what minority actually includes and whether or not all Christians are considered minor.

In Demand No. 39 - P&E, we often learn through social media about the relentless effort made by PHE staffs for the repair and installation so that supply of water is in good condition.

To conclude my speech on the demands of the three ministers, I will conclude by saying that they are all more than deserving to go through the next step.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is time for us to have a recess; we will continue with our discussion at 2.00 PM.

2:00 PM

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

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all want to express my support to all the demands of the three hon. Ministers.

In Demand No. 39, power supply is consistent than ever these days but we always face power failure on rainy seasons due to old-model dish which shuts itself down when wet. I hope that it can be improved by replacing with polymer dish. Also, weakened electric post of not less than 50 nos. need replacement, some towers need repair whereas three sub-stations such as Khuangleng, Khawbung and Farkawn has problem of leakage roof which need immediate repair. We really look forward to completion of Tlawva Mini-Hydel Project and I am glad that the work is in progress.

Regarding Demand No. 17, we are ever grateful that supply of ration, gas and oil supply is consistent even after covid. In this connection, supply godown at Dungleang and Farkawn need storekeeper as the building need repair as well.

On Demand No. 19 - LAD, I would like to inform the hon. Minister that we need VC Houses cemetery shed in many villages within my constituency.

In Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department, may the concerned minister inform the House that how many of fish farmers being selected to benefit the scheme for the year 2020-2021 and what is the progress so far?

Lastly, in Demand No. 36, I would like to inform the concerned minister that Khawbung Forest IB of my constituency need more staff and renovation of its building.

Lastly, I express my support in passing of these demands. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, in the demand of Transport Department, I am delighted to witness successful completion of various projects among which Inland Water Transport project is worth mentioning.

Under the Demand of Art & Culture, Tlabung, being the oldest town in Mizoram, has the first post office, first police station in Mizoram, plus, Missionary Kai etc. With the supervision of the department, I suggest they should be preserved and taken care.

In Demand No. 33 - Land, Soil & Water Conservative, it is really important to have rich soil. So, unless something is done to prevent wastage of soil, I am afraid we face a serious consequence in the future.

In Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, Tlabung is functioning under the supervision of JE and so will be much appreciated if it is upgraded as Sub-Division?

In Demand No. 17, construction of National Highway Lunglei - Tlabung road is now in progress and so is wise for the government to make enough food stock before monsoon season comes.

In Demand No. 35, I would like to know if there is initiative for fish production within my constituency which is a certified potential area for fish farming.

Regarding the demand of LAD, my constituency comprises 12 village councils in which the majority are without VC House. So, I request the hon. Minister to keep in mind of our shortage. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Er. H. Lalzirliana is next.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forests & Climate Change Deptt, we have *Tiger Reserve Forest* in Dampa Sanctuary of Teirei. Obviously due to negligence and lack of knowledge of safe-keeping such animals, some were gone; but fortunately, some has returned. It is therefore important for the department to be more careful in this regard.

Pu Speaker, MST service plying to my constituency is withdrawn twice due to poor condition of road. Since the condition has now improving, we really hope for immediate resumption of MST bus service. Also, I would like to know when permission of two-wheeler service will be given for Mamit District.

Regarding Food & Civil Supplies, we all are aware of consistency of rice supply, thanks to the efforts of the hon. Minister and the department concerned. Likewise, steps taken by the government for improvement of bottling plant and home delivery of cooking gas are remarkable.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that the community hall of Tuipuibari is now used as go-down extension due to lack of enough place for monsoon stock.

However, fund sanctioned to that effect is less sufficient and so is wise for the government to make a separate allotment for the said project.

Under the Demand of P&E, it is regretted that the process of 132 kV line of Bairabi – West Phaileng via Mamit is taking longer than expected. So, I urge the concerned authority for immediate attention. We also have shortage of linesmen which may be noted as well. In the meantime, I would like to inform the hon. Minister of a convenient for setting up mini-hydel project at Saitlaw area for which initiative be made. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu VL Zaithanzama, hon. Member is next.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me start with Demand No. 39, Power & Electricity. I must say that power supply is improving but budget provision to this department decreases by 8.49% as so for other projects. Also, since mini-hydel projects we have so far barely make profit, it is wise for us to upgrade any of such projects to 25 mW or more. We need at least 15 mW power to pump out enough water supply. Likewise, a sufficient amount of water could not be obtained from Tuirial water supply as well. So, it is wise for us to determine improvement of our mini-hydel project we had so far. I do not know if we have any on-going project except Vankal Solar Park which is expected to be completed in March, 2021 remain incomplete.

Secondly, in Demand No. 36, soil erosion, to some extents causes hindrance to our power generation. So, it is crucial that the government prioritize preventing soil erosion and conserve forest so as to prevent scarcity of water.

Under the Demand No. 42, it is grateful that MST service is extended beyond our state covering the neighbouring states such as – Zampui (Tripura) and Churachanpur (Manipur) etc. While this is the case, it is regretted to learn that the people find it a problem to obtain learner's license from the department. As such, is there a way to simply the process to prevent wasting of time for the applicants? Regarding two-wheeler taxi permission, there are 2400 nos. which has been issued up to February, 2021. In this regard, we may also consider the existing problem we have with such taxi stands as we demand for more permissions.

Lastly, in the Demand of Art & Culture, Archive is an important wing of the department where important documents are kept for future references. There are two laws which remains incomplete, such as - *The Mizoram Public Record Act, 2011* and *The Mizoram Public Record Rule, 2014*. So, I believe we should always finish what we have started. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSENGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker, I, first of all I would like to state my support on the demands of the hon. Ministers which has been discussed today.

We are thankful for so many things, and at the same time, we have to make several requests as well. Under NEC, 2.41 crore is being sanctioned for afforestation

drive. Zotlang YMA Park is being converted to Botanical Garden, and Champhai is potential area which may be promote to eco-forestry, eco-tourism and forest conservation in general. Also, we need Forest quarter and Forest Rest House for our Forest Guards.

On Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, we are fortunate to have officials and workers who provide us abundant ration supply despite different problems faced by the state. It is learned that go-down is being set up at several places and I really hope that it will include my constituency as well.

Lastly, we are grateful to have 132 kV line on East Lungdar – Khawzawl – Champhai. Pu Speaker, Champhai being a potential area, it really deserve to have its own Museum as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Laldawngliana is next.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To start with, Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forest & Climate Change, obviously there is plan to transform Aizawl Zoo as a State of Art and I am really grateful for that.

Pu Speaker, Lungdai is under Tuirial constituency but it is within Kolasib District. I urge it is included within Kolasib district. At the same time, I would like to know the progress eco-tourism project of Kawnpui Zotlang.

On Demand No.17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affair, there are several projects that help us improve our living condition; even if we do not mention them, we are all aware of the changes that has taken place under this department.

Under Art & Culture, I am glad that any festivals are organized successfully under the guidance of this Department as it integrates NGOs and other organizations.

Lastly, on the demand Power & Electricity, decades have passed since the establishment of Sentlang sub-Station and so is a high time for the renovation. So, I urge the government to prioritize the case. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia is next.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. At the outset, I appreciate the performance of all the ministers in their respective departments.

On Demand No. 12 - Parliamentary Affairs, it is of an important department especially in this Budget Session. In Demand No. 42 - Transport Deptt., it is remarkable that the department collect a revenue of more than ₹2,000 lakhs. Not only this, it is appreciated that bamboo smuggling is under control with the help of Forest Department,

Lastly on Power & Electricity, there is a plan for installation of transformer at Electric Veng but is delayed due to problem with the location. So, I inform the hon. Minister that once we settle for the location, we should demand for the selected place. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo is next.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. First, in Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, power-line within my constituency that goes through West Phaileng, Marpara, Sachan boundary fencing, BSF posts, Hnahva and Silsuri which is 142 kms is obviously the longest powerline in Mizoram. Due to its length, we often have problem. So, I request hon. Minister to look into this matter.

During MNF Ministry, Bamboo link road was constructed through Saipal river which may be benefitted for other projects as well. This road will be much benefitted even if it produces the energy lower than 3 Megawatts.

In Demand No. 17 - Minister of Food & Civil Supplies, the performance of the department is remarkable in dealing with major issues such as border disputes and Covid 19 for being able to function unwavering.

In Demand No. 42 - Transport, we are fortunate to have witnesses the first ever Inland-Water-transport which is made possible under the supervision of Transport Minister. Also, I suggest the concerned minister to expand District Transport office in division the like East, West, South and North or by the convenience of the people.

Under Demand No. 19 - Local Administration, I express my gratitude for the construction of VC House in various places thereby providing computers for record keeping. In this connection, I request the hon. Minister to give important of demarcating VC boundary in my constituency.

Under Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, rubber plantations in three different places in my constituency have no proper link road. In this regard, I suggest taking the most curtail route i.e. West Phaileng - Tut - Chungtlang if there is proposal for this region. In Art & Culture Deptt., I request the government to give more attention to the needs of this important department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu Lalchhuanthanga is next.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I, at the outset would like to mention regarding Demand No. 42 – Transport.

As per the report of Administration Reform Committee, 2018-2019, only ₹166 lakh is benefitted out of the total expenditure of ₹1681 lakh. So, I suggest establishment of Transport Corporation under MST Wing and privatizing transport operation.

Under Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity Department, many of our mini-hydel projects has now becoming exhausted due lack of proper maintenance I wonder if that is the reason for our tariff is soaring. It is regretted to learn that proposal made to that effect had been cancelled. So, I appeal the department to look into this issue once again.

Under Demand No.35 - Fisheries Department, ₹57 lakh is sanctioned to Dum River - Crab Farm. It is further mentioned that change has to be made firstly to the fish farm, and then to crab farm.

I also would like to point out that Horticulture Department has taken over bamboo project from fully equipped Forest Department whereas Horticulture Department is in short of enough field staffs and forest guards which I opine is inappropriate. In this connection, I also would like to propose recruitment of ACF Officer, Range Officer and Forester so as to revive the dying department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga is next.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Under Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, I would like to mention that the department play a key role in controlling climate change within the state. Also, development had taken place in Zoo at Sakawrtuichhun as both female and male Bengal tigers are kept for propagation after numerous requests.

In Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, it is a wise decision that relaxation is made on road tax. I further request the hon. Minister to consider issue of permit for two-wheeler taxi and auto-rickshaw and also vehicle stop in every traffic points.

Under Demand No.17 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, I express my appreciation to Supply Minister for the performance of his department despite road blockade due to pandemic. It is remarkable that the supply of foods, gas and oil remain consistent amidst various issues. I am also glad that warehouses are renovated as a preparation for the monsoon stock.

Under Demand No.19 - Local Administration Department, I suggest vertical extension of the directorate building at MINECO to accommodate all the staffs.

Under Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department, it is important to provide better quality fish seeds so as to increase the quantity and to attend breeding pond better. due to the increase in demand rate and to locate better pond areas for breeding purposes.

In the Demand of Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, I do appreciate the hon. Minister for funding machineries of rubber plantation on subsidy and I look forward to the development in the future.

In Demand No.39 - Power & Electricity Department, I convey my gratitude to him as our state has seen tremendous improvements in power supply over the last decades. I am thankful to the hon. Minister for ₹1404 lakh provision for upgrading Luangmual sub-Station and ₹468 lakh for Sihhmui sub-Station.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding Demand No.12 - Parliamentary Affairs Department, I urge the Cabinet Ministers attending the House to keep silence so that announcement could be made without disruption.

In Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, I suggest amending Riverine Forest Reserve Act in order to regulate the Rules & Regulations of 1964.

The Forest Department plays major role in preserving flora and fauna of our state whereas fund provision from Green India Mission is much appreciated. Also, initiative of National Afforestation project is commendable. In this connection, it may be noted that preservation is not enough without afforestation and efforts made in this regard is expected to bring a favorable outcome for the coming generation.

Under Demand No. 35 - Fisheries, fishes imported from Andhra Pradesh are usually received in stale state. To obtain fresh fishes, we need to be self-sufficient in the production. Regarding crabs farming, I opine it is first important to master the technique before taking a risk with such project.

In Demand No. 23 - Art & Culture Department, I think the quality of our much-valued *Pu Buanga Dictionary* need to be improved with modern technology whereas the last publication is fourth edition, dated 1940.

Under Demand No. 17 - Supply Department, we have learned that ration card is issued to 2.79 lakhs families whereas ZIDCO procured rice at the rate ₹2750 per quintal. This indicate 1 kg per ration card is benefitted by the concerned retailers; thus, the total sum amounting to ₹7.68 lakhs every year. In addition, the distant coverage for transportation from Guwahati to Aizawl is not that much, yet, transportation charge increases excessively. So, I urge Finance Department to be more careful. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Dr. K. Pachhunga is next.

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

Under Demand No.35 - Fisheries Department, innovative project taken up by the government under the guidance of ICAR scientists proves that crabs farming project is meticulously examined with theoretical possibilities and findings. So, I insist expunction of the term 'risk' as used by a fellow member since initiative is made without risk as alleged. Regarding Pu BD Chakma's statement, I support his opinion on prawn farming and local species multiplication programme including other innovative ideas.

Under Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, I would like to stress the importance of global issues and its challenges. To implement any project, deforestation comes on the way which further ravages many sources of water. So, I propose environmental awareness for the entire community including churches and NGOs.

Under Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, I compliment the Government for establishment of Shipping Ministry targeting Tlabung for seaport with visionary plan of Zorinpui as *Gateway of South East Asia*, importing food items and water from Singapore and Kolkata on which blueprint for Inland Waterways project had finally been developed.

I also want to highlight rubber farming project being implemented through SEDP under Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation which truly is appreciative. Whereas hydel projects become unfeasible due to landslides in monsoon season which further causes our major projects being rejected by Water Commission of India. If Mat-hydel project of 75 mW is approved by the Water Commission of India, our state will benefit out of it.

Thus, I express my support to the Demands of our three hon. Ministers. Thank you.

(*Chairman, Pu KT Rokhaw at the Chair.*)

CHAIRMAN : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. Starting from the Demand of the hon. Minister Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, Law & Judicial voted budget increased by 4%, Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department increased by 19% while budget percentage of Parliamentary Affairs slightly declined as Transport Department decreased by 23.37%. Thus, total decline rate is 0.49.

Under Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial, I compliment performance of the Government towards Legal Services Aid. Under Demand No. 36 - Environment, I suggest directing any development projects towards *sustainable development* for the safety of flora and fauna. Regarding the Allocation of Business Rules, it is learned some portions had been amended by notification; yet, aromatic and medicinal plants remain listed under Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department and also under Horticulture Department. If this remain unspecified, there will be a clash in the allocation of business and immediate action thus should be taken.

Regarding popularly known Pollution Control Board, I must say that I have been involved in *Safe Chite Lui* Coordination Committee since the beginning and I have witnesses many of our streams being contaminated by waste materials of Aizawl city. So, I opine strengthening the Pollution Control Board is crucial. Since the hon. Minister concerns also for Transport Department, it is convenient for him to coordinate Pollution Control with Transport Department by controlling vehicle emission consistently so as to reduce pollution of our city. As per State of Forest Report, the density of our forest increases in 2009 but consistently decreases from 2011 onwards, and as a result, 1331 sq. kms of our forests had been destroyed which is 6.31%. However, according to 2017 report, *very-dense forest* increases to 157. Yet, we still need to make more efforts on *open-forests*. One may claim open-forest as being destroyed due to development, but there is a concern when we compare to GSDP.

In the Demand of Transport Department, the hon. Chief Minister, before the general election of 2018 had mentioned in the interview that taxi will be made replaceable after servicing 15 years. My question is - if the department actually have a plan to implement the same.

Under Demand No. 23 - Art & Culture, a new interest that we create since the pandemic is – listening to our Mizo-heroics story narrated through Youtube channel. Considering this trend, I think it is a good idea to make use of social medias as a platform of teaching the upcoming youth the value of our customs and traditions and publicize the same worldwide.

In Demand No. 39 – P&E, I believe it is wise to reflect the detail process of purchase of power grid and examine our power supply purchase rate. We purchase power supply from the central at the rate of 4.79/- and is sold at 18.26/- within the state. Whereas monthly loss on power purchase during 2019 – 2020 amounting to ₹11crores which should have been benefited for other purposes. In the meantime, I request the hon. Minister to clarify the reason for not reflecting fund provision to rural local bodies amounting to ₹93 which is of the 15th Finance Commission.

In Demand No.17 - Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, LPG home delivery is the ‘rights’ of the public. Whereas it is learned that numerous cases of public grievance had been recorded under Mizoram Consumer Union Group. So, I urge LPG home delivery as soon as possible.

I appreciate the performance of Fisheries Minister and the department for a successful fish breeding. At the same time, I suggest a specific classification of mud crab and fresh-water crab since only the latter is applicable for farming. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Chairman, under Demand No. 39 - Power & Electricity, it is appreciated that 132 kV Sub-station of Kawmzawl is commissioned. At the same time, I appreciate that initiative has been made for my request to the hon. Minister to take important of the need for re-alignment and repair of various transformers within my constituency. Also, I am grateful to hear about fund provision of ₹400 lakh which is proposed for Khawiva Mini-hydel Project and that ₹100 lakh being sanctioned for construction of culverts and retaining walls. Also, I strongly hope that the hon. Chief Minister will grant my demand for special assistance for capital expenditure and re-alignment of powerline of Chhipphir. I also suggest Power Department to take initiative in maintenance of Mat-Sekawi Hydel Project for which survey work is completed.

Under Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, I would like to request for the renovation of dilapidated godown at Haulawng and Pangzawl.

Under Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial, I would like to stress the importance for all concerned Ministers to keep a clear vision in dealing with works of their respective departments and to be aware of any problem which may come. I would also like to

make an appeal the Law & Judicial Department to investigate and analyze the trending online investment 'crypto-currency' for it seems to be of suggestive for upgrading our economic condition. Considering the poor economic condition of our state, I think it is important for us to consider on which business we have to invest or disinvest and so is important to have a further study on this block-chain technology.

Under Demand No.36 – Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, it is appreciated that ₹260.8 crore budget is allocated to the department the amount which is equivalent to budget allocation of ₹260.09 crore to FCS & CA. I think this provision could be utilize for minor works for establishing national park, wildlife sanctuary, etc.

I also urge the need of proper planning and programme for removing plastic and polythene wastes on the river banks which creates river pollution. I am also concern for the prevalent of private gun-owners who endangered the life of many birds particularly the species of our State's birds. Also, I request the hon. Minister to note the prospect of wetland conservation under which Bualsen Dil may be selected.

I also urge the need to implement uniform taxi rates by means of meter as many complaints has been lodged regarding inconsistency of taxi rate. In this connection, it may also be wise for the department to make provision for two-wheeler taxi service plying to some highway roads in rural areas. Under Demand No.19 - Local Administration, it is learned that provision for construction of VC House is made and I request to utilize this fund to our district as well. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I, at the outset would like to express my appreciation under Law & Judicial Deptt. for the progress of High Court (Mizoram Bench) with three judges of our very own Mizos and also in the office building and staff quarters. Despite our backward status among the north-east states, I am glad that it is gradually improving.

In the Demand No. 12 – Parliamentary Affairs, I would like to mention that during last year, we had budget session covering 15 days which was followed by 3 days of another session in September indicating a total of 18 days of session during last year. As for this year, this budget session covers 14 days which will be followed by another session at 6 months interval. I think we have the session less than expected. It is stated in the Presiding Officers' conference that small states are expected to have their session at least for 35 - 40 days whereas 60 days or more days in major states. However, we are far below from achieving the expected days. Since, the session is a constitutional obligation, I suggest more of the Assembly session is conducted inclusively monsoon and winter sessions.

In the Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, I would like to ask the progress made so far regarding the Inter-State Bus terminal program and if the transport communication with the neighboring states has already been initiated.

In the Demand No. 36 – Forest Deptt., it is learned that many of the notified riverine cover areas are of private ownership. So, I ask if riverine area notified by the government is reliable.

In the Demand No. 17 - Food, Civil Supplier & Consumer Affairs, we have *National Food Security Act, 2013* under which we received ration supply on the basis of a family's economic background such as – Antyodaya Yojana, Priority Household, Above Poverty Line etc. It is a fact this department provides us goods, domestic gas and oil; yet, it is much desirable for us to consume our very own production of rice in the stead of the supply from FCI.

Under Legal Metrology, iron rods which has been sold to the public are usually misappropriated. So, I request the hon. Minister to take strong action to stop such practices.

Under Fisheries Department, burning the debris for cultivation is a common practice since the time of our forefathers. It is a fact that fish and crab farming are not of the Mizo culture; yet, we somehow beginning to acquire the knowledge whereas 24,000 hectares of our land is notified as potential area. So, I suggest that awareness is given among the public concerned.

The MNF party manifested production of solar-hydro renewable energy and we have further seen in SEDP guidelines of the government's plan to concentrate on this project so that we may be able to produce power energy for our own consumption and also for selling outside the state by 2030. However, it is doubtful that the project would be a success considering the budget allocation. I think the MNF ministry has a chance to achieve hydel project if priority is given. The Govt. of Mizoram has signed 9 MoU's for construction of hydel project out of which 7 were cancelled whereas 2 dam projects namely, Tuivai and Bairabi remain validated. Even if the government is not able to achieve this project, I think the hon. Minister have an opportunity to create a milestone in his name by obliging suggestion of the central to put Power & Electricity Deptt. to corporation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short break and our discussion will be resumed at 5:30 PM.

5:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I now call upon Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. At the outset, I would like to get in to Demand No. 39 - P&E Department.

It is learned that MR post is limited despite insufficiency of staff in the department. It is, there much desirable to recruit more staffs with this fund allocation. Also, I request the hon. Minister to make a provision for electrical wiring and realignment for the safety of the public. I also request the hon. Minister to take note of the need to improve 132 kV Sub-station of Muallungthu.

In the Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department, I hope that SEDP works will function full-fledged so that the budget is increases.

In the Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs, budget provisions are held under the Finance Department to minimize debts keeping in mind of the status of our state as the third-least high debtors in India. 40% of our GSDP is expected to decline further by 30% by 2024.

In the Demand No. 3 - Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, the budget allocation is slightly lower than that of last year's BE whereas suppliers and materials are equivalent. I compliment the department for establishing stock points and staff quarters and I wish them to fulfill any requests of those in need.

In the Demand No. 35 - Fisheries, I compliment the department for constructing pilot projects of crab farming under SEDP considering numbers of families who are engage in selling crabs.

In the Demand No. 19 - LAD, the ruling ministry is appreciated for preparing blueprints for construction of Panchayat and VC House. I am also glad that computer sets are provided to various VC members.

In the Demand No. 4 - Law, Judicial & Parliamentary Affairs, this department may not be popular but plays important role in the State affairs. Parliamentary Affairs plays a key role in amending rules & regulations in the Legislature and it united the government with all the departments.

In the Demand No. 36 - Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, ₹47 crore is allotted for major works through CSS and foreign fundings. I also hope for more funds for preservation of flora and fauna in our state.

In the Demand of Transport Department, I would like to stress its important as it generates revenue by enforcing vehicle registrations and road taxes. I compliment the department for introducing *Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre* and I further request to necessitate the system. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. Member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga is next.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: In the Demand No. 4 - Law & Judicial, I urge the need of Addl. District Session Judge since murder and POCSO cases within my area need to be transferred to other districts for CJM Lawngtlai is not eligible to deal with such cases. I also appeal for compensation bills to be funded under Environment, Forest & Climate change Department.

Under the Demand No. 42 - Transport Department, I request to issue more driving license and to recruit more posts of MVI since Lawngtlai has only one MVI.

Under the Demand of Food & Civil Supplies Department, I urge the department to appoint eligible staff particularly for Vathuampui Supply Centre to deal with linking Adhaar Card with Ration Card which happen to be a major problem in rural areas.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention that there are number of fish-farmers within Lawngtlai District; however, we did not receive any fund provision in the previous year. So, I request the hon. Minister to take note of this problem. I also have to remind the hon. Minister of the need of powerline to somevillages within my constituency such as - Sedai Lui, Dursura, Mualbu and Bawlsuri as application has already been submitted several times. At the same time, I convey my appreciation to Power Deptt. for their immediate attention to the problem that we had with transformers.

In the Demand No. 27 - District Council & Minority Affairs Department, fund provision of ₹11.43,85,000 crores had been made by the Central for construction of by-pass road to Lawngtlai District Council. However, the work could not be continued due to involvement of DC&MA. So, I request the concerned Minister to resolve the problem so that the work is resumed.

Pu Speaker, I have submitted a question regarding construction of Sports Complex at Lawngtlai which unfortunately, is not lotted out. The question is – Which authority will take the charge of this Sports Complex after its completion? Is it possible to hand over the charge to YLA, the owner of land? It will be much appreciated if the hon. Minister, later in his wound-up speech clarify the condition.

Regarding budget allocation to LADC for the current year, ₹19,363.46 lakh is allocated for salary and ₹1360 lakh for non-salary, equal amount with that of last year allocation. This further indicate no increase is made in the budget allocation. In fact, no fund is left in the District Council for development works whereas only ₹19,363.46 lakh is allocated for the salary of 32 departments. I would like to inform the House that there is misinterpretation regarding the District Councils as spending up the entire budget amount for the salary of its staff. In fact, Sixth Scheduled to the Constitution provides a separate provision to each of the departments under the District Council and the staffs somehow manage to draw their salary with limited fund provision; yet, no fund is left for development works in such a situation. While this is the case, I am surprise to hear from a fellow member from my district, his appreciation to budget allocation to Lai District Council.

As per the guidelines of 6th Schedule to the Constitution, the District Council only pay their annual salary to which the funds commissioned are not sufficient to take up any new projects. The Department had been given ₹1800 lakhs with additional RE which was not given in the previous year. The 6th pay matrix level had been induced while 7th pay matrix level was promised in the previous year and March salary had not been covered by the commission for the Lai Autonomous District Council. I plead the DC & MA Minister to take necessary steps and pass their annual salary pay roles and pension pay roles and to augment their pay scales under the CCV Rules. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.39 Power & Electricity Department the recorded rate of electric bill increased every year from 2015- 2021, and 41.92 % Department demand during 2021 had been decreased to 20.7% by JERC. I believe a good government should not allow the public to suffer while the ruling party had done the opposite particularly regarding finance.

Under Demand No.42, Transport, the Department earned 2.42 % under state owned revenue and from our calculations the department can earn 2.22 % during 2022-2023. The total expenditure estimated was ₹ 45 crores and stressed it was wrong to address the Department as 'lost-seeking department' I also request to either privatise or to stop tax increase rate for the benefits of the government.

Under Demand No.29 LAD, I believe the government should favor Local Administrative and RD Department which was not BADP cover areas. I also plead to sanction more funds to LAD Department since it is village centric concern.

I appeal to organize election in Rolui and Undermanik sub village within my constituency. Since government development projects like NREG had been implemented to these sub villages, that elections were not conducted in three years. I also request for gas and petroleum to Lungsen area as locals were highly dependent on oil and gas.

Under Demand No.36, Environment, Youth & Climate Change Department, I plead the Forest Minister to organize more proper plans to Riverine reserve area since the lands were claimed 'potential area'. Riverine area covers 800 meters from the river banks and proper plans needed to be implemented otherwise the issues will block the profits of the poor locals.

Under Demand No.35, Fisheries Department, the fish supply journey took immensely long time since most were coming from outside the State, further I plead to establish fish breeding centres in Ngengpui and Zobawk.

Under Demand No.17, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, corruption in ration, particularly rice is a serious factor and if weigh bridge policy is not implemented, under privileged groups like BPL and AAP members will suffer tremendously.

On Demand No.27, DCA minority groups under District Council Area were highly favoured by the Minister under Congress Party while MNF Party had neglected in care taking of the District Council although the Minister remains the same.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under Demand No.42, Transport, 'Kolasib Auto – Drivers Union' (KADU) 10 permits were requested while 118 permits were received, the outcome impacted negatively and created tremendous traffic congestions.

I request all Mizoram permit to be renewed for Maxi-Cab Owners Association which were terminated by the Congress Party, including the insurance policy. I also compliment JERC for lowering the power tariff to 20.7. % which was 41% before, proposed by the MNF Party and the increase rate would only worsened the burdens of the public.

The Government had planned to pay ₹277 crores in subsidy and ₹353 crores through public utility. I question whether the Finance Department is ready to commit ₹277 crores for tariff subsidy.

Tax had always increased under the MNF party and whenever transformer needed replacement, the local VC members had to pay for transportation. Under LAD 'All Mizoram VC Association' was established but the ruling party had secretly formed AMVCA without the leaders comment and terminated most of the former members.

Under Fifteen Finance Commission, 10 % untied fund was planned for technical and administrative support by Rural Local Bodies while VC members received demand letters, 5 % had to be given to the DLAD. 1st installment of RLB fund is yet to be distributed and penal interest increased to ₹141.13 crores. I appeal the Minister for action since development plans are halted if funds were not received.

Political will is needed to tackle corruptions and the first target should aim rice by implementing privatized weigh bridge policy. Under Forest & Environment Department, I appeal for necessary steps to annihilate checkgate finds imposed to the State's water marked transit woods.

The ongoing compensation issue case under Tuirial Hydel Project birth the realization of cancellation of 17 riverine forests and road-side reserve between Aizawl and Silchar by Guwahati High Court. I also asked whether assessment was made by the Revenue Department to sanction Compensations to Tuirial area and whether Mizoram Protection of Rivers Act and restricted areas were established.

Reserve Forest under District Council was re-enacted and I ask whether previous development plans- promulgating Protection of Rivers Act, sanctioning compensations and claiming restricted areas will retain or discontinue.

SPEAKER : Pu TJ. Lalnuntluanga.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I convey my gratitude to the MLA members for their cooperation in the House and I will try to have a compendious reaction to your demands.

In response to the Law & Judicial Departments, the number of cases filed along with the pending files had to be known. Depending upon the case, High Court will be consulted and the matters needed to be revised.

In response to Mr Lawmawma Tochwawng, appealing letters had been sent to the Chief Minister and under his guidance, we aim to establish Lunglei Court. With an argument of Trade & Commerce Minister, if the Finance Department grant their

request, new constructions will take place. Law & Judicial Department is ready to work with Finance Department to explore crypto-currency.

The Government of Mizoram, Allocation of Business Rules, 2019 had kept 18 subjects among which auditing Bills, Rules & Regulations were included. The Department made a remark and monitor all the application cases, understanding and agreement of the Law courts. The Department monitored the State's cases filed in Supreme Court, High Court and Tribunal Court. The Department used 'charge' and 'voted account' with Drawing & Disbursing officers in Secretariat and Directorate offices.

As nodal Department, it had looked after Aizawl Bench in Guwahati High Court and Mizoram State Legal Authority besides the three District Courts. For implementing Judicial District Champhai, Judicial District had been newly established from Aizawl Judicial District.

The Alternate Dispute Resolution Centre has been completed under State Legal Authority, 2 Law officer posts had been filled up and awaited 1 additional district post. I also wanted to pointed out that Special Court had been established under the guidelines of Supreme Court and Central Government, and there were 2 courts in Aizawl and 1 court in Champhai.

The, 'Mizoram Court' issue had been printed out and 'victim of crime compensation scheme' had been putted up in the budget's headline. Victims had received compensations, I further want to mention that the fund could be re-imbursed in the Central Government. I applaud Mrs. Marli Vankung for being the first female High Court Judge under the state judicial service.

Under Demand No.12 Parliamentary Affairs Department, ₹ 71.38 had been sanctioned to Ex- MDC pensions and family pensions. I admire the Assembly Sectaries and Parliamentary Affairs Department of their cooperation, to which the House celebrated the Assembly Golden Jubilee.

Under Demand No.36 - Environment, Forest & Climate change Department, regarding Pu H Biakzaua's proposal, the State Board for wildlife meeting had been conducted and concluded the issues for further investigation. Nagar Van Scheme had been implemented along with other Botanical Garden projects and Tourism.

In response to Forest Department, the Central had declared 'bamboo' in grass family, therefore, the Forest Department and transferred it to Horticulture Department. In response to 'Riverine Forest Reserve' and 'Roadside Forest Reserve' plans had been deviated since District Council period, but 'Reserve Forestry' will remain the same. Regarding the victim's compensation in Hmunnuam, the State Board for Wildlife had to first examine the incident.

With regards to Riverine Reserve Forest, the case was ongoing and the matter is sub-judice, the case belonged to the GAD Department and High Court (Single Bench) had dissolved the Riverine Reserve project.

Under Demand No.36, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, certain central schemes had been implemented for the betterment of the State's flora and fauna through Forest Department. Natural Mission for Green India, Green India Mission had been implemented and embodied in APO for its speedy completion, approved by the Govt. of India. 2500 hectares free land had been given under 2022-2023 APO scheme. National Afforestation Program and Green India Mission teamed up and Green Mizoram Day had been celebrated on 11th June, every year.

Under Green India Mission, IC mode had been implemented and also cultivate passion fruit in Champhai. Horticulture Minister had consulted the Forest Department for pilot project and start up funds were given to Ngur and Mualkawi under SEDP. Society was established for machineries and thus Grape Winery had been established. GAD had been chosen to look after, thus putting consent forward to SC and then approved by the NEC through virtual meeting.

Under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA), 29.96 hectares were reserved for advance work, 1303 hectares for Creation of Plantation and 2000 hectares in Mamit for catchment area treatment plan. The State had protected areas – 1 Tiger Reserve, 2 National Parks and 8 Wildlife Sanctuaries. A rare sighting of tiger was recorded in Dampa Tiger Reserve after several years of absence and with the help of the hon. Chief Minister, Tiger's Reserve Workers 6 months salary pending had withdrawn in the Central and have been paid their salary.

Central sponsored scheme such as Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat had been implemented as Management Park for National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary for species preservation. Since, the State resided within international border, awareness among the public is necessary to stop poulterers and butchers and actions will be taken upon law breakers. Public awareness was made compulsory in Govt offices and institutions through EF & CA Department, which resulted positive outcomes.

Conservation breeding scheme had been implemented in Aizawl Zoological Park which helped in preserving the endangered species. I am grateful for possessing a tiger for the first time. Under State Board for Wildlife project, numerous Botanical Gardens will be established and further extensions will take place to possess more plants and animals species to attract tourist. Revenue target had never been made under Zoo policy and animals and create awareness to the public.

Pala Tipo and Tam Dil had been taken care under National Plan for Conservation of Aquatic Eco-System. I also request for Pala – Wetland to be claimed as animal site resident. I also appeal Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department to sanction funds to Tam Dil Wetland locals for conservation – base livelihood, sustainable resource development and livelihood improvement projects.

The Department sanctioned funds of ₹ 50 lakhs for contour head- raw- Farming with Banana and Pineapple, ₹103 lakhs for Farm base and skill base micro – enterprise. Another ₹8.5 lakhs for micro- enterprise (widow favored) and 100 hectares to 50 horticulture families with beneficiaries for Siaha District Pala Wetland and water distribution tank project had taken place in Phurra.

Nagar Van Yojana Scheme had undertaken by Forest Training Centre and Pachhunga University College under the approval of the Central Government. In addition, the Department petitioned to extend the scheme outside municipal area and implement more forest to reserved area of the notified town area.

The Central Government agreed to sanction funds to the notified town area under Nagar Van Scheme and also permitted Champhai for pioneer project. If projects undertaken are successful, a healthy and hygienic city is assured. Nursery project had been appealed for more plantations in Government office and institutions.

Bio – diversity Conservation & Forest Enrichment Project under JICA rolling plan had been agreed by Screening Committee, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The project will pave way for new job opportunities. 19 saw mill licenses were distributed under forest-based economy project and 7 were already functioned. The State lies within Indo- Myanmar bio-diversity hotspot and for its safety ₹ 121 lakhs was agreed by the Central Ministry of Forest, Fire Prevention & Management Scheme during 2021-2022 and various voluntary associations had united to help the Department.

Nationally determined contributions project had been set up under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and plans are made to aid pressure cooker worth ₹ 4500 each to National Park and Sanctuary locals.

Under Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, Pollution Control Board had planned 19 places for air monitoring station and continuous ambience air monitoring system in Sikulpuikawn to monitor the city and Forest Department is also ready for forest clearance project.

Forest Research for Bamboo and Ratan Centre was established in Bethlehem, one amongst five centres under Dehra Dun. The word ‘ Centre’ had been appealed to change to ‘ Institution’ thus, Research Institute could allow better development and create new economy for the public.

In reaction to Pu K.T Rokhaw, Siaha District Transport Office had been appealed to NEC for commercial vehicle terminal. Techno- feasibility survey had undertaken to establish seaport in Lomasu. Permits for two- wheeler taxis in every districts had been given by the STA, and the Department is ready to permit private vehicle services. \

In response to BD Chakma, the Department was asked to check all DTO areas and eliminate vehicles that were without owners and or unpaid taxes. Double registration is prohibited and the online application form had been projected for easier learner’s license access and is implemented in Sarathi 4.

Aizawl DTO had been divided to Registering Authority and Licensing Authority for harmony since the registered ‘01’ and ‘09’ created conflict where Aizawl outsetters refused ‘09’ annotation.

There were motor vehicle wing and MST wing in the State Transport Department. Motor vehicle wing had taken salaries from MST wing which was the

reason behind many unpaid salaries to the MST wing and 100 MST wing workers transferred to vehicle wing in order to balance the salary pay roles.

Plans had also been made for taxi replacement which could be done once. In response to ISBT matter, with the help of the honorable Chief Minister, building establishment plans were undertaken for accommodation.

Progress was slow due to Covid pandemic with regards to implementing transportation across boundaries, but agreement had been signed with Tripura while Manipur is still in works, and Behliagchhip is prepared for vehicle service twice in a week.

There are several projects of Transport Department during the financial year. These were :- Transport Department inflated the highest revenue with ₹342 1lakhs surpassing the targeted amount of ₹2500 lakhs. District Transport office buildings in Siaha and Lawngtlai had been inaugurated on 24th August,2021.

I am grateful for the initiative taken by the Ministers, the Department was announced 'Best perform Department' with 100 % achievement record under 'case of doing business project'.

Appealing letter was sent to the honorable Chief Minister for renovation of Champhai DTO office and had received sanctions and is entrusted to the PWD.

Under Central Government guidelines, Transport Department decided to relax vehicle fees, taxes and expired documents on 1st February 2020 and extended till 31st October, 2021. 80 % work was completed for building commercial vehicle terminal in Tlabung, Vairengte and Serchhip under SEDP project.

Multi-Level car parking is prepared to accommodate 42 LMV trucks and 49 two-wheeler and completed 70 % construction for Multipurpose Hall in Govt. Mizo High School. Enforcement check gate building is under construction in Kanhmun to block transportation from Tripura and Assam, in hope to increase revenues. 'Inland Water Transport' is allocated to Transport Department from PWD stating that the project is 100 % central sector scheme funding.

Tlawng lui was claimed 'waterway' by Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India with a designated number 102 and hydrological survey and techno – economic visibility project had been done by M/S Ride Precession Survey Kolkata. Project report had been appealed to Inland Waterways authority in contrast to the study – survey and inspection was done by the Director of Inland Water Authority of India, North Eastern Region. The implementation of floating Getty Mechanized Board in Khamrang, Hortoki and Bairabi are still in the works with two each recommendation. Development of Inland Water Transport Project had permitted locomotion of boats upto Tuichawng covering 23 kms with total project estimated of ₹ 2292 lakhs. 1st phase had received sanctions and awaited agreement to be signed with M/S Ride Survey, Kolkata along with the workers.

Hydrological survey and techno – feasibility studies for Chhimtuipui were permitted to be imposed from Tuipui ‘D’ to Lawngmam under Development of Inland Water Transport Project Chhimtuipui granted by the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India. Tender had been released and work could start with M/S Ride Survey, Kolkata after the Central funded the sanctions.

Under extensions of national waterways No. 6, boats were expected to travel from Barak Lui to Tipuimukh and appealed the Central Government for extension from Lakhput to Tipaimukh. Under recommendation, the Department planned to have feasibility study.

SBI and NIC assisted the Department in implementing online Payment during lockdown which eased works while staying at home. Under Central Government sponsored NF, ‘setting up of Monitoring Centre’ had been appealed and granted, where funding pattern is 90:10. The hon’ble Chief Minister will fund 10 % and monitoring centre is under construction, with the help of National Informatic Centre panic button will be fitted in commercial vehicles for females and children which will linked with monitoring centre.

Under State Transport Authority, STA had permitted auto-rickshaw service to 5 towns – Saipum, Saiphai, Phaisen, Zokhawthar and Rawpuichhip and also declared ‘Domain’ to all Mizoram district headquarters. ‘Fare-metre’ project in taxis will be implemented with e – government society guidance and I compliment MST bus department for their bravery in continuing their services during the pandemic.

I express my gratitude towards the Chief Minister for providing 13 new MST buses to be used during the pandemic and I also want to mention that reciprocal agreement had been signed with Tripura Government and once pandemic regulations are lifted, MST buses will start servicing from Behliangchhip twice in a week. Similarly due to the pandemic, the department awaited the reciprocal agreement to be signed with Manipur Government and that MST bus will service from Aizawl to Churachanpur, but the Ministry of External Affairs halted permission due to Myanmar Civil war.

In conclusion, the department united with Mizoram e-government Society in organizing MST bus ticket online booking under demonstration of transport e-service, e- Bharat and we hoped to pursue this after the pandemic. Pu Speaker, I appeal the hon. House to pass the following Demands –

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
4	Law & Judicial	28,03,000.00
12	Parliamentary Affairs	87,80,000.00
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	2,60,84,16,000.00
42	Transport	45,69,33,000.00
TOTAL		3,35,44,42,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister had appeal to pass his Demands-

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All those in favor to pass the Demands may say ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say ‘No’ Since there are no objections, the Demand of the hon. Minister Pu TJ. Lalnunluanga is unanimously by the House. (**Pu TJ. Lalnunluanga, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

I will now call upon the hon’ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana to wind up and appeal to pass his Demands in the House.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude towards the hon’ble members for their constructive thoughts and ideas. He was thankful that under Demand No .35, Fisheries Department, House members – Lalrinsanga Ralte, Lawmawm Tochwawng had stressed their suggestions and opinions for the betterment of the department.

PMMSY was a flagship programme under SEDP project where funds had been given during 2020-2021 and 2021- 2022 and resell the products with 50 % subsidy. Lawngtlai District will be included in the next distribution and the project was only meant for sincere farmers where 30 % to 50 % of farmers contribution resulted in greater progress.

₹57 lakhs project was made under DPR and cut ₹4 lakhs in contractor profit and also appointed Finance Department to take the charge. 3 ponds and godowns had been constructed for crab culture and ₹32 lakhs was the expenditure with ₹20 lakhs kept as balance.

The project had been assisted by experts from ICR and under the Mizoram Fisheries (Second Amendment) Bill, the definition ‘fish’ included fin fish, shell fish and crabs. In response to Prof. F. Lalnunmawia, plans were undertaken to pursue the project in this constituency.

Under SEDP, Fisheries Department was able to increase revenue from their subsidy, ₹137 lakhs were contributed during 2020-2021 and ₹73.86 lakhs during 2021-2022. ‘Fish Info – Mizoram web portal and mobile apps’ was created on 22nd February, 2022 and 455 registrations were done till date.

New fish breeds like Nghahrah, Lengphar and Nghaphusen were tested to increase the market value and Zobawk Fish Farm had undertaken the fish culture. Under Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002, rules and regulations had been implemented, there were limitations of workers in the Department. An estimated 80 workers did not suffice the projects, thus, the Department worked with the Central YMA after signing an

agreement., competitions were organised under Central YMA and further meetings needed to be organized to strengthen the unity.

Fish cage culture is implemented in Serlui 'B' and stated that panga-fish (Sutchi) was not successful as anticipated, so, other kind such as common crab had been projected. Locals bombarded and manipulated rivers and ponds, thus insisting mahalder set up. Tender had been answered and their terms were extended to two more months.

Under PMMSY 2020-2021 project, the approved amount was, ₹3381 lakhs and ₹1973 lakhs were Govt. of India's share and ₹240 lakhs were the State's share. ₹1167 lakhs were for the beneficiaries and the Govt. of India released ₹986 lakhs as first installment. ₹4548 were made under DPR during 2021-2022 which awaited the Central Govt. approval.

₹150 lakhs were sanctioned to fish farmers during the pandemic and hatchery funds were distributed to 6 people. Also, 45 hectares for farming were given to 150 people with 32 hectares already used. 144 hectares were prepared for extension of fish farming and planned Ngaizel for its deep freezer stock point.

Deep freezer stock point will extent to Kolasib and Thenzawl is opted for its breeding centre where ₹410 lakhs is estimated. The project had received administrative approval of the Central Government. Under 'background ornamental fish rearing unit, aquarium were given to 12 people and awaited sanction form RKVY, Agriculture and Horticulture Department. Construction in Tuirial is prepared for stock point and commercial vehicles (ice box attached) are also prepared for delivery purposes.

Under Article 275, through Social Welfare, Aizawl and Champhai received ₹ 175 lakhs to be utilized for fish tanks and other purposes including 96 fish farmer applicants. State Level Approval & Monitoring Committee is established under PMMSY with 7 members and PMMSY District Level Committee is set up in every districts. The State Level Committee is also established to look after the progression of the District projects. Other departments like Agriculture and Horticulture Departments were included in the Committee and Finance Department had released frozen funds which are prepared to be transfer into the district level farmers account.

Under Demand No.19, Local Administration Department, 'Inter Village Council Dispute Boundary Committee' is established in every districts under the chairmanship of SC in VC area boundary and Local Administration officers were member secretaries. I pledge tot he hon. House that the Committee will work in full force to tackle boundary issues.

In response to Pu Zothantluanga's demand, directorate building is under construction so that DLAO office location could be shifted. He further stated that 136 VC houses were prepared for construction and 95 for renovation. The funds were jammed in Treasury Department and are awaited to be transferred to the VC accounts.

Pu Speaker, there is an allotment of fund for construction and repairing of 15 new and 50 old VC houses. 5 common service centre was constructed and ten more are

yet to be constructed. 199 computer set was given to VC's and 500 set is to be given within 2021-22 financial year.

As mentioned by Pu Zodintluanga, an early election for Runlui and Undermanik sub-village is intended and we also noted requirements of village councils under LAD.

The allegations made by Pu Lalduhoma might be accurate to some extent. It was done so as the All Mizoram Village Council Association made the suggestion due to the pandemic. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** I feel obliged to mention it as there were complaints in some corners.)

Panchayat Raj system is not fully implemented in Mizoram as it is with other states. Proposal is there to ask PRI Ministry for the administration cost of VC's.

The file for the case of Keifang Venglai VC has just reached me and it is an ongoing process. Action will be taken as and when necessary.

LAD proposed to have new guidelines for Village Councils for which Drafting Committee was constituted.

The department also makes local economic project for achievement of self-sufficiency in food products. Funds are received from central government. The project in Bilkhawthlir is allotted 49 lakhs and 84 lakhs is earmarked for rural home stay at Tuipui-D, Darzokai and 141 lakhs is for handloom design training cum production project at Thenzawl.

In co-ordination with SIRD & PR, village councils and line department officials are given training, online training during covid lockdown. 48 batch was conducted during 2021-22.

Regarding outsourcing of parks, due to shortage and inadequate working staff, Savunga Park, Muthi Park and others in the districts are to be outsourced.

In response to Pu Mathlana's question, Finance Commission grant 2020-21 is reflected in the budget, 93 crores were reflected. (**Dr. Vanlalhlana:** Pu Speaker, on which page was it reflected please?)

Pu Speaker, it was reflected under Demand for Grant, 2020-21 with the caption '*grants for creations of capital assets.*'

The thank the staff of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department for their dedication to ensure continuous supply of essential commodities in times of crisis like the pandemic, road blocks and border tussle. I also thank the members for their concern and the public for their cooperation. Such concerted effort could be there only because of our God, who is constant help.

Repair of staff quarters within Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte's constituency is under due process. Shortage of staff stated by Pu KT. Rokhaw and Pu Zira is under review. Judicial boundary of DCSO Lunglei and Lawngtlai is also rectified.

Gas bottling plant is to be upgraded to a bigger capacity and all our efforts is made to have oil depot at Sihhmui.

With funds received under Central Sector Scheme, 10 GIA are constructed and have been occupied now. Loan is availed from NABARD for construction of 21 godown. We hope to complete them soon. Ran-down buildings, office buildings and staff quarters that needed repairing will be looked into as soon as we have the funds for it.

In regards to floating of tender for OMP, under the provision of supply manual, 2008 (chapter 2.3), food stuff and essential commodities are to be purchased from government agencies. Mizofed and ZIDCO both did the supplies before. Now, floating of tender is under consideration, but no step has yet been taken due to the pandemic.

Two new weight bridge were purchased which will be installed at Zuangtui and Lunglei.

The issuing authority of Aadhar card is SAD. There were many cases of transfer and rectification of ration card and as such, card holders are having issues linking their ration card with Aadhar card. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, any means to allot rice to those who are not holders of Aadhar card?)

Pu Speaker, direction was issued to allot rice even to those who are nor card holders. **(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Will the hon.Minister pursue the case I mentioned at Vathuampui Centre?), **(Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, even in my constituency, there are those who do not want Aadhar Card?)

Pu Speaker, it is a fact that many are opposed to having Aadhar Card. Special allotment is there for such to get rice supplied.

Also, Consumer's Protection Act, 2019 is translated into local language for better and wider usage and understanding. The Mizoram Consumers Protection, State Council and District Council Rules, 2021 is expected for early notification.

I will not be able to react to all that were said. What I would like to emphasize is the loving grace of God towards the people of Mizoram for which I am very thankful.

Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my demands-

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2,60,99,44,000.00
19	Local Administration	1,20,64,20,000.00
35	Fisheries	9,29,03,000.00
TOTAL		3,90,92,67,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana has presented his demands to the House, those who are in agreement, say 'Agree' (**Members:** Agree). The House has unanimously passed the demands of the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to wind up our discussion and to beg leave of the House to pass his demands.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. As termed by Pu Rinsanga Ralte, prevention of massive soil erosion and water conservation is the main work of Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. Upcoming projects are there in different areas for which almost ₹10 crore is available from NABARD.

For upgradation of RO under Soil District Officer, this has to be taken up in consultation with DP&AR. For rubber approach road, survey was done and DPR completed. We are looking for the funds to start this project.

1500 families were selected for rubber plantation under SEDP and 4000 families for broom plantation. 1300 hectare is earmarked under Rubber Board of India. Subsidy of ₹40,000 can be availed for one hectare. In Rengdil and Kanhmun area, 220 families are engaged for rubber plantation. Our target should be large scale production for exports, be it rubber, betel nuts or others.

Hydel project and catchment area treatment was also mentioned. The current budget fell short of Rs. 16,081,000 than last year for Soil Department. We expect some amount from RKVY, NABARD, SEDO and FOCUS for implementation if important works.

Regarding Power & Electricity, power lines are acutely needed to be replaced in many areas. Replacement is done step by step according to availability of fund. Replacement of insulator disc and polymer in the constituency of Pu Ramthanmawia is currently undertaken. Necessary improvement works will be taken up according to availability of fund. As for Tlawva Hydel Project, it is readied for commission if there is sufficient water. I believe Dr. Vanlalhlana of Aizawl North II is mistaken about power tariff. Rooftop solar is ₹2.9 per unit whereas it is ₹ 6.15 for Tuirial Hydel Project. In Mizoram, 24 hydel projects have been constructed. Seven are abandoned mainly because of excessive overflow of water beyond their capacity.

Power tariff is fixed by the generating company with the approval of JERC. Our aggregate revenue requirement for the current year is Rs. 751.42 crores, which fell short by Rs. 277.55 crores in the allocation of funds. But the government has given us a commitment to meet our requirement somehow.

Members have highlighted requirements if their respective constituencies which are noted. Some areas mentioned by Pu Ngunlianchunga were also noted but due to minimal population and thick vegetation, electric wires cannot be drawn.

Estimate for Khawiva approach road is 404 lakhs where 120 lakhs have been received. 284 lakh is to be received from special assistant to capital expenditure.

Ministry of Power approved 133 kv for Lawngtlai-Siaha as mentioned by Pu KT. Rokhaw. DPR has also been submitted for other mentioned lines.

Er. H. Lalzirliana requested for continuity of ongoing project of 133 kv line between Bairabi to W. Phaileng. We expect to continue this project if there is no obstacle. Second 132 kv line at khawzawl is included under Inter State Transmission Scheme. This was approved earlier.

Workload is increasing so does shortage of required working staff. The government is aware of the need to increase hydel project in different areas. Tuirini hydel project was discontinued as the intended loan was not availed due to the pandemic.

Estimated amount for the repair and renovation of Serlui B hydel project is 430 lakhs, 325 lakh was received from SEDP and 185 lakh is available for use now.

Fund allocation for LADC is increased by 1968.45 lakh, 1375.24 lakh for MADC and 752.96 lakh for CADC. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, there is no increase under non-salary head. (**Speaker:** What you mentioned is of last year's allocation.)

Pu Speaker, large amount of fund is received from Ministry of Minority Affairs under PMJVK. But due to the pandemic, 30% of work is not completed which resulted in non-release of fund from the Ministry. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, DC&MA are nodal agencies, thus fund allocation came from Minority Ministry under PMJVK. Yet, no fund was given to them. Let the council implement works with the fund allocated.)

Lawngtlai bypass road was started during the tenure of Pu Ngunlianchunga as CEM. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** It is a central scheme and I have no involvement.)

This is very complicated. The work was tendered and ACSL was employed. Large amount was released to the contractor but not even 30% of work is completed till now. This case is at ACB and is closed at the government level.

Pu Speaker, budget allocation for Art & Culture in 2022-23 is 1159.75 lakhs which is lesser than last year by 132.15 lakh whereas 80% is for salary. The function of Art & Culture is wide and varied. It includes interacting with NGOs, writers and historians. They are also entrusted with the maintenance of martyr's graveyards, promotion of culture, customs and traditions. This being so, it is hoped that supplementary demand for grant will be met. (**Pu Lalduhoma:** Pu Speaker, Lawngtlai bypass road mentioned was a serious matter. What I know is that the Government of Mizoram did not allow to get CBI involved, which is the main issue.)

Pu Speaker, I am not aware that it reached CBI circle. What I saw only the ACB report. It was a surprise the case was brought to the knowledge of CBI without the knowledge of the department concerned. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** There is a meeting minute.)

It is not secretariat, but it is the contractor and DC&MA which cannot work together which resulted in the termination of the project. Pu Speaker, the ministry could not be blamed. (**Pu C. Ngunlianchunga:** Pu Speaker, this is due to the fact that DC&MA refused to hand over funds due to low quality of their work and they were asked to hand over the funds. It was under persuasion that fund was given.)

Pu Speaker, I request the House to pass my demands

Demand No.	Department	Amount (in ₹)
23	Art & Culture	11,59,75,000.00
27	District Council & Minority Affairs	4,92,03,14,000.00
33	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	19,80,57,000.00
39	Power & Electricity	6,44,88,03,000.00
TOTAL		11,68,31,49,000.00

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has request the House to pass his demands. Those who agree may say ‘agree’ and those who do not, say ‘disagree’. (**Members:** Agree). The house has unanimously passed the demands requested by the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana.

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

SPEAKER : Business for today is concluded. Sitting will resume tomorrow the 8th of March at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (10: 40 PM)