

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 3rd MARCH, 2022
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of correction of reply to Unstarred Question No. 231 Ballot No. 193 asked by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, MLA on 1.3.2022.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS

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

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>	<i>Demand for Grants Page No.</i>
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	31,96,34,000.00	36-41
26	Information & Public Relations	11,16,85,000.00	256-261
37	Rural Development	4,36,17,47,000.00	355-365
TOTAL		4,79,74,66,000.00	

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

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>	<i>Demand for Grants Page No.</i>
13	Personal & Administrative Reforms	4,79,88,000.00	70-74
25	Public Health Engineering	4,71,14,09,000.00	248-255
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	7,04,67,49,000.00	434-444
TOTAL		11,80,61,46,000.00	

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.*
- Rom 14:10

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Now, we will call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 101.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, will the hon. minister for Irrigation & Water Resources Department be pleased to state -

- a) Does the Irrigation & Water Resources Department have any project in Dampa Constituency?
- b) In which areas the project will be carried out?

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

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are,

- a) Yes we have.
- b) Tuisenchhuah Zau MI Project, Chungtlang is completed under NABARD RIDF-XXIV and we have inserted new channel in Tuikual MI Project, Saithah.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, South Sabual and Tut have many farm lands for cultivation, but these are not accessible with irrigation. Can effective measures be taken regarding this?

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are many potential areas in South Sabual and Tut area. We will look into the matter and see what can be done in the coming Financial Year.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga will ask Starred Question No. 102

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question to Irrigation & Water Resources Department Minister, can Champhai Division be upgraded to SE Circle?

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, approach has been made about this matter.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Pumping of water using solar power is an ongoing process under Irrigation & Water Resources, what is the developmental status? Will Champhai North be included on this project?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. F. Lalnunmawia to ask supplementary question.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Serzawl, Khankawn and Samtlang areas have potential for producing different crop varieties, but they are in need of water irrigation. Can steps be taken?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu C. Lalrinsanga to give possible answer.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as of now, Irrigation Department operates in 4 District Division, now we have 11 District altogether. So, it becomes difficult to make it a Circle. We tend to establish Division Office in all Districts. We will look into the matter with regards to the necessity and financial condition.

We received 200 unit of Solar Water Pump from PM Kusum Scheme, Ministry of MNRE. We have 4 options to choose from empanelled firm; Tata Solar Power Ltd., Suria International, Abishek solar Industry Pvt Ltd. and Bright Solar Ltd. Out of which Tata Power Solar Ltd. seems to be the most reliable. After completion of the scheme, Winter Crops are expected to yield high production.

And we will look forward to the request of Pu F. Lalnunmawia regarding the problems faced by the farmers and make progress in various spheres. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K Pachhunga to ask Starred Question No. 103.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state -

- a) How many Solar Pumps are there in villages of Mizoram?
- b) How many Solar Pumps will be allocated for Lunglei South, what are the names of the Village?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Dy. Chief Minister Mr. Tawnluia to reply.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are –

- a) There are 34 Solar Pumps in all of Mizoram.
- b) There are 15 solar pumps in Lunglei South MLA Constituency namely,
 - 1) Vaisam
 - 2) Chithar
 - 3) Runtung
 - 4) Pachang
 - 5) Rangte
 - 6) New & South Lungrang
 - 7) Sailen
 - 8) Rualalung
 - 9) Mautlang
 - 10) Mamte
 - 11) Thingfal
 - 12) Tawipui South
 - 13) S. Mualcheng
 - 14) S. Mualthum
 - 15) Thangpui

SPEAKER : Supplementary question will be asked by Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : There are 9 village waiting for tender under JJM. Will these tenders be out this year?

SPEAKER : Let the hon. Dy. CM Pu Tawnluia answer.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are more than 100 Solar Pump project in which tendering is completed. We try to cover all villages under JJM scheme, the unfinished project is expected to be completed by 2022-2023. The remaining will be done through pumping scheme instead of solar pump.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Starred question No. 104.

PU VANLALHLANA : Will the hon. minister for Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state -

- a) The kind of pass required to receive compensation on construction of four lanes between Vairengte and Sairang.
- b) No. of beneficiaries selected to receive this compensation.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. minister Pu Lalruatkima to reply -

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER:

- a) Pass given by Competent Authority is mandatory.
- b) Compensation for four lanes is an ongoing process, so the exact number of beneficiaries cannot be produced as of now.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, what exactly does the Competent Authority required? The number of recipients is out in the Gazette of India and NHIDCL Portal. Can you tell me this number?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga will ask supplementary question.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, is there any land given for Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant extension? If yes, when was it given?

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga will ask supplementary question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, What measures will the Minister in-charge take on the land disputes in Mualpui?

SEPAKER : The hon. minister Pu Lalruatkima will give the possible answers.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. Before Vairengte, Bilkhawthlir, Kolasib and Kawnpui are recognized notified town surveyed area, there are people having VC Pass within Village Perimeter. So, the Competent Authority must recognize this as “valid”. Thus, NHIDCL haven’t given report on how many will receive compensation. (**Pu Vanlalhlana:** just tell me the reason as to why the recipient list for compensation must be redone?)

The Preliminary Notification Section 3A published by the Competent Authority of Land Acquisition was not accepted by NHIDCL regarding assessment. We request *Kala* to look upon the price determination; therefore, we are not the one to make the fix rate. Thus, even though NHIDCL upload in their portal, these are just preliminary recipients, so changes can be made....(*interruption*)... (**Pu Lalduhoma:** The problem is that Revenue Secretary notify that the remaining land which are not included in the NHIDCL must be considered “Frozen Land”, yet you transfer the Revenue Secretary, Kolasib Assessment Officer and Surveyor.)

SPEAKER : Please address the Chair.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, transfer and posting is done through DP&AR. So, these do not have any connection with Land Revenue and Settlement. These are mere hearsay.

My answer to Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte is Provisional Land Lease had been given for Mualkhang Gas Bottling Plant in 28July,2021.

And about the Mualpui land dispute, since we could not find out the owner of Mualpui House Pass, Site Plan. The pass will be cancelled as per the law. Here, the community applies for land lease which will be given to them as soon as the issue is resolved.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I want to clarify that the Sairang – Vairengte 4-lane alignment is quite complicated. NHIDCL wanted to make 4-lane through Tlawng riverside. However, this will become problematic during rainy season. Therefore, we recommended that new route should be paved along Mualkhang region. I have contacted Mr.Nitin Gadkari, MoRTH Minister, yet agreement could not be made in accordance with our recommendation. So, compensation relating to 4-lane is obscured.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No. 105.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state -

- a) Is there any attempt to take Assistant Professor under RUSA on a permanent basis?
- b) Who look after employees under RUSA?
- c) Are there any approaches to construct Aizawl North College building in Aizawl DIET Campus?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. R Lalthangliana to reply.

DR. R. LATHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answers are –

- a) Attempts will be made for RUSA Assistant Professor to be employed as Govt. employees after the termination of RUSA Faculty Recruitment Support
- b) RUSA employees are attended by Technical Support Group and Project Monitoring Unit. Principals also play crucial role.
- c) There is no approach to construct Aizawl North College building in Aizawl DIET Campus.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to ask supplementary question.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question - Champhai Govt. College is in need of Mathematics and Science teachers. We could not fulfill minimum teacher requirement for NAAC assessment. Could u please create new posts?

SPEAKER : Pu K.T. Rokhaw will ask supplementary question.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, is there any possibility to include Science Department in Siaha College?

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. RUSA Assistant Professors are expected to be employed on a permanent basis after the termination of Faculty Support Scheme. Yet they have not been recruited.

- i) What is the current status of the issue?
- ii) There are various defects on the physical structure in the construction of Aizawl North College. This work is under RUSA. Further inspection must be given on this. What steps will be taken against this failure?
- iii) As the Chief Minister has promised, can budget be allocated for the construction Govt. Aizawl North College building at Aizawl DIET. Lastly, is RIPANS under Mizoram or Central jurisdiction?

SPEAKER : Dr. R Lalthangliana will answer these questions.

DR. R LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, RIPANS is beneficiary for North Eastern states , and since it is located in Mizoram, we are the most beneficiary states. I assume it is ours and it works better if we assume it as our own. We have built infrastructures worth ₹200 Crore. Even the post of director and other stuffs are designated to us in a sense.

Regarding the teacher post vacancies, there are numbers of vacant post due to pensions and obituary. As of now there are 173 clear vacancies. we face huge shortage of faculties in Champhai and other areas. Also, about the request for introduction of Science Stream in Siaha College, we estimated that the number of science students will not be able to compliment even if we introduce Science Department. However, nothing is obvious, things was hampered by pandemic as we know. We will survey on the intake capacity and put a check on the matter.

Regarding Aizawl North College, Aizawl DIET premises are owned by School Education. So I cannot give full commitment to that. I believe it would be better if we could accommodate Aizawl outskirts area like Zemabawk. We will try to find perfect fit to Aizawl North College campus.

The concern with RUSA is that the HRD Ministry had many deficiencies within themselves. RUSA faculties from other states also face several problems, they have not received their remunerations yet. I have spoken to them in official and verbal communications many times. As written in the Cabinet minute, we shall comply with them in case they are terminated. Unfortunately, just as we were about to recruit, they went to court and it somehow becomes subjudice. So, there are various obstructions regarding this.

Also, it had come to my knowledge that the structure of the new Aizawl North College building is not up to the standard, there were architecture flaws to be seen. I will inspect with the concern MLA on the spot itself. Thank You.

LAYING OF PAPER:

SPEAKER : We will go to *Laying of Papers*. Hon'ble Minister Pu Lalruatkima shall lay "a copy of correction of reply to Unstarred Question No. 231, Ballot No. 193 asked by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, MLA on 1.3.2022" on the table of the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I lay the answer to the Unstarred Question No. 231, Ballot No. 193 asked by Pu Zodintluanga Ralte, MLA on 1.3.2022.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy. We will move on to Financial Business. We will try to pass both the demands of Pu Lalruatkima, Minister and Pu Tawnluia, Dy. Chief Minister simultaneously. Firstly, Pu Lalruatkima shall submit his demands to the House.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I submit my demands to the House.

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SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon. Deputy Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia to submit his demands.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, on your recommendation and permission, I submit my demands to the House.

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SPEAKER : Now we will have a discussion on their demands for 10 minutes each. Let us invite Pu Zodintluanga Ralte to open the discussion.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, on Demand No.26, Information & Public Relations, the department is the correlation between the public and the government. I insist on stabilizing more officer posts since I saw limitations within the current 19 post. The honorable Chief Minister only had attached PIO, so I urge both the Governor and the Chief Minister of the State, to stabilize more officers for the effectiveness of the Department.

With the advancements in the media world where color printings and publications took the center stage, I request to raise the color advertisement rate and to quickly issue the advertisement bill since majority of the journalist belonged to the challenged economic backgrounds. In addition to this the scarcity of water within Aizawl city is worrisome. So, I appeal Public Health Engineering to look into the matter and take initiatives to minimize the issue.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu L.Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Regarding Demand No.6. Land Revenue & Settlement I request the government to make rules and regulations in convenience with the public, so that proper distribution of surveyors around towns and quicker ways to issue LSC files wherein most rural areas were unable to receive their desired compensations mainly due to improper LSC filings.

On Information & Public Relations under Demand No.26, I admire their tireless work during the pandemic and for updating covid related news and for live broadcast of the Assembly sessions.

Under Demand No.38, Rural Development, four towns under BADP area had been margined into RURBAN as the outcome of their success, with three towns registered under BADP areas in addition. Under Rural Development scheme, "Pu Aichhinga Road was established in Champhai DRDA under IWMP. I complimented the Minister for implementing MGNREGA scheme and request him to inaugurate when the infrastructure is completed at Ngopa.

I express my gratitude for establishing Man Power Assessment Committee and since creating new post is forbidden without the consent of DP & AR and Finance Department, the committee is meant to look after the 'Senior Department. I am glad that PHE Department could supply pipes, tankies and solar pumps that could feed seven villages.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you Pu Speaker, on Demand No.26 I & PR, the department played a major role between the public and the government and I want to complement their works during the covid pandemic by keeping an updated news. We must be aware that journalists (MJA) played a big role in the department and I appeal for their Pension Payment Order.

Under Demand No.6, Revenue Department, though there were posts limitation and I pleaded to fill the vacant posts and that periodic pattas should be issued for Assam borders to make a clearer boundary. I also requested the Revenue Department to fill the vacant post to assist the SDO in Vairengte and issue the LSC filing for Bilkhawthlir Thalzawl town area.

None of the schemes besides MGNREGA had been established in my constituency and I plead for the assurance and requested for BADP and RURBAN input especially to Bilkhawthlir RD and that under Demand No.25 PHE progress was made and a town received water supply through JJM project. I further request through D.O letter, to supply water tankies to 'IR Duty Post' in Vairengte for feeding 70 families and put SDO officer since Vairengte serves and important place in the state.

Under Demand No. 46 UD & PA, funds were received and I compliment the deputy Chief minister for developing notified towns and I also request to sanction funds to these notified towns.

It is important to implement development programmes in Kolasib Town Area particularly New Builum, Gosen and Rengtekawn. I am glad that community hall infrastructures had been installed in Gosen and pleaded the same for the other areas.

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

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Under Demand No.38, Rural Development, we are at the border of Burma and Bangladesh which are BADP areas, such that the BADP schemes should favor those resided within the border area more than city dwellers. I appeal for approval of project directed towards the BADP scheme and made request on funding for building community hall in the capital state Phura.

We are anxiously waiting for Rurban Mission under SPMRM to be implemented on Siaha District and also for the report on State flagship programme SEDP, under Rural Development for Siaha District. I also request renovation of infrastructure of the Circuit House in Tipa V since renovation was made back in 1995.

I will be glad to include the four rural areas to his constituency Tipa RD Block which was previously resided in Siaha RD Block. Under Demand No.26, Information & Public Relations, I request for Siaha IPO office renovation and fill more post in Information Public Office since most officers will retire shortly and also to provide more staff posts for I & PR office and renovate the building as it has almost collapsed. I request that water supply be provided in Saikao, the missionary headquarter, since water is scarce, and I request to install solar pumps to the area and also for water transport vehicles to the areas of zero point in case of emergencies.

To conclude, I want to say that Futsal Ground constructions is very suitable for Siaha District under Demand No.46 UD & PA and for a proper protection work programme since there were many sinking areas during monsoon season.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Under Demand No.26, Information & Public Relation, with the timeless work dedicated by the Minister and his staffs, the media, electronic and print media, the ministry could function properly even in harsh and dark period of times.

He highlighted the works done by the department under Demand no.46 UD & PA, and the hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister had granted my request on declaring W.Phaileng as notified town and I also request to implement Swach Bharat Mission and funds for further development.

It is important to keep the city clean in order to live up to its name 'Smart City', and I request the department to send cleansers and sweepers and to tidy cable wires and stickers as well.

Under Demand No.38 Rural Development, I compliment the hon'ble Chief Minister for recovering 8 towns within the BADP cover area that were thrown out by the former ruling party and those BADP cover area now enjoyed the Border Area Development fund.

I also request Rulpuihlim and Tuahzawl to be implemented in BADP cover area and to construct community halls in Chungtlang, Rulpuihlim, Bawlte and Bawngthah and that ₹10 lakhs were sanctioned in Bawngthah and Bawlte.

Under Demand No.25, PWD, W.Phaileng Greater Water Supply Scheme was implemented under 2007 -20087 MNF Ministry and I further request to implement W. Phaileng under JJM cover area.

I express my gratitude for the attribution of the deputy Chief minister for implementing tankies for rain water harvest and 31 out of 33 villages were taken care under the JJM project. I express my gratitude towards NABARD for the project and home connections were expected in April.

I also request for the completion of PHE complex approach road of W.Phaileng where I believe ₹ 7 lakhs were sanctioned under Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

NIKAR KANTI CHAKMA: Under Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement, that Land Committee had been established and that approval had been submitted and granted to several constituencies. I also request for compensation to National Highway 302 Lunglei-Tlabung where several private properties had been destroyed.

I appeal that more surveyors be posted under Land Revenue & Settlement Department to Lunglei District Revenue Office. Tlabung was under Bungmun RD Block Lungsen RD Block, and that 65 villagers were under Lungsen RD Block and 3 MLA constituencies, Thorang, Lunglei 'S' and West Tuipui and that Tlabung RD Block was sub-division centre and the oldest but communication is a problem in these areas.

BDO had taken SDO charge since communication is a major issue, NREGS projects and Bank Account transfer needed to be done through RD Block and due to poor network, work were usually delayed, since the area are backward areas. Tlabung is the oldest town and is famous for its multi- cultural people, further there were many important assets been preserved such having the first Post office, Thana and hospital.

All Sub- Divisional offices under Horticulture and Agriculture were located in Lungsen, thus I appeal the department to implement the same.

Under Demand No.46, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, I express my gratitude towards the honorable Chief Minister for implementing 'Housing for all' in Tlabung and I hope to receive the 2nd installment soon. Under Demand No.25, Public Health Engineering, I request for solar pumps in Phuanbhari and Humendo.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have our recess and resume our session at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speake, under Demand No.38 Rural Development, ₹ 1020 lakhs under BADP were sanctioned to implement 60 projects and that 'Inunauna Bridge' at Saikumphai was established for ₹ 27.36 lakhs and Khawbung Mini Sports Complex for ₹ 369.89 lakhs under NLCPR, ₹ 270 lakhs for Solar pumps in Vaphai, ₹ 25 lakhs for Chawngtui 'E' Community Hall and ₹ 42 lakhs for Lithum Community Hall.

MGNREGS Schemes were usefully implemented during the covid pandemic and expected for the implementation of 'PMAY,' I request for UDC and LDC posts in Khawbung since the LDC took the responsibility of the cashier's job. I also request for BDO's driver and private car since the in-service car was beyond repair and also requested to establish 3 staff quarter.

I request that RUSA scheme be implemented to East Tuipui Constituency and that Thehte is expected to receive SEDP funds under RD Block for bridge construction since locals faced problems during monsoon season and also requested for silpaulins and roof corrugated irons.

Under Demand No.25 and No.46, 10 villages expected tenders under JJM Scheme since monsoon season were nightmares for them. Farkawn was claimed

‘Notified Town’ and expected the same for Khawbung and pleaded for UD & PA funds for constructing Farkawn Community Hall.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Dr. B.D. Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, under Demand NO.26 Information & Public Relations, the updated information’s were received through I & PR media and express my gratitude towards the Minister for collecting updated data’s regarding covid concerns.

I also suggest that calendars and diaries should be produce so that it may be distributed to the MLA’s and PA’s sufficiently under the SEDP funds.

Under Demand No.38 Rural Development, I request the hon’ble Minister to clarify the reasons behind funds being delayed under BADP international boundary and PMAY Gramin and I also request to include natural calamity, fire victims and cyclone victims under PMAG Gramin, Socio- economi cencus 2021.

My question is whether hidden policy is implemented under the implementing agency, and that the concern BDO’s name under work agency could further affect them in the future. I also request for the public share under BADP project and that 40 to 30 routers given to block employment committee, District Employment Committee and Village Employment Committee be given to the WEC instead of private. Since contracts were privatized, I request funds to be in the hands of concern village leaders.

I request the RD Minister to establish clerk’s quarter in Borapansuri under the BADP scheme and rest house in Parva – III.

Under Demand No. 25, Public Health Engineering, I am grateful for the implementation of Chawngte Composite Water Supply Scheme and I further request for pipes and water supply in Lungpuinghat under JJM.

Individual Functional Household tap Connection had been implemented under JJM 2022 and I request for fund allotment to be known and plead to react, under what guidelines does funds reached individuals, and then submitted back to the department officials., I also request for water connection, one additional reservoir and extensions to the two constituencies.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement, the government set up village council and local council who granted permission for home construction and the mistakes made by the government resulted to the growth of 500 households in Govt. Complex without proper LSC documents for the last 30 years. The majority of the families were economically challenged and loan applications get rejected due to the LSC file issues. So, I appeal the revenue minister to grant their settlements with proper LSC documents.

Under Demand No.26, Information & Public Relations, every household demanded calendars and since there was supply limitations, I request for sufficient calendar and diary manufactures and supply. Under Demand No.38, Rural Development, Sairang – Sihmui and Sairang – Dinthar RD block area were important places since tourists pay first visits after landing from other countries.

I express my gratitude towards RD Minister for establishing community centre at Sihmui and requested funds for its completion. I also request funds for the completion of the already existed hall infrastructure near Sairang field. Crematorium had been completed, kutcha roadways were refurbished with concrete cement pavements and extensions were made, further I request funds for the completion of the extension. Sihmui – Nghalchawm bridge had an immense importance for land labourers and farmers of Sairang and Sihmui where construction had taken place. Due to Sihmui – Ramrikhawn construction road-0 blocks, expenditures for collecting materials increased from ₹ 500 – ₹15,000 for rods and sand.

Under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, tender was received for constructing Football Stadium in Tuivamit and I thank the deputy Chief minister for implementing DPR and CEO to Music city project for IGC and I also appeal for water suppliers to the Public Health Engineering Department.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Information Department, I express my support to increase the manufacture and supply of calendar and diaries so that it could be distributed to every homes.

Under Demand No.6, 200 residents in Bawngkawn do not have LSC documents and Bawngkawn Bridage areas were occupied by the non-locals. Buildings were constructed under one granted area and the locals' faced problems regarding loans and business start-ups since LSC documents were not issued. Rejection order is inapplicable since the locals had settled down for several years. So, request more surveyors post to the Revenue Department to tackle the issue since duties become irresponsible when there are post limitations.

Under Demand No.46 UD & PA, the revised estimate budget increased by 65 % compared to the previous year in other capital expenditure, Grant for creation of capital assets, Grant –in – aid and non –salary position. Performance budget and detail work programme would be used for justification and I demand for the clarification of the purposes of Grant – in Aid and creation of capital asset.

BSUP building in Durtlang Ramthar was left after landslide occurs and currently, it is left completely empty. So, I request the Government to seek renters who could look after the buildings and that the state has the least street lights, which makes it existing better chances for thieves and other deviant acts. ₹ 4000 lakhs funds were received for 'PAHOOS' project and I request the department to distribute funds to decrease traffic congestion.

I heard a rumor that many city dwellers rejected PAHOSS and I also questioned whether Lungbial would benefit from the project. Rates had to differ in rural and urban areas and I appeal to offer satisfied rates to Dawrpui, Chanmari and Treasury Square area too stop traffic congestions.

Under PHE Department, ₹3.61 crores were sanctioned between 2021-2022 to Septage Management Unit for bio-digester manufacturing facility which was better than septic tanks, the project was discontinued before progress was made so I request the hon'ble Minister to look into this matter.

I also request for more implementation of fire hydrants as it serve a great purpose and I urge the department to install more in different areas. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon Pu H.Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you Pu Deputy under Demand NO.38 Rural Development, the department was immensely important for rural areas within my constituency. MGNREGA project had been implemented and laborers worked complete 100 days. I express my gratitude towards the hon'ble Minister for establishing material component projects which developed monetization to the rural areas.

My constituency lies within an international border, BADP area and I request the department for '0-10' measurement clarification, I further request for more areas to be covered under BADP. I also propose for the re-establishment of social education which would allow non- border residents to be covered under BADP area.

I appeal for the supply of roofed corrugated iron before monsoon season under Rural House Scheme and I plead the Minister to elaborate the awaited replaced scheme of IWMP.

I also request for the establishment of community Hall in Siachangkawn and the completion of the constructed Community Hall in Sangau – I and also for observation under PMAY Gramin, since 5 villages within my constituency- Sangau – II, Sangau – IV, Lungtian – I, Lungtian – II and Siachangkawn were not include in AAWAS - plus list.

Under Demand No.25, PHE Department, the contribution of the deputy Chief minister was impeccable, JJM scheme provided water reservoirs and connections to areas within my constituency and under NABARD, ₹ 214 lakhs were funded for water connection though gravity in Pangkhua where 45 litres were produced in a minute. He also pleaded the Minister to release 40 % NABARD funds for the construction of reservoirs, intakes and filters.

Lawngtlai was claimed 'rural' area during 'Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme' and was registered as 40 LPCD and is currently claimed 'Urban' thus I request to upgrade 40 LPCD to 70 LPCD.

He also mentioned that Lawngtlai, Siaha and Lunglei districts share several departments – PWD, PHE, Electric Department and Supply Department under which

only Supply Department was granted in Lawngtlai district. I also request Lawngtlai EE to undertake Sangau RD Block under PHE Department which has been undertaken by the Siaha EE.

CHAIRMAN : Hon. member Er. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. Under Demand No.6 Land Revenue & Settlement, I express the hon'ble Minister for granting provisional certificate of Land lease to the demarcation issues between Mamit Govt. High School and Higher Secondary School.

Revenue Department is one of the biggest departments that requires maximum workers and I appeal for observation of Mamit District Revenue Department, and request for post of Revenue officer, surveyors and staffs and to renovate the building.

Under Information & Public Relation, I appeal for the journalist to shorten the duration of issuing the advertisement bill and request the Directorate to update news more frequently in English specially boundary concerns since the main focus is the central.

My constituency had handled 4 RD Block while there is no official RD Block within my constituency and I request for the implementation of RD block. He stated that Phaizau, Dampui and Suarhliap were expected to reside within my constituency while these villages were covered under Zawlnuam RD Block and had no interconnections.

Under I & PR Department, I appeal for a new car for the department, since the vehicle they used had undergone several repairs and in addition, staffs took alternative turns since they have no driver. I also request to post more drivers and more staff and the in previous years, staffs were used as substitution from OE office and since the provision had dissolved, the I & PR took chivalrous task of hiring one staff with ₹ 8000/- salary given from private salary.

I express my gratitude towards the Deputy Chief Minister for the implementation and completion of JJM projects in Damdiai, Suarhliap and Tuirum . Under UD & PA, I convey my gratitude for the establishment of Mamit playground from ₹300 lakhs funds and further requested to establish 'multipurpose- cum- community hall at Lengpui. I also request to complete the pillar structures of the community hall foundations constructed in West Serzawl, Khawhai and Dapchhuah.

CHAIRMAN : Hon. member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA : Thank you, Pu Chairman, I convey my gratitude to the Minister under Demand No.38 Rural Development, for granting their demands in the construction of Thinghlun Bridge, an important site that lies near the Assam border.

I also request for the completion of the already existed Community Hall is Bungthuam and under Demand No.6 Land Revenue & Settlement, I request the

Minister to clarify the LSC file issues and the alleged implementation of gas pipeline in Zawlnuam.

There are international boundary and inter-state boundary between Assam and Tripura in my constituency and further requested the extension of BADP over these area since these are important places to implement 10 km development schemes from the Central Government.

Under Demand No.25, I also request for sufficient water supply to the areas of Zawlnuam, which was under the constituency of the deputy Chief minister before and Lungmawi area was dedicated in their names, further requesting the extension of Lungmawi area.

I also request for the clarification on the concept note of Zawlnuam water reservoir, whether it is being submitted to NEC or other departments. Zawlnuam was constituted from 3 places under which Thuampui and Borai were, I believe supplied unpurified water.

I also request for the 2nd installment of Rural Housing Scheme and call for explanation on funds and future development plans. under UD & PA, PAHOSS scheme should either be cancelled or ceased since the requirement had exhausted the Government's budget.

I further request for the confirmation of solar pumps to the areas of Kawrthah, Kanhmun, Hriphaws, Tuidam, Kawrtethawveng and Khawlian and I also call for explanation on the alteration of steel pipes to PVC pipes, the former favored over the latter by the locals. ₹ 4 crores were submitted to NEC for Kawrtethawveng water supply scheme, so, I request for the elaboration on plans for its future development.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May I now call upon the hon'ble member Pu Z.R Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Under Demand No.38, Rural Development, Dr ZR Thiamsanga I express my gratitude towards supply department for their contributions during the covid pandemic for delivering the state from fears through rice supply. I also conveyed my gratitude to the department for their contributions through funds and MGNREGS scheme, resulted positive outcome in the state of covid disturbance.

I compliment the department for the construction of Champhai Vengthlang Community Hall, schools, sub – centres and tankies through BADP scheme and road repairments to Aiduzawl, Chirep, Tuis, etc which eased business through transportation.

I also complimented the department for supplying silpaulins and roofed corrugated irons through RD project and further requested to supply more. ₹ 50 lakhs were spent for Selam – Tuisa roadways constructions through MLA funds and SRDC funds and due to budget limitations, I plead the department to complete the 5 kms constructions since Selam is a potential area and ideal for growing oranges and

potatoes, implying the market value decline due to incomplete road constructions and expected assurance from the department.

I convey my gratitude for establishing agriculture link road under RURBAN project and requested for the establishment of RD block in Hnahlan, Champhai North. ₹4 lakhs were sanctioned for the construction of Aiduzawl Community Hall, and the construction would be completed by MLA funds along with ₹10 lakhs sanctioned by the department. I also requested for the establishment of community hall in Murlen.

Under Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement, surveyors and staff posts were limited in every district and I also request for surveyors post within my constituency and also for the post of a clerk and funds for railing construction in New Champhai and we also expect cadastral survey in Hnahlan.

Under Demand No.26, I compliment the efforts and contribution made by the Health Department and staffs during the covid pandemic. As Vice Chairman in Health Department, I noticed that the department heads welcomed every talk show and awareness with open arms.

I concurred the employee pension scheme for MJA under I & PR Department, although smaller districts had I & PR office buildings, it is yet to be establish in Champhai, so I request to establish I & PR office in Champhai Vengthar since the department had an enormous free land that could accommodate offices and headquarter.

I am deeply appreciative of the works carried out by PHE (Demand No.25). One of their greatest achievements is the construction of Champhai Dam Reservoir and development of recreation center. While I applaud their amazing performance, I would like to request several things needed by my constituency. Since Champhai has grown in population, our water supply is not enough to feed the population. On this note, I would like to request for the introduction of Champhai Greater Water Supply Phase-II. Also, several households in my constituency are in need of aluminum sheets. We are also in need of pressurized steel tank and RCC tank.

I thank UD&PA for their development works within my constituency such as construction of retaining walls, footpaths and roads. I would like to request for an additional JE and Urban Infrastructure Specialist to deal with the growing population.

There was suggestion for PAHOSS to be discontinued and I would like our leaders to consider this and continue this scheme in Champhai so that they could be completed.

Lastly, under Personnel & Administrative Reforms, we are all aware of the importance of doctors especially during the pandemic. We have severe shortage of doctors in Mizoram and it is high time that more posts are created for the recruitment of doctors. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement Department. As mentioned before, this department is the caretaker of our treasure and they are seriously understaffed especially surveyors. Also, since Kawnpui is a town area, I would like to request for the establishment of Revenue Office at Kawnpui.

Under Demand No.26, Information & Public Relation, it is a step in the right direction for the government in creating incentives for journalists such as the introduction of pension scheme. However, I would like to mention that journalists have a duty to be fair and unbiased in their work and the public expect them to adhere to this rule.

Moving on to Demand No.38, Rural Development, we have reaped many benefits under this department and I would like to show my gratitude to them. In the meantime, my constituency is in dire need of silpouline and aluminium sheets.

Under Demand No.25, PHE, Hmarchaltlang which is under my constituency is suffering from severe shortage of water, I kindly request the hon. minister to acknowledge this so that measures can be taken to solve this issue. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement. They are an important department and the hon. minister has managed this department flawlessly. Considering the shortage of staffs, one wonders at their performance and output.

Moving on to my constituency, Chanmari West is in need of new cemetery and a new plot of land has been set aside for this. However, we still have issues regarding this land and I would like the hon. minister to react to this issue.

I am thankful to UD&PA (Demand No.46) for their work within my constituency. There are several projects under smart city and several developments under AMC. One urgent requirement within my constituency is parking for two wheelers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Demand No.25, PHE. Mizoram is selected for a pilot project under JJM which is very welcomed. Under this project, gravity pipeline and solar pumps will be distributed.

Due to the widening of NH-54 roads, several water pipes were destroyed and in need of repair in my constituency.

Moving on to UD&PA, I would like to request for the establishment of RD Block at Tawipui.

I have one query under Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement. Does Village Land Committee have the authority to distribute lands?

Under Demand No.26, Information & Public Relations, I would also like to mention that journalists have the responsibility to be neutral in delivering news and information to the public. Due to the advent of information technology, half-truths and broken information has been circulating endlessly. This issue needs to be addressed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu V.L. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start with a statement of thanks to the hon. Dy. Chief Minister for the construction of Community Centre cum Car Parking at Maubawk and construction of Bungkawn Community Hall under UD&PA (Demand No.46).

Construction of Khatla YMA hall is ongoing and funds from the 1st installment has been exhausted. I kindly request the hon. minister to allow us additional funds so that these halls can be completed.

Glancing at the budget of UD&PA, there is a deficit of RS.4900 lakhs compared to last year. What is the reason for this deficit?

We have a BSUP building in my constituency which is at its full capacity. We encounter problems due to this and I would like to request that at least two empty rooms are kept in every block.

I have one query under Demand No.25, PHE Department which is the completion date of phase-III of Aizawl water supply.

Under Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement, the department has shortage of not only surveyors, there is also shortage of revenue inspectors. I kindly request that this issue is addressed as fast as possible.

Moving on to Demand No.26, I&PR, our journalists are in dire need of press enclave. I would also like to request the government to pay advertisement bills to newspapers as soon as possible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.25, PHE as the department has successfully undertaken several projects. I thank the hon. Minister and staff for their outstanding work.

Moving on to Personnel & Administrative Reforms, staffs within this department has been working here for more than ten years and they deserve their posts to be regularized.

Under UD&PA (Demand No.46), my constituency is in dire need of truck terminal and land for solid waste management. I would be grateful if the hon. minister could react to this.

Under Demand No.38, Rural Development Department, I kindly request the hon. minister to establish RD Block at Pangzawl and Chhipphir. RD resthouse is also necessary at Pangzawl as there are no rest houses along the areas surrounding Pangzawl.

I have several requests under Land Revenue & Settlement Department (Demand No.6). Rent has not been paid by the army since 2007 and as such there has been a big amount of overdue rent. I would like the hon. minister to consider this issue and react to this. Also, some areas used by the army at Kawmzawl was declared potential area in 1992 and as such owners of the lands cannot claim them as their own. I would like to request for a cadastral survey so that this issue could be solved as soon as possible.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. My constituency has been a receiver of several projects undertaken by UD&PA (Demand No.46) such as Aizawl Sustainable Urban Project, Smart city and several other projects. I am grateful to the hon. minister and department for these developments.

Under Demand No. 25, PHE, there is severe shortage of water at Saikhamakawn and Hlimen Vengthar and one way to solve this issue is construction of water tank. I kindly request the hon. minister for construction of water tank.

Under Demand No.38, Rural Development, would it be possible to regularize VLA posts? Also, can we expect PMAY in the near future? I would also like to request for the inclusion of Thiak and the areas in the southern region be included in urban region. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off by kindly requesting a detailed report on PAHOSS and its performance. I have sent reports regarding my constituency as they are in need of silpauline to replace the old ones. Also, some areas within my constituency are in dire need of development.

I have some queries under Land Revenue & Settlement Department (Demand No.6). How many sanctioned posts are there for surveyor and how many of them are occupied? Also, can compensation be given to Chekbawk Farming Society as their livelihood has been destroyed due to works taken by this department. Will it be possible to issue house pass to these owners?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with UD&PA, I would like to stress on the importance of an all-round development. More efforts need

to be taken in other areas such as education, infrastructure and not only on sports. There needs to a balance so that we can have all-round development. As there has been an increase in license holders for two-wheeler taxis, the need for two-wheeler taxi stand is also increasing.

Also, we have been having issues regarding construction of Ramhlun South Hall. The blame has been placed on health problems of the contractor. I am aware that this is not the actual issue and I kindly request the hon. minister to react to this.

Under Demand No.25, PHE, my constituency is in dire need of storm drain and link drain as we are approaching monsoon season.

Under Rural Development Department, I believe more efforts should be taken under State Rural Livelihood Mission to utilize our products and find proper channels and markets for them.

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

5:30 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to start the discussion.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would like to start off with Demand No.25, PHE as it is necessary to raise awareness regarding deforestation in order to protect our water resources. We need to utilize and harvest our rain water to address water shortage during dry season.

I am thankful to the hon. minister for his efforts especially within my constituency such as repairing the roads leading to Pialthleng pump. I would like to request an update on the construction of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme.

Moving on to Demand No.46, UD&PA. We are thankful and will be eternally indebted to the hon. minister for the establishment of Lunglei Municipal Council. We are also eagerly waiting for the implementation of PAHOSS at Lunglei.

Under Demand No.2, Land Revenue & Settlement, I would first like to mention that I am saying what I am about to say with a heavy heart. Complaints regarding surveyors are abound and I kindly request the hon. minister to enquire incidents regarding this issue. The areas between border fencing and the actual border can be developed as I believe it is a potential area.

Lastly, under Rural Development, the benefits we received from this department is endless such as NREGA and free ration during covid. One request that I have under this department is that my constituency is in dire need of aluminum sheets and silpouline and I would be grateful if the hon. minister can react to this. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchung.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No.6, Land Revenue & Settlement. As mentioned before me, the department has shortage of staff and more efforts should be taken to strengthen the department.

I would be grateful if the hon. minister could kindly react to my question regarding DRDA. How will DRDA be merged with District Council and how it will change the administration and management.

There have been issues regarding payment under PMAY and I implore the hon. minister to kindly give an explanation regarding this issue.

I have mentioned this issue regarding BADP before this House and I would like to mention it again. Retaining wall which was constructed under BADP at Nghalimlui collapsed one week after it was constructed. It has not been repaired until now. Also, Bungtlang is in need of a playground.

Moving on to PHE, it will be more effective if we can establish PHE sub-division at Sangau RD block. Also, Thingkah and Mampui is not covered by Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme. Will it be possible for these villages to be included in the scheme? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I will start with Land Revenue & Settlement by voicing my concern in regards to the issue faced by the residents of government complex. This is the fifth time that I have mentioned this issue in this House and I do hope that this issue will be resolved by the government in the near future.

Glancing at the budget allocation, I am perplexed by the fact that how will the government expect to pay their staffs with this kind of budget? It has been mentioned numerous times today that shortage of surveyors is a serious issue.

Construction of national highway 306 package 6 has created enormous problems, one of the biggest problems being compensation payout. I believe the expenditure and payout from compensation be lower if the construction of this road be made around Bualpui and not through it. While we are on the subject of compensation, there are endless issues regarding compensation in several areas of Mizoram. The government needs to do more to tackle the corruption that is prevalent in compensation payout.

Moving on to Rural Development Department, ₹3988 lakhs were given to SRLM and SPMRM under supplementary demand. However, this amount was for the year 2020-2021 and not for the current financial year. The same goes for BADP and MGNREG. My question is why was this not included in BE and why it has to be given from this year's budget? We would have supported this demand if it was included last year. This kind of financial management will not benefit the people of Mizoram.

We were told to select model village every term. However, there is no point in doing this as the government does not take any initiative to realize this project. Also, social audit must be carried out to avoid corruption.

Under PHE Department, the budget allocation for this department is a lost cause. How do the government expect them to improve with the amount of budget allocated to them.

Regarding Smart City as mentioned by Dr. Vanlalhlana, it is nothing new that there is more fund for this. It had been prioritise since the previous ministry. Lastly, Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon. minister to clarify how the government plan to deal with Riverine Forest problem. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lalruatkima, Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion and also to beg the House to pass his demands.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to start from Revenue Department. It is an important department as all kinds of development is based on land use. There is a huge shortage of staff in the department. Only 25 out of 34 Group A posts were filled. In Group B also, only 148 out of 260 is filled. Besides, 64 Surveyor posts also lie vacant. I hope recruitment could be done soon for this department.

Regarding Government Complex, Luangmual, decision was made to enquire all the valid passes in that area which is still under process. In connection with Bawngkawn also, Phase I is resolved. However, there are some cases which are subjudice. Besides, there are also some unauthorized occupations also which need to be resolved. I would like to make clear that, regarding Vairengte- Sairang road construction, there is not a single land lease released after it is feezed due to compensation issue.

There is a question that who benefited from the assessment for NH 304 which is already done and submitted to the department. In fact, the amount is not in the hands of the department but in the hands of the DC. It is withheld only because there are some problems between the land owners and Forest Department.

Regarding the problems mentioned by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma at Hmundo, Nunsuri and Silgoor, most of them are resolved and some is still under process due to limited manpower. Elaborating what Pu Lalrindika Ralte had said, Indradanush Gas Grid Limited is planning to construct gas pipeline connecting capitals of north eastern states. In this process the line connecting Aizawl from Tripure is passing through Mamit District. Geo-coordination is done and the project will affect Dilzawl, Rawpuichhip, Sihhmui, Lungverh, Sakawrtuichhun and Tuivamit in Aizawl District besides 15 villages of Mamit District. Land Revenue & Settlement Department will continue to monitor the project as far as possible.

Pu C. Lalmuanpuia requested that that their graveyards plot to be finalized soon. ₹50 was sanctioned for the same and it will be pursued further.

Regarding Mizoram Land Revenue Rules, 2017, Pu Zaithanzama had asked how the 15% cess will be processed. I regret to say that the act was challenged in the court and we lose the case subsequently. Appeal was made which is still in process. I believe this should be a lesson for the future.

Pu Speaker, Hon. Member Pu Chhuanthanga had spoken about Chekbawk area. 306 plots of land for house site were allotted in 1997 and another 227 sites during 2002-2009, the total of which is 523 sites. The area is now notified as town area and thus, it is not eligible for other purpose.

The allegation that some people other than victim of landslide at Ramhlun Sport Complex are allotted house sites, they are not selected from our end. We are just allotted them as per recommendation from District Disaster Committee. Besides, I would like to clarify that border fencing is not our purview but under Ministry of home Affairs.

Speaking about Stamp & Registration, the act is a very old one which is adopted from Registration Act, 1908 and Stamp Act, 1899. It is recently introduced in six districts. They are assigned the task of registering all matters relating to Registration Act, 1908. It is one of the main revenue sources of the Government. Computerization of National Generic Document Registration System is now completed. It was launched on 6th September, 2019 by Hon Dy. Chief Minister Pu Tawnluia. It is implemented in Kolasib and Serchhip District and is set to be introduced in Lunglei, Champhai and Mamit District. This will increase the state revenue to a great extent.

A new project called Development of Comprehensive & Integrated GIS Best System for Maintenance & Management of Land Records in Mizoram is approved and ₹640 lakh is sanctioned by NEC. Survey of Villages & Mapping with improvised Technology in Village Areas (SVAMITVA) is also now introduced. Trial usage is done within Aibawk RD Block and again going on within Darlawn RD Block.

Pu Speaker, I will now move to Demand No. 26 I & PR Department. Most of the discussion is gratitude. The government gives importance on journalist welfare. Proposal is made for introduction of Journalist Welfare Fund for which ₹20 lakh is allocated. The matters mentioned relating to Mizoram Calendar will also be pursued as possible.

Steps were taken for promotion of Film & Art as well as photography. Film Competition, Art Exhibition and Photo Exhibition were organised. There is a great ability among our youth for painting. The government is trying its best in this regard also. ₹50 lakh was sanctioned for Champhai I&PR Office. However, PWD surrendered it later as they consider it too little for the purpose. The matter is assigned to Law Department by the Council of Ministers.

Regarding Demand No. 38, Rural Development Department, it is an important department for development of rural areas. I would like to mention that 100 days wages could be given under MGNREGS Scheme. This is the result of good cooperation between the people and Village Councils. It is an important means of development for rural areas. There are currently 208273 job card holders and their respective wages are deposited to their respective account by direct benefit transfer.

We are having four Rurban Clusters at present. We are applying for another 22 clusters. We hope it will be a success soon. ₹ 17 crore is sanctioned under PMKSY Scheme for our state. We are granted 18 projects out of 26 we had applied for. Regarding construction of playground within Pu C Ngunlianchunga's constituency, it is unfortunate that it could not be included in BADP at the moment.

Regarding the question from Pu Lalrindika Ralte, I am happy to mention that ₹2.5 lakh is allotted for completion of Bungthuam Hall construction. I could not mention all the ongoing projects at this time due to time constrain; therefore, I would like to say that we are trying our level best for the development of rural areas in the state. I do hope that we will keep improving from the suggestions rendered by the Hon. Members.

Lastly regarding PMAY Gramin, the problem of this scheme is that the time gap between two installments is very long. Some people who are granted one installment may look unsuitable for the next installment. Besides, selection of beneficiaries was done based on SECC Date, 2011 in which there are many irregularities. However, beneficiaries once selected could not be changed for the time being.

Thus, Pu Speaker I beg this House to pass the following demands under my portfolio:

<i>Demand No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount (in ₹)</i>
6	Land Revenue & Settlement	31,96,34,000.00
26	Information & Public Relations	11,16,85,000.00
37	Rural Development	4,36,17,47,000.00
TOTAL		4,79,74,66,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now vote on the demands of Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima. Anyone who supports the Demands may say "Aye".

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

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passed unanimously in this House. (**Pu Lalruatkima, Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

Let us now call upon Pu Tawnluia, Hon. Minister to wind up the discussion of his demands and also to beg the House to pass the demands.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. To begin with, I would like to thank the Hon. Members for taking part in the discussion of my demands. Two members had spoken about DP&AR Department. This Department is an important one taking care of all service matters of government employees.

Pu Vanlaltanpui had asked if employees could be recruited for MYC. The problem is that there is recruitment rule for the Chairman and Members only but not for other employees. Regarding filling of vacant posts in various departments, departments were directed to submit the details of vacant posts in their respective departments which will be pursued by Manpower Assessment Committee.

Even though the department may not be well known among the public, we have several notable achievements. We won second prize in Govt. Website Excellence Award. Besides, the Personal Public Grievances Pensions, Home Department, Govt. of India made 58 indicators for monitoring state governments. Mizoram is placed in the Hill State Category and placed in the following positions:

1. 1st Position in Agriculture & Allied Sector
2. 1st position in Public Health Sector
3. 5th position in Commerce & Industries Sector
4. 3rd Position in Public Infrastructure Utility Sector
5. 2nd Position in Economic Government Sector
6. 3rd in Social Welfare Development Sector
7. 5th Position in Judiciary and Public Security Sector
8. 5th Position in Citizen Centre Government Sector
9. 2nd Position in all Round Development

It is great to learn that Government of Mizoram could achieve these positions under the leadership of the hon. Chief minister. It is a clear indicator of government efficiency.

DP&AR is taking charge of the Mizoram Subordinate Services Selection Board (MSSSB) and Administrative Training Institute. MSSSB has done a great job in helping MPSC as they are conducting Groub B (Non-Gazette) recruitment exams.

Regarding UD&PA Department, I do appreciate the works done by the former Minister Pu Zodintluanga. The funding pattern for Smart City Project is still 50:50. However, there is a huge pressure from the state to make it 90:10 and thus, it is implemented without much problems till today. It is necessary to deploy Project Management & Consultant (PMC) Firm for Smart City Project. We are trying our best and thus, most of the necessary DPRs are also now completed.

Regarding construction of water pipeline under SIPMIU, there is a huge problem regarding its route at Zohnuai – Vaivakawn – Hunthar area. However, the work is going on in spite of very high construction cost. I would like to state that this work may take around three months. In short, I would like to mention that this government is trying its best to provide sufficient water supply for Aizawl City.

Regarding construction of New Market Building, the name of this project as a whole is ‘Modernization of Bara Bazar’ among which one of the main building is

planned to be constructed through Smart City Project. However, there are some disagreements with the tenants initially. It is now resolved and tender for construction of the building is expected to be floated within this month.

Procurement of Traffic Bollards and Pelican Crossing System is another project completed under Smart City Project. Construction of 'Integrated Command & Control Centre' is also under construction at Treasury Square. Tender is floated for another works like Common Bio-Medical Facilities, Waste Treatment Facilities Construction, Entrepreneurship Development Centre, Incubation Centre and Start-up Hub, Construction of Indoor Stadium at Zuangtui and Construction of Playground at Mitlamual, Zemabawk. All the works undertaken through Smart City Projects are in connection with other Departments and thus, it is carried out in cooperation with each concern department.

Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte had mentioned about ongoing construction of Hall at New Builum and Gosen veng, Rengtekawn, the matter is pursued and it is estimated that around ₹16 lak is required to complete the projects. It will be continued as soon as fund is available.

These subjects mentioned by Pu KT Rokhaw – construction of futsal ground, rehabilitation of sinking area and town beautification will be pursued as far as possible.

Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo had mentioned about procurement of cables within Aizawl city. UD&PA Department is aware of this subject. ₹25 crore project is prepare called 'Multi-utility Power Project' under Smart City Project. It is expected to be started soon.

Regarding installments of Housing for All project, we are aware that it creates huge problems for the beneficiaries who are generally poor. Proposal for second development is already submitted to central government. Besides, the funds already released are also kept in K-Deposit due to Covid crisis.

There are some questions regarding PAHOSS. There are 11 beneficiaries who had completed their project till today. There is around ₹4000 lakh kept in K-Deposit. It could not be expedited at the moment due to Covid 19. It is the same in other districts also.

Regarding Pu Ramthanmawia's question, development projects in notified towns are at halt at the moment due to the pandemic. Dr. ZR Thiamsanga's proposal regarding processing cheques at DUDO Office is already processed and it is implemented from the next available fund through well prepared Accounting Code. Regarding Pu Dawnga's question, Kawnpui PHE SDO office is already completed and set to be inaugurated. It is expected to become functional after this assembly session.

Regarding Pu Zithanzama's Question, the decrease in salary head is because Finance Department had decided that DA will not be increased and thus, the salary head deceases from last year. ₹2 crore Fund for construction of Solid Waste Management System at Lunglei. However, I am not sure if the plot for truck terminal is even finalized.

ULB Grant could not be allotted for Lunglei Municipal Council in this Budget as it is not notified yet at the time of its preparation. It will be pursued for the next budget.

Moving to PHE Department, the main function of this department is providing water supply to the public. I would like to mention that more than 100 solar water pumping projects under JJM during this year. The Jal Jeevan mission (JJM) is a central scheme aiming at providing water connection to all houses in villages. In fact, release of fund from central government is faster if the work done by the state is good enough. In this connection, I would like to thank the hon. Chief minister for providing us enough funds for State Matching Share. I would also like to mention that using of rubber water pipes is done with permission from central government as the price of metal pipes skyrocketed.

Hmundo Water Supply Scheme is included in JJM 2022-2023 and is already sanctioned. Improvement project for Puankhai Water Supply Scheme is also already sanctioned and tender being floated. Works for improvement of Lawngpui Water Supply Scheme is also underway. Extension of Borapansuri I & II distribution line is under process and Septage Management by Digestive Scheme is also still continued.

Regarding Dr. F. Lalnunmawia's question, water tank is proposed to be constructed at Hlumen Vengthar. We could not have the plot for construction at Saikhamakawn. Regarding Greater Lawngtlai Water Supply Scheme, Greater Lunglei Water Supply Scheme and Champhai Greater Water Supply Scheme, a consultancy firm is having spot verification and DPR is under process for these three district capitals. It is overwhelming to learn that the hon. Chief minister had approved that Greater Water Supply Scheme Pialthleng Road construction will be done through special assistance.

Thus, Pu Speaker, I beg the august House to pass the demands under my portfolio as follows:

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13	Personal & Administrative Reforms	4,79,88,000.00
25	Public Health Engineering	4,71,14,09,000.00
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	7,04,67,49,000.00
TOTAL		11,80,61,46,000.00

Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now vote on the demands of Hon. Minister Pu Lalruatkima. Anyone who supports the Demands may say "Aye".

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

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passed unanimously in this House. (**Pu Tawnluia, Dy. Chief Minister:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

Now we have finished our business for today. The Next sitting will commence on 7th March, 2022 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned. (8:51 PM)