

**NINTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(SECOND SESSION CUM BUDGET SESSION)**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024  
(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**

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VANLALTHANTLINGI  
Commissioner & Secretary

**SPEAKER** : “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

-Matthew 5:9

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

We will start with questions and answers and I request Pu K. Laldawngliana to ask *Starred Question No. 221*.

**PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, will the GAD Minister be pleased to state—

If there any staff hired beyond their entitlement under the Mizoram government.  
If so, what measures should be taken?

**SPEAKER** : I request Hon. GAD Minister to answer the question.

**PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is—

Mizoram government has no staff hired beyond entitlement. If this happens, they are requested to resolve the issue within February, 2024 and action will be taken if they still continue to do so.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu K. Laldawngliana

**PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- Which officers can receive entitlement of vehicles? Are there any officers that receive vehicles who does not have entitlement? If so, what measures should be taken?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Chief Minister. Pu Lalduhoma to answer the question.

**PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the entitlement and the number of vehicles to be received are clearly regulated. We will take actions if there are any officers who received more than they are entitled to.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question No. 222* to be asked by Pu R. Rohmingliana.

**PU R. ROHMINGLIANA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Parliamentary Affairs Minister be pleased to state —

What should be done about the vehicles purchased through MLA Local Area Development Fund after the MLA term expires?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Pu Vanlalhlana to answer the question.

**PU VANLALHLANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is —

Vehicles purchased through MLA Local Area Development Fund shall continue to be used for public purpose after the expiry of the MLA term of the purchaser. However, Pu Speaker, the GPC (General Purpose Committee) meeting was held under your chairmanship on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the following decisions were made- Morgue vans purchased by MLAs through MLA Local Area Development Fund can be redeemed by MLAs or ex-MLAs at book value when their term is over. If no one wishes to do so, the Assembly Legislative Secretariat shall dispose of it as per the government's usual procedure.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu R. Rohmingliana.

**PU R. ROHMINGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- The decision has not yet been released. Will the Assembly Secretariat take it back if it is returned to some department?

Pu Speaker, with your permission - it may not be relevant but we want to know if the central government released the ₹1,27,000 for the construction of Unity Mall and what does it mean when the hon. Chief minister said 'We hope that it will be released on Friday night or Saturday'?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister to answer the question

**PU VANLALHLANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the minutes of GPC are circulated. The morgue vans submitted to the Assembly or Secretariat shall be disposed of as decided by the committee.

Pu Speaker, I cannot answer about the Unity Mall as it is not relevant.

**SPEAKER** : I request Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga to ask *Starred Question No. 223*

**LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, Will the Hon. Home Department Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If there are any plans to expand Champhai District Jail which is shared with Khawzawl.
- b) If there any initiative to have a separate District Jail for Khawzawl District.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Home Deptt. Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the question

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) There is no intention to expand Champhai District Jail which is shared with Khawzawl for now.

- b) No action has been taken yet to establish Khawzawl District Jail due to lack of staff and financial difficulties.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga.

**LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- I heard that a proposal for the construction of 7 District Jails is being submitted. So, if there is any future plan for Champhai District jail, are surveys done to see if there are more suitable sites for a new jail?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu H. Lalzirliana.

**PU H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is –

- i) The Home Minister said that District Jails are beyond their capacity and I heard that there are plans to upgrade and develop several District Jails. So, is Mamit District jail included here?
- ii) Does the Mizoram government recognize that private placement agencies are given license under DC?
- iii) They export unskilled labor, especially domestic helpers. So, is there any plan regarding the unskilled labor sent by these several private placement agencies?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pi Baryl Vanneihsangi.

**PI BARYL VANNEIHSANGI:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is-

Women's Jails are also over the capacity and does the government have any plans to solve this problem?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte.

**PU LALMUANPUIA PUNTE:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is–

- i) Is there any plan to put the prison under the police?
- ii) The police station in the rural areas are not well equipped with vehicles. So, is there any plan to equip the rural police stations and outposts with vehicles?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Home Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the questions

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Clement, the current plan is not for the purpose of expansion but for the equipment of necessary facilities. Champhai District Jail was fenced with tin-roofs in the past and we could not afford concrete walls. Therefore, there are plans to equip the existing jails and ₹750 crore is allocated for Champhai district from SASCI in 2024-25.

In response to Pu H. Lalzirliana, Mamit Jail is one of the development projects and ₹380 lakhs is prepared for it. We know that licenses are issued under DC for Private Placement Agencies because the DC has the authority. However, it is known that license holders misuse their license and this is expected to be resolved soon.

In response to Pi Baryl Vanneihsang, Central Women's Jail is one of the jails to be equipped.

In response to Pu Lalmuanpuia, there is no intention to put the Prison Department under the Police Department. Jail and police stations do not have enough vehicles which makes it difficult to chase prisoners who are escaping. Vehicle equipment in Rural Police Stations is not yet available due to lack of funds. However, the department is aware that there are insufficient vehicles and the department will continue to look into it.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question No. 224 to be asked by Pu Lalchhuanthanga*

**PU LALCHHUANGTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, will the Commerce & Industries Minister be pleased to state –

- a) The date when the New Market Building construction started.
- b) The completion date
- c) The number of works completed so far.

**SPEAKER** : I request Hon. Minister Pu F. Rodingliana to answer the question.

**PU F. RODINGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) Two New Market buildings are being constructed. The construction of Aizawl City Center Annexe 4 (ACC Annexe) under Commerce & Industries Department started on 24.06.2020 and Aizawl City Center (ACC) construction work was started on 10.01.2023 by Aizawl Smart City Ltd. under UD&PA Department.
- b) Aizawl City Center Annexe building is scheduled to be completed within 36 months and Aizawl City Center Building is scheduled to be completed within 24 months.
- c) Aizawl City Center Annexe building construction is 65% completed and Aizawl City Center building construction is 31% completed.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question from Pu Lalchhuanthanga.*

**PU LALCHHUANGTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- What is the name of the contractor and the estimated amount?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question from Pu Lalramliana Papuia.*

**PU LALRAMLIANA PAPUIA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- there is a good industrial land at Lunglawn, Lunglei and there are good buildings and machines. However, the buildings and the facilities were not used for any purpose for a long time. So, are there any new initiatives to use them effectively?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu W. Chhuanawma.

**PU W. CHHUANAWMA :** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is-

- i) Thakthing Bazar is a very busy place on Saturdays and the footpaths are full of vegetables, meat and fish. So, is there a plan to construct a modern market here?
- ii) Khawzawl is becoming a big town with no proper market. So, is it possible to provide a market in this town?

**SPEAKER** : Commerce & Industry Minister Pu F. Rodingliana to answer the question.

**PU F. RODINGLIANA, MINISTER:** In response to Pu Lalchhuanthanga, the contractor is Lushai Engineering and the estimate amount is: a) Aizawl City Annexe - ₹36,41,59,000 b) Aizawl City Center - ₹ 42.83 crore.

In response to Pu Papuaia, we have not yet visited the area and therefore I cannot provide the answers.

Regarding Mission veng asked by Pu W. Chhuanawma, there are no new plans for now. No plans are available for now regarding Khawzawl Bazar and measures will be taken if funds are available.

Pu Speaker, I would like to add that we visited the bazar construction site on February 13 and firetrucks will not be able to pass through. The drawing was approved by the previous government and it is unfortunate that fire brigade will not be available to pass through even when disaster occurs. Many lives could be lost and I really hope that there is a road available for firetrucks.

There is a plan for Mission Veng bazar and a request is also made to NEC. However, we do not know when it will be released. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question No.225* to be asked by Pu H. Ginzalala.

**PU H. GINZALALA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker and will the Hon. Minister of Commerce & Industries Deptt. be pleased to state –

- a) The schemes that the Commerce & Industries Deptt has planned for youth and entrepreneurs in the financial year.
- b) The amount of employment it expects to generate for young people.

**SPEAKER** : Commerce & Industries Minister Pu F. Rodingliana to answer the question.

**PU F. RODINGLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I cannot provide the exact figure but I will try to answer the questions based on our policies and plans.

- a) Commerce & Industries Deptt is committed to promoting youth and entrepreneurs and strategic investment policies are formulated under the new Central Sector Scheme RAMP - Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance. The actual figure cannot be provided
- b) We have made arrangements to employ as many young people as possible.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu H. Ginzalala.

**PU H. GINZALALA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Champhai is near a border and international trade is available. So, what is the government's plan for Champhai District and what should we focus on? We also have IIDC and so, how much work have we done and how should we continue?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu W. Chhuanawma.

**PU W. CHHUANAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I suggested that the Handloom & Handicraft Wing be amalgamated with Sericulture during the demand discussion. Handloom is one of the most successful industries and Thenzawl has more than 1000 handloom farmers. They generate more than ₹9 crore during June – December, 2023 and profited about ₹6 crore. Therefore, further plans should be made to improve and develop handloom under the industry. Therefore, can the department conduct awareness campaigns on the benefits of handloom for Mizo youth?

**SPEAKER** : Commerce & Industries Department Minister, Pu F. Rodingliana to answer the question.

**PU F. RODINGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we are currently building a flat-in-factory at an industrial estate in Champhai and it is planned to provide employment to 35-40 families. IIDC is currently being allocated ₹15 crore specially for Champhai.

In response to Pu W. Chhuanawma, the government has a lot of plans for Thenzawl and ₹100,000 was distributed to more than 30 beneficiaries when this government was established. A large textile hut project is also planned and ₹42 crore has been requested to the central government. We hope that this will be a blessing to the weavers and the shopkeepers. We are planning to take measures all over the state and for that we have requested funds from the Central Government. Since there is very little to be done from our own budget, we have included a little in the hand-holding policy and we are

planning to expand it in each district. Our efforts across the state will be more clearly defined when the hand holding policy is emerged.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question 226* to be asked by Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE:** Pu Speaker, will the Home Minister be pleased to state – “Mamit District Zawlnuam Outpost, Marpara Police Station and West Phaileng Police Station are in dire need of vehicles and is there a way to provide vehicles with good conditions?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Home Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the question.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is – we plan to provide new vehicles as soon as they are available.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- Is there budgetary support for the purchase of new vehicles in this budget? If so, when can we expect it?

Thinghlun to Assam border road is quite bad and measures are currently taken from SASCI project. Their camps and fields are not suitable for battle and is there a way to improve these? So, is there any fund for an upgrade and vehicle?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pi Prova Chakma.

**PI PROVA CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- 5 policemen were recently provided for Tlabung but the police quarter is not fit for occupation. So, is there any initiative for a Police Quarter?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga.

**PU TBC LALVENCHHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is– the only vehicle available for Zonuam Outpost is a bike and the headlight is not even working. So, will the Minister provide vehicles for police duty?

Rifle allowance is only ₹40 and it is meaningless in today’s society. So, is there any intention in the current government to increase this?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Home Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the questions.



**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Robert Romawia, there is no separate budget for the purchase of new vehicles but there can be a way. The department is taking all possible steps to upgrade our police outposts and border outposts all over the state.

In response to Pi Prova, Mizoram Police is still poor in quarters and infrastructure and Police housing development projects are currently implemented in various parts of the state. Therefore, the department will try to equip Tlabung police quarters as well as possible.

In response to Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga, the government is aware of the lack of Central Jail vehicle (**Pu TBC Lalvenchhunga:** Pu Speaker, I was talking about Zonuam Outpost) We will look into it. Rifles Allowance is also increased to ₹80. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question no. 227* to be asked by Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE:** Pu Speaker, will the Home Minister be pleased to state- if there are any plans to close the existing Bungthuam IR police outpost.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Home Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the question.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is- There is no plan to close Bungthuam IR Police Outpost at present.

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

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is- Diltlang South Police Beat Post was opened on 16/02/2021 but the employees were dismissed without any announcement on 4/01/2024. So, what is the reason and is there a way to put them back?

Bungtlang South Police Outpost and Longpuighat Police Outpost are located near the borders and their vehicles are badly damaged. So, is it possible to give priority?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu H. Lalzirliana.

**PU H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is-

- i) Lengpui outpost is not functioning till today and when will it function?
- ii) Is there any plan to expand 4th IR Battalion HQ, Mamit?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister, Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the question.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Ngunlianchung, I cannot provide answers regarding the dismissal of employees and I will have a talk with the authorities. Bungtlang South and Longpuighat vehicle requirements will be taken into consideration. Our police personnel and vehicles are in short supply under the Home Department. Nevertheless, our leaders have done their utmost and we seek your understanding.

In response to Pu H. Lalzirliana, Lengpui Outpost was planned during the previous Government but not much progress is seen. Works cannot be started It due to lack of manpower and funds. Diltlang beat post is an emergency arrangement. Lengpui outpost will be started when funds and staff are available. There is no proposal to purchase land for 4th IR Battalion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question no. 228* to be asked by Pu W. Chhuanawma.

**PU W. CHHUANAWMA :** Pu Speaker, will the Art & Culture Department Minister be pleased to state –

- a) The number of posts vacant under Art & Culture Department
- b) The number of gazetted posts vacant
- c) The number of non-gazetted posts vacant

**SPEAKER** : Art & Culture Department Minister Pu C. Lalsawivunga to answer the question

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) 68 posts
- b) 3 posts
- c) 65 posts

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu H. Ginzalala.

**PU H. GINZALALA :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. There is a library at Aiduzawl and its building is on the verge of collapsing. So, will the Minister take measures on renovation?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Pu C. Lalsawivunga to answer the question.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Mizoram has 513 libraries run by NGOs and the Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation provides assistance for the construction and purchase of books. So, we will make arrangements when funds are available.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question no. 229* to be asked by Pu W. Chhuanawma.

**PU W. CHHUANAWMA :** Pu Speaker, will the Home Minister be pleased to state-

- a) Order was already issued for Khawhai Police Outpost but why is there nothing to be seen? Is it possible to take measures?
- b) Appointment of DIG Eastern Range at Khawzawl has been discussed since the previous government and is there a way to accomplish this?
- c) Is there any proposal to establish District Jail at Khawzawl?

Khawzawl is the central part for Eastern Range and it can be easily approached by Saitual, Serchhip and Champhai. Therefore, DIG Eastern Range should be posted at Khawzawl for the convenience of all of us.

**SPEAKER :** Hon. Home Minister, Pu K. Sapdanga to answer the question.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) Khawhai Police Outpost is not functioning due to lack of manpower. It will function when recruitment is available under Mizoram Police
- b) DIG Eastern Range is functioning from Aizawl Police Headquarters and there are no plans to relocate the office.
- c) There is no proposal for a District Jail at Khawzawl.

**SPEAKER :** *Supplementary question* from Pu Robert Romawia Royte.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary question* is– Is there any plan to upgrade the Mizoram Police Football Academy with a residential hostel?

**SPEAKER :** Hon. Home Minister to answer the question

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Mizoram Police does not have a football academy, however, there is a 1st Battalion MAP Football Academy which is owned by the battalion. Therefore, at present, there is no plan to upgrade it with residential hostels.

**SPEAKER :** Question hour is now over. Dr. Lorrain Lalpekliana Chinzah and Pi Lalrinpuii are unable to attend today's session due to unforeseen circumstances. The session will run till the 13<sup>th</sup> and our hon. Chief minister will host a dinner for all members on the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will listen to the Minister's Statement. Dr. Vanlalhlana, Minister of School Education Department requested the House for a statement on HSLC question paper in accordance with Section 60 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. This is never discussed and I now request Hon. Minister, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

### **STATEMENT BY A MINISTER**

**DR. VANLALTHLANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. The School Education Department and the Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) are deeply saddened that an Official Statement has to be made in this House regarding the 2024 MBSE Board examination. MBSE has taken the Borad examination seriously and carefully prepared the examination for many years and the questions are printed outside Mizoram to prevent leakage from the printing press. MBSE officers themselves distributed the examination papers to District Headquarters to ensure that it reaches the exam centers safely. Exam center Superintendents from District Headquarters collect the examination papers themselves and keep them safely at their respective police outposts or police duty posts throughout the examination period. Center Superintendents are always given written guidelines. All the answer-sheets are coded and issued to the examiner so that it is impossible to identify who answered. After examination by the examiner, it goes back to the scrutinizer and is reviewed thereafter. After the results are prepared, the answers of the students who performed well are reviewed again by selected teachers as a caution. MBSE is very careful in setting and moderating question papers for Borad exam. It collects experienced, reliable and reputable teachers from the Principal or Headmaster, Head of Institution and out of them, questioners and moderators are selected. Their appointment letters also state that their job is confidential and that they can be punished for violating the law. The guidelines are given in writing and they pledge to comply with the rules. Moderators work in the MBSE office itself and are provided with separate rooms. Written instructions and personal explanations were given and only then do they begin their work. They are supervised by MBSE officers throughout their work and their work papers are issued by the Controller of Examination at the beginning of their work every day and then collected in the evening. No items related to their work are allowed to be removed or brought home and rough sheets are not allowed to be thrown in the trash. They are included in the working papers and are destroyed three months after the results are declared.

Despite MBSE's caution, we are very sorry that one of the moderators used the questions as suggestions to his students. It is a violation of the Government Employees' Guidelines and can be severely punished. MBSE officials have taken action against the incident as soon as it was discovered that it had spread on social media. MBSE summoned MISSTA President, Govt. Mizo High School Headmaster and a teacher believed to be involved in the incident. The students were also questioned and it was confirmed that the Govt. Mizo High School teacher had given the suggestion. The teacher held a special class with some of the students who are weak in learning and gave suggestions to these students. The suggestions written down in their books are also kept as evidence. Social Science subject suggestion is not widely spread and not every student from the school has it. Some students who are asked to attend special classes do not attend all the classes and some students who attend the classes did not note down the suggestions. The Minister chaired an emergency meeting on 9/03/2024 (Saturday) and 10/03/2024

(Sunday) to discuss the incident. The Examination Committee will be held today to discuss on how to take measures regarding this specific paper. Class-X examination under MBSE will continue as usual.

The government is not happy with such wrongdoing and action was taken against the teacher who provide the Social Science suggestion. He was suspended from his post on 10.3.2024 under the Classification, Control and Appeal (CCS) Rules, 1965 and MBSE officials filed an FIR at the police station on the same day. The School Education Department will also take disciplinary proceedings. We are deeply saddened by this incident and we believe that the teacher would not have done it if he knew that people would be interested in this. We do not condemn the students who received the suggestions and we do not intend to investigate. I would like to inform this House that we still have enough confidence in our teachers and we will continue to do so in next year's Board Exams.

Pu Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity for the teachers and parents who have misunderstandings regarding this year's MBSE Board Exam questions. The Mizoram Board of School Education (MBSE) has revised the examination system due to the failure of Mizo students to reach the National Achievement Survey (NAS), JEE and NEET. In addition to what we used to know as 'Knowledge, Understanding & Application,' MBSE has launched Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) which is to be implemented from the 2019-2020 Academic Session. The purpose of this HOTS is to assess the level of understanding of the students. MBSE has conducted training on HOTS questions in 11 districts from 13.8.2013 - 22.11.2019 for all affiliated and non-affiliated candidates of MBSE. This Training has been held 23 times.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 also emphasizes that students should understand the basic and origin of subjects and also to think critically. Though MBSE already organized training on HOTS questions, Training on Capacity Building of Teachers is conducted for MBSE registered and non-registered schools in all districts which lasts from 18.4.2023-23.5.2023. HOTS is not a new questionnaire system and as mentioned earlier, this is designed to help students grasp what they are learning and use their thinking skills. We hope that this will improve the quality of our students and raise the standard of education compared to other states.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that you have allowed me to make a Special Statement on the Government's action regarding suggestions of Class-X Board examination. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will proceed to Financial Business and we will discuss the Demands of our 2 Hon. Ministers Pu K. Sapdanga and Pu Lalthansanga. I now request Hon. Minister Pu K. Sapdanga to submit and move the following Demands-

- 1) Demand No. 13 - Department. of Personnel & Administration Reforms.
- 2) Demand No. 16 - Home Department.

- 3) Demand No. 30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.  
 4) Demand No. 46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I hereby submit and move the following Demands-

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**SPEAKER :** I now request Hon. Minister Pu Lalthansanga to submit and move the following Demands-

- 1) Demand No. 33 - Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation  
 2) Demand No. 35 - Fisheries Department;  
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<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,96,80,54,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER :** The Ministers had submitted their Demands and we will now have a discussion. Each member will be given 10 minutes and I request Lt. Col. Clement Lalhmingthanga.

**LT. COL. CLEMENT LALHMINGTHANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No. 16 - Home Department, Champhai is located on the border and it is the face of Mizoram for foreigners. So, our Police force should also make more effort since this district represents us. The Tiau River trade brought many useful things that Mizoram needs and vegetables like Tiau-antam, canned fish, fermented fish etc. are sold to Aizawl Bazar including construction materials. However, illegal drugs are also imported and these drugs are taking over. Therefore, manpower and duty should be increased to strengthen the police force in order to maintain law and order. DIG-Eastern Range should be posted at Champhai District Headquarters since this will help us in maintaining law and order. Drugs are rampant in our state and a DIG level is needed to

control all these problems. Champhai and its surroundings are a heritage site for the nation and tourism and they need to be protected.

Moving to Demand No. 46 - Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, Housing for All policy for the poor under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is being implemented and 1<sup>st</sup> installment was already received. However, it was heard that 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will not be disbursed and this cause serious problems to the beneficiaries. So, is there a way to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment as soon as possible? District Urban Development Officer (DUDO) post in Champhai District has been vacant for a long time and I would like to request the Minister to take measures in this regard. Champhai District also needs a District Jail development and it has a severe staff shortage. Champhai District has a very good DFO and I would like to request the Forest Minister not to relocate him as he is an important pioneer in the development of our area.

Regarding Demand No. 35 - Fisheries, it would be appreciated if a well-equipped Fisheries is provided in my constituency. Fish seeds are imported from outside the state and some seeds are not good enough. So, I would like to request the hon. minister to take steps to ensure that we have good fish seeds and to take measures on hatchery so that fish species are produced locally.

Regarding Sericulture, oak tasar rearing is practiced at Tlangsam and many families who are planning to earn a living from this are looking forward to the project.

Pu Speaker, thank you and I support the Demands of our Ministers.

**SPEAKER** : I request Pu T. Lalhlimpuia.

**PU T. LALHLIMPUIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. LMC election was held in March last year and Lunglei has entered a new chapter. LMC covers 24 localities in Lunglei district. 15 subjects out of 18 municipalities subjects were given but these subjects were not properly approved by the government. There are some subjects that have not yet been transferred and I believe that the government will take measures. Today, Leitlangpui is looking forward to the new government's efforts to manage our municipality.

There is a lot of problem in the south about vehicle testing under pollution. So, Pollution Control Board took measures and they will be having an office at Rahsi Veng (Hon. Dy. Speaker at the Chair) Five mobile test vans are provided under the Pollution Control Board from the Smart City Project. Pollution control test is quite important but the public is not aware enough.

With regards to Demand No. 16 – Home, the Old Tennis Court at Lunglei at the Home Dept. area is under LAD. They have been paying revenue tax but it has been handed

over to LMC in paper. I would request the government to finalize the owner of this area for the betterment of all stakeholders.

The Police staff quarter, which was built in the 1990s is in a dilapidated manner and cannot be utilized during rainy seasons due to intense leakages. The previous term (2020-25) had a *5 years plan* which included the re-construction of staff quarters. I would like the Minister to look into this matter.

The Hrangchalkawn Police Outpost was demolished due to a National Highway construction and compensation of ₹47,54,754 was received in 2020. Under the *5 years plan*, there were projects in Tlabung, Bunglemun and other outposts for the construction and renovation of staff quarters with an estimated amount of ₹142,07,000. I urge the Minister to look into this issue as soon as possible.

The District Jail is over-populated. The perimeter walls are crumbling down and this is harmful for the inmates. This should be looked into as a priority matter.

Lastly, due to the growing nature of Lunglei town, traffic has become an issue. The LMKC had notified to remove all vehicles without any parking houses. The Traffic wing under Aizawl SP should be strengthened to deal with the increasing traffic.

Thus, I extend my support to the demands today. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let Thorang MLA, Pu R. Rohmingliana be invited.

**PU R. ROHMINGLIANA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

I am glad to see the increase in budget for the Home Department. As a department that deals with the public, it must be hard for them in due course of time and I thank for their unending strength and energy.

I am pleased to hear the recruitment of Police personnel from our Home Minister to fill up the 4000 vacancies around the state. The previous government could not do it as the pandemic halted all developmental works. I would request to favor the rural youth if they are equally competent as the other candidates. Our police personnels have done a great job in begging good reputations for the state which is evident from our issues with Assam. Notwithstanding, we need better administration of our police force and enforce stringent disciplines across the forces.

Champhai jail issue of inmates roaming out is a serious case. Did they suspend the duty personnels? I would want the Home Minister to react to this and I asked if he will take moral responsibility and blame himself for this issue.

There have been two allegations of promotion of Havildar to SI during the previous government. The exam conducted during 29<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February was rumored to



be unfair. I suggest a thorough investigation of this issue and find out the real culprits. I believe that there must be recorded videos of the practical tests where we could find the wrongdoers. I request the Minister to comment on this issue in his windup speech. Moving on to Demand No. 46 – UD&PA, the work load for this department is extremely high and I believe they are understaffed in the engineering section. There have been debates on the uncertainty of standard sizes in football grounds. As per my source, which is Google, I believe the true standard size is the FIFA standard – 105 meters in length and 68 meters in width. Under Smart City project, numerous football grounds have been constructed with artificial turfs. We have to understand the difference in expenses as construction in hilly regions are usually higher than that of the plains. The main concern is with the quality control management. Additionally, I wanted to point out that footballs are played more frequently in warmer regions and I believe Thorang in my area has a great potential for developing sports infrastructures.

With regard to our forests, we have many sanctuaries in our state despite our geographical size. In some cases, this encroached the areas where people have lived for many generations and there are 11 families that are still living inside it as of today. There have been problems in renewing land pass in areas of Riverine Reserved Forest. This will reduce our tax revenues and I request the Minister to re-look into this issue. Thus, I will cut short my discussion and extend my support to the demands. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let the Tuichawng MLA, Pu Rasik Mohan Chakma be invited.

**PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, I am glad to see the appointment of Pu Nirupam Chakma as a member of National Commission for Scheduled Tribe Board by the President.

Moving onto the Demands, we have heard the issue of serious understaffing in the Police Department which is true even in my area. This posed extreme hardships in administration. From the Question & Answer session, we have heard that recruitment is underway which is a great step. I wanted to suggest having district quotas in the recruitment process which will distribute the police forces equally in every districts. Not only this, we have to provide better facilities such as quarters, vehicles, salaries and special compensatory allowances for places which are in the rural areas and are considered as hard postings. It would be beneficial to have dedicated servicemen in these hard postings.

With regards to Disaster & Rehabilitation, Tlabung, Chawngte and Borapasuri faced extreme floods in 2013 which caused great damages in these villages. I believe the food victims do not receive any helping hand from the government. We have heard of immediate relief funds but these were not given to the victims till today. The floods destroyed all cultivation and paddy areas which leads to the destruction of economy and

livelihoods of the people. I request the Minister to take measures in providing with relief funds to the victims as soon as possible.

Under the Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Chawngte is a block headquarter and the seat of Chakma District Council headquarter. Despite this, the roads are extremely in a bad condition and needs to be revamped as soon as possible. It is also required to have town declaration for Chawngte looking at its importance.

Next, my question to the Land Resources & Water Conservation Minister is that when will the brooms be given support price? The harvesters are working really hard and we also have to look towards value addition of these produces by manufacturing broom sticks for local use.

With regards to Fisheries, under the centrally sponsored scheme PM – Matsya Sampada Yojana, through District Councils, we have received many projects and this leads to greater production in local fish which is a great news. This is true for Sericulture Department as well and I would like to thank our Ministers for these projects. Therefore, I support the passing of these demands. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let the Lunglei South MLA, Pu Lalramliana be invited.

**PU LALRAMLIANA PAPUIA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, under the Home Department, we have to be careful in recruiting Constables on compassionate grounds who proved to be inefficient due to drugs or alcohol abuse.

*(Panel of Chairman, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte assumes the Chair.)*

I have full confidence in our abled Home Minister that in his term, he will eliminate all unlawful recruitments under compassionate grounds and fake medical fitness certificates. As stated earlier, I want to re-iterate that there are no updates on the Hrangchawkawn Police Outpost that got demolished for the construction of National Highway. They have received a compensation fund of ₹47 lakhs. In 2022, project proposal for ₹140 lakhs was submitted to the Home Department but there are no new developments till today. I urge the Minister to look into these issues.

The Fire Department at Lunglei does not have any proper office place and are tightly packed under Saikuti Hall. New office should be constructed soon as they already have the land. With regards to traffic in Lunglei, as a growing town, we have to take precautionary measures to eliminate hurdles and traffic congestions. As of now, the traffic department functions under the Lunglei SP without any LOC. They are extremely undermanned despite getting helped from the PHQ. Thus, to ensure better traffic movements, we need to set up a full-fledged unit under the supervision of SP or Inspector officer. In the previous year, 1449 vehicles were fined for breaking traffic

rules. The compounding fines collected was ₹17 lakhs. If at least 50% of these fines could be allocated to them, it would bring better efficiency in their administration. Additionally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. MAP at Luangmual which was established in 1988 have 36% vacancy. They also do not have any attached doctors or medical staff. The TA for police duty during covid and border issues have not been paid till today. I hope the Minister note down these issues for prompt actions.

Under the UD&PA, the Lunglei Municipal Council have a lot of competent staffs who are ready to work for the state. However, they are not equipped with real authority and power. The Budget saw an increase in fundings for the Council and I would like to thank our Ministers for this initiative. To add on, we have a plan to establish Sericulture Village in my constituency. For this, we believe that we need to initiate work as a pilot project and converge with MNREGS Scheme. I request the Minister to help us for the development of the rural areas and promote their livelihoods.

Therefore, I support the demands put forth by our Ministers today.

**CHAIRMAN** : Let the Champhai North MLA, Pu. H. Ginzalala.

**PU H. GINZALALA** : Pu Chairman, thank you for the time. I suggest increasing the allotted time from 10 minutes to 12 or 13 minutes for the interest of all Ministers.

Moving onto the demands, Champhai does not have DUDO. Under CSS programme, we have a senior Specialist who have been working for 10 years and I believe this could be absorbed as an Asst. DUDO. Often, we get MCS officers as DUDO but as they are not permanently posted, they leave soon leaving the post vacant. Thus, we need a permanent DUDO at the District Establishment.

Pu Chairman, we have started facing traffic problems in Champhai and to resolve this issue, we should construct a pedestrian fly-over bridge at certain places. I suggest building an innovative structure strong enough so that we can also have ATMs and fast-food restaurants incorporated in the bridge for the interest of space. Additionally, apart from parking problems, the road from Khawkawn Police check gate to Champhai is in bad condition. I request the concern minister to look into these issues and take necessary actions.

Regarding DP & AR, I have with me the 2008 notification of inaugurating the PHE Department Sub-Division at Hnahlan. As we do not see any cancel order, I would request for the Minister to look into it for its speedy functioning. Additionally, I want to highlight the importance of establishing a DIG Eastern Range at Champhai due to the nature of porous borders with Myanmar. It is estimated that there are around 1,70,000 – 2,00,000 refugees in Champhai. This started to cause various problems with regards to law and order, rampant drugs use and illegal trade in arms and ammunitions. This also affects certain socio-economic conditions such as health and educational sector.

Under Swadesh Darshan, ₹90 crores worth of project have been provisioned and we would require more Police Outposts in the area and strengthen policing and traffic staffs and their infrastructures.

Our forest resources are constantly being depleted due to our system of slash and burn cultivation. Burning of woods inject carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and cause pollution. I believe we can solve this issue by harvesting these woods without burning them. With some technology input and entrepreneurship, we can convert these woods into an economic resource and would generate employment for our youth. Adding on, I suggest that we should not burn the cultivated area that are very close to the road. By reserving at least 10 meters of land from the road, we can prevent road accidents and it can serve as a safety net for all travelers.

With regards to Skill Development, the Rajivnagar village youths learned how to operate JCB, Hitachi and Excavators and along these lines, we require *One village, One skill policy* for our state. There are many areas where we can skill up our youths such as welding, plumbing and construction. To add on, the NHIDCL have constructed highways along our villages. Thus, we need urban planning and smart village planning along the lines of sustainable development.

Therefore, I support the demands put forth by our Ministers. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : The forenoon session has ended. WE shall have a recess and come back at 2 pm.

(Recess)

**2:00 PM**

**SPEAKER** : Let the Hrangturzo MLA, Pu Lalmuanpuia Punte be invited.

**PU LALMUANPUIA PUNTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

To speak on the issue of ILP, I believe we should move the system from paper base ILP to Smart Cards ILP. The ILP is issued in an A4 paper which causes many problems for the holders. Introducing smart card system will lead to better administrative compliance in this sector. We also have to take stringent measures for the non-compliance and fake sponsorships of the card holders. There have been cases of ILP holders committing crimes in the state with proxy sponsors in the past. Thus, to hold the sponsors more accountable, we have to institute a robust mechanism in place.

Under the Smart City project, the UD & PA Department have tested traffic lights in Aizawl to ease traffic management. What was the outcome of these test? As we all

know, with the increase in vehicles and traffics in the urban areas, we need more traffic police in areas such as Aizawl, Lunglei, Siaha, Champhai and other district headquarters. There are around 300 traffic police in Aizawl and they are overburden with work and duties. We need to have at least 500 traffic police for better management. Moving on, the Bangladesh border is guarded by the BSF. Since we have a lot of infiltrators from the western front, is it possible to establish IR posts on regular intervals in addition to the BSF. Is this plausible in international areas? Also, police outposts and stations at the rural areas have deficiency in vehicles. The ones they have are old and in need of constant repair. This issue should be looked into as soon as possible. I am glad to see the increase in rifle allowances announced our Minister. As mentioned earlier, our jails are overcrowded and rations are not up to the standard. Cable TV inside the jail should also be regulated to screen appropriate contents for the inmates.

The Fisheries sector must be revamped and we have to establish and construct more nurseries and look for increase in its re-population. The Aizawl Zoological Park is a great place for recreation and family hangouts. However, it is a bit small and I request the Minister to increase the area for better utility.

Thus, I support the demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Aizawl South-III MLA, Pi Baryl Vanneihsangi be invited.

**PI BARYL VANNEIHSANGI:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, Demand No. 46 – Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, we see ₹18,265.84 lakhs for infrastructural assets creation which will be hugely beneficial for the urban areas. I am glad to see the expected ₹20,949.93 lakhs under various Externally Aided Projects from the Center. Specifically, the Aizawl Sustainable Urban Transport Project (ASUTP) has brought us to a new horizon in terms of road transport and traffic management. Notwithstanding this progress, I would like to see more efforts and projects for city beautification and urban poverty alleviation.

There are numerous projects under Aizawl Smart City Ltd. for *Ease of living* of the people. However, I am not satisfied with the administration and implementation of these projects as it is only beneficial for a limited population today. We need more projects for ‘public utility and service’ that could be more utilized by a larger section of the population. I also want to ask the Minister if the Smart City project will be continued by the Center?

With respect to waste management, a lot of efforts have been taken by the concerned departments by conducting awareness through advertisements and songs and slogans. However, the public does not follow these rules and throw garbage in our drainage systems which causes more problems during monsoon seasons. Thus, better waste management is the need of the hour. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, ODF Plus

villages are recognized and this shows the true face of the society. We have very less ODF Plus villages in our state and we have to take more actions towards this regard.

The PMAY – *Urban Housing for All* is a great initiative which will level out infrastructures for everyone. I personally believe that if we can have a state matching share for these schemes, we will have better infrastructure and quality houses.

The National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) should be strengthened for better implementations. It would be great if there could be a collaboration with the MZSRLM as it will have a better and far-reaching consequences. The ULB Grants for 2024-2025 is ₹39 crores and I would like to be aware on the distribution of grants between the AMC and LMC. I would also suggest that these grants should reach the targeted municipal bodies on time so as to eliminate penalties incurred by the state for delaying of payments.

Moving on to Demand No. 13, we have issues arising from the confluence of various services at the Secretariat. I suggest that we combine the MCS and MSS under the Mizoram Administrative Service for better management. If possible, the mode of recruitment should follow the present MCS model. I also recommend that technical personnels should not hold the posts of administration as they have limited experience in the field of civil administration.

As mentioned earlier with respect to Demand No. 16 – Home, we have serious issues of deficiency in manpower and infrastructure in the Police Department. Their cover area is extremely huge and this cause problems in their administration.

Demand No. 30 – Disaster Management & Rehabilitation, we have to be lenient with our Budget and fundings in this sector as we depend on this Department in time of calamities and emergencies. Hlmen have been recognized as a danger area by the DM&R. However, we see an active LSC and tax revenues from these areas which is a concerning issue. I request the Minister to look into this issue as it posed grave danger for the public.

We also have to balance development and environmental protection. We plant many trees just to be cut off in due course of time. Thus, we need a uniform approach in this regard. I notice that the concerned Department takes extensive efforts in eliminating illegal wildlife crimes but they do not have enough manpower and staffs to carry on their administration in a swift manner. This should be resolved as soon as possible. With the rise in better tools like guns and chainsaws, there are numerous cases of animal hunting in the rural areas. These cases should be taken seriously and stringent actions should be taken towards the wrongdoers.

Therefore, for the development of the state, I extent my full encouragement and support for the demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the South Tuipui MLA, Pu Jeje Lalpekhluva be invited.

**PU JEJE LALPEKHLUA:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

I am pleased to see our abled Home Minister taking prompt efforts and actions for his department. Hnahthial is a new district with lots of rooms for improvement. In this regard, I am glad to see that the postings of woman police officers which is a great initiative. We are in need of POL for our Police Stations as we are short of vehicles for administration. Moreover, we are in serious need of additional fundings for maintaining Law & Order in the district. A separate fund is also required for the IOs who are going out for investigation in and around the city. Despite the possession of land-lease, Hnahthial SP office has not been constructed till today. To add on, quarters and places for fire tankers have been constructed for the fire services. However, they do not function as of today. I request the Minister to look into these issues.

Next, with regards to Demand No. 36 – Environment, Forest & Climate Change, due to the issues in forest clearances, many developmental projects were halted which is a grave issue today. Forest is in the Concurrent List and thus we have to take measures to eliminate problems in this regard. I would suggest that the CMO should coordinate and monitor any projects which require forest clearances for smooth functioning of administration. The Hnahthial 132 kV line installation have also been affected due to this issue. I also want to highlight that Hnahthial does not have a separate forest division. There are Forest Ranges at Hnahthial, South Vanlaiphai, Thingsai, Cherhlun and South Chawngtui.

Moving on to Demand No. 46 – Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Aizawl as a capital has been increasing in every front and this leads to the issue of overcrowding. I suggest that every Departments should have projects for Aizawl extension with a common 10 -year plan. Under the same vision, we should move out our government offices and institutions outside the city for better administration.

The DUDO Office was established in the previous government at Hnahthial but we have not received any fundings and projects under SASCI Schemes which I believe other districts have got it. We also do not have NULM staffs which tied our hands and we also want to request for a master plan under the Town & Country Planning Wing for the development of Hnahthial.

Thus, I extend my full support on these demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Mamit MLA, Pu H. Lalzirliana be invited.

**PU H. LALZIRLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, I would like to thank the Home Department for their effectiveness and smooth functioning despite having sever shortages in manpower. I would request our finance minister to initiate recruitments and also note these issues as it causes impediments for

many developmental works such as the Lengpui outpost which is extremely crucial for the area. This outpost should be equipped to handle emergency situations as they are now relying on the Sairang outpost which is extremely over burdened with cases. I also want to highlight the staff deficiency in the administration of jails.

I wanted to call the attention of Pu Lalthansanga, our concerned Minister of Soil Department to understand the outcry of our broom harvesters. I hope he will address the needs of the people today.

Supplementing on what Pu Jeje Lalpekhlua have said, it is true that my areas have also been affected by the issue of forest clearances. Due to this, three projects – 132 kv line, Bairabi to West Phaileng via Mamit, NIT Lengpui and Semen Boring Station at Lengpui have been halted. High level power meetings have been conducted yet we have not come to any solutions. Thus, we highly require better convergences of our departments for smooth functioning of the government.

I would request the Minister to look into the issues faced by the BRTF/BRO in the on-going construction of Dapchhuah to Tuipuibari, Rajiv Nagar Road. RCC Bridges have been constructed in 3-4 areas and one of them was inaugurated by our union home minister. However, works could not be completed in 3-4 areas as it falls under the Dampa Reserve Area.

With regards to UD & PA Department, the DUDO could not function efficiently due to their limited financial powers. I suggest that we render more powers financially in their jurisdictional areas. Also, delay in receiving installments under the PMAY schemes hamper its implementations and I would request the Minister to look into it. Mamit GSA playground was started under the previous government for ₹300 lakhs. Pavilions, changing rooms, fencing, field levelling, side drain, retaining walls and gate have been completed. However, artificial turf has not been installed and I request the concerned Department to take necessary actions for its continuity.

Therefore, I support the passing of the demands. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Tuichang MLA, Pu W. Chhuanawma be invited.

**PU W. CHHUANAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, as mentioned earlier, the Police Department is extremely undermanned. Our crime rates are extremely high for our population. Our Police are over burdened with work as they also look after the borders as evident in the Assam border issue. Moreover, Khawzawl IR Battalion is utilized by Saitual, Khawzawl and Champhai. We have 920 sanctioned posts of which only 478 have been occupied. The Superintendent of Police office also have a vacancy of 3 Sub-Inspector, and 3 Assistant Inspector. Thus, I urge



the Minister to take prompt actions in filling up these vacancies to maintain law and order situations in the area.

The intensity of urban poor is extremely high and they are in dire need of help and support. I want to extend my encouragement for the UD & PA department so that they can work with full energy for poverty alleviation.

Demand No. 35 concerned with Fisheries department. We have not been sustainable with regards to sea food as we are scared of consuming Formalin injected fishes. I have been to the western front of Mizoram at Kanmun and I saw many areas where fish ponds and lakes could be constructed for better sustainability in the fishes. The funds have been increased and I hope to see great results in the future.

With respect to Demand No. 41 – Sericulture, our Mizo culture includes wrapping of cloth for women in any important functions. Today, almost every woman wears a cloth for the church, The cloth that they are wearing is mostly made of acrylic yarn which has 100% chemicals in it. This is truly bad for the environment as compared to cotton and silk. There were 50 – 60 families in Khawzawl established as a society who were involved in silk rearing such as Mulberry, Eri and Mura silk. However, due to low demands in the market, many families stopped engaging in it. Today, there are hardly 20 families that are involved in this business. The government have to curb monopolization of certain business and start looking at developing the area of sericulture both for the economy and the environment.

Therefore, I support the demands put forth by our Ministers today. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Lawngtlai West MLA, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga be invited.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, under Demand No. 31 – Fisheries Department, I would like to point that on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, Pi Hniang-hniangi was killed in an animal conflict tragedy at Ngengpui Sanctuary. The Sanctuary was unfenced and the victim was not given any compensations till today. Maharashtra government gave ₹25 lakhs to the victims of animal conflict. Her husband is working as a Wildlife Guard. These Guards do not receive salary on time from the Center. I request the Minister to provide assistance through compensations or make the husband a full time Provisional employee of the government. Moreover, the Ngengpui Sanctuary and Phawngpui National Park comes under the jurisdiction of District Council and with an agreement, it was under the state government which ended in 2018. Is there any provision in handing the Parks to the District Council in the future?

On Demand No. 16 – Home Department, the Diltlang post was established in emergency. However, without prior notice, they have all been called back and I would request the Minister to re-establish a Beat office in the area. Bungtlang South is the biggest village in my constituency and is the seat of BDO. Last year, there were many fire accidents wherein many houses were burned down. I would request for an establishment of fire stations in the area.

Secondly, overcrowding of our jails is a concerning issue today. In a capacity of 400 prisoners, we have put more than 900 prisoners which is inhumane. I am glad to see funds for its enlargement under SASCI and I urge the government to take care of our jails as it is a place of reformation and not punishments.

With respect to Demand No. 30 – DM&R, while I used to be the concerned Minister, I have a convention of distributing silpaulin to all my fellow members in the House. Today, I find it great to see the increase in fundings for SDRF from ₹18 crores to ₹54 crores and I believe this will be beneficial for everyone especially the rural areas.

There is a case of land subsidence in the areas of Lawngtlai L-3 and relief measure have been taken to help the affected families. We have submitted a concept paper to the DM&R and I request the Minister to fast track this project for the people. I also want to highlight that the construction of KMMTTP road have put the Civil Hospital in a dangerous area and prone to landslides despite the existence of retaining walls. This matter should be looked into it.

Under Demand No. 46 – UD&PA, from the times of Congress government, widening of roads, construction of side drains and nalas have been taken up in the area of Lawngtlai, Siaha and Chawngte towns. However, I believe that due to the over-concentration of projects in Aizawl, these areas have been neglected and I request the government to understand the needs of the people in my area.

Demand No. 33 – Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation, the Lawngtlai Division is extremely inefficient due to poor infrastructure and understaffing which hamper the smooth function of administration. This could be handed over to the District Council if it is not manageable by the Ministry.

Lastly, with regards to the Fisheries Department, our approach is incorrect. We have to identify the potential areas of aquaculture and make targeted developmental projects for it. We have to stop favoring party members and start to look the scenarios from a wider perspective. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Tuirial MLA, Pu K. Laldawngliana be invited.

**PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

Firstly, regarding Demand No. 16 – Home, it is great to see the increase in the Budget to ₹3379.95 crores with a salary component of ₹1633.10 crores. I hope this resolve the serious staffing issues with a vacancy of 4268 posts wherein 3528 posts are for Group C staffs. We have to revamp our jail and its administration. As of today, there are 1235 Home guards in Mizoram out of which only 76 are regular employee. As per report, there are 42,576 refugees in Mizoram and I request the government to look into this issue. On 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, MoU have been signed and sent to Delhi for the shifting of Assam Rifles, yet no response has been received. Additionally, I wanted to call out on the requirements of gun license for some people and abolishing of license abruptly cause problems for the people. The introduction of online issue of ILP should also be re-examined. The Mualvum IR Bn at Kawnpui have 340 vacancies as of today. We also have a lot of pending MR and TA/DA in this department.

Moving on to Demand No. 46 – UD&PA, I am suspicious about the decreasing trend of budgetary allocations for this Department. It has come down by ₹21,956.22 lakhs and excluding CSS funds, it decreases by ₹1,837.97 lakhs. I also want to ask the condition of Aizawl – Sustainable Transport Project that was started in the previous government. Can we divert the PAHOSS scheme and its funds for the reduction of traffic jam in the state?

Under the Aizawl Smart City project, Laldenga Cultural Center is to be constructed. When will this be started? Are there any villages which receive both Urban Local Body Grant and Rural Local Body Grant together under LAD? I am also glad to see the high Budgetary allocations for the Lunglei Municipal Council. My query is that will the High-Powered Vice-Chairman post be continued under the LMC? I also hear that Aizawl Master Plan is underway, when will this be utilized and implemented? The 1<sup>st</sup> installment for Housing for All scheme have not been received by the beneficiaries. I request the Minister to look into it.

Demand No. 36 – Environment, Forest & Climate Change, I believe that environmental protection and the issue of forest clearance hampers growth and development in a great extent. The 2,02,526 hectares that have been pending for clearances should be re-examined. Will the JAICA project be continued? The budget estimate for this Department decreases by ₹2119.05 lakhs which is unfortunate. I hope to see more on the front of Revised Estimates for proper functioning of administration.

Commenting on Demand No. 35 – Fisheries Department, it is important for us to be sustainable in fisheries as it could be consumed by people with non-communicable diseases. 50% subsidies have been given for construction of lakes and ponds for aquaculture. We also need to establish check gates for regulation of imported fishes so as to consume only fresh and healthy fishes. Under the BMMS Scheme, projects have

been approved and sanctioned for aquaculture and construction of ice-plant, and its consequent transportation. I request the Minister to look into it.

On Demand No. 4 – Sericulture, Muga functions as a Cooperative Society. There are on-going developments at Sesawng in the Serifed area but the budget has been decreased by 150.15 lakhs which is unfortunate. We have to find a way to increase these fundings through Revised Estimates.

Therefore, I support the demands put forth by our Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the Hachhek MLA, Pu Robert Romawia Royte be invited.

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

We are all aware of the importance Home Department held. It is a big department with a wide scope. I give credit to the police department for working and functioning with minimal facilities.

Under UD & PA Department, there is much debate about the size of football fields in Mizoram. I would like to point out that FIFA has ‘Laws of the Game’ which stipulates the size of football grounds. The department conforms to this stipulation as much as possible.

Geology & Mining Department has a thorough set of rules and guidelines by which they will operate. Which department will implement the hand fund? Will it be Forest Department or Geology & Mining Department?

Pu Speaker, I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu TBC. Lalvenchhunga.

**PU TBC. LALVENCHHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with DP & AR as the new ministry relies a lot on this department. E-PAR, e-Leave and Digital File Tracking System have been introduced. It is hoped that these will assist in the efficiency rate of the government.

Moving on to Home Department, the department needs to do better in terms of deployment and nature of duty. They need to give priority to upgrading facilities, accommodation and conveyance to boost morale.

There are no proper guidelines to determine seniority in Home Guard Volunteers. It is high time that such a system is introduced. Also, we still have not provided them with provident fund.

Mizoram Private Replacement Agency Act, 2015 Rules need to be revised to benefit overseas workers.

Forest Department does not operate as it should have. They should prioritize on following the guidelines for re-forest and forest slope plantation.

Lastly, I give my support to the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am glad that the budget estimate for Home Department increased as compared to the previous year. I expect that some of them will be used to fill up the 4268 vacant posts that the department currently has.

Dungtlang Police Station, which is at the border requires renovation of their building, quarters and security fencing. They also require more female police as they currently have one only.

Farkawn is at the border and has only 4 police stationed there. They require more than just 4 police force. The station itself needs strengthening as it is at the border.

Under Demand No. 46 UD & PA Department, Farkawn was declared notified town in 2021. However, due to the pandemic, no development was seen since then. The town needs development as befits a notified town.

Moving on to Demand No.36 Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department, due to development, our water source have decreased considerably. The department needs to develop a system to increase water resources and to stop deforestation.

Lastly, I give my support to the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the hon. Home Minister for listening to my reasons in regards to Kangmun Police Outpost.

Pu Speaker, were the 8 staffs from Police Department at Vairengte check gate suspended without proper enquiry? Investigation is ongoing and I felt that the government is not aware of the full incident and circumstance.

Marpara Police Station is lacking in many aspects such as facilities and power supply. The place itself is humid too. Can posting at Marpara Police Station be made a 3-year term? This is to consider the well being of staffs being posted there.

Moving on to Demand No. 33 Soil & Water Conservation, will construction of broomstick warehouse at Hruiduk and Silsuri still be carried out by the new ministry? This was already authorized and sanctioned by the previous ministry.

The work carried out by Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department is varied. I believe that the budget estimate for the department is too meagre.

Under Demand No. 46 UD & PA Department, as mentioned before, the newly declared notified towns should be developed as soon as possible.

Also, can the government do something about the different wires hanging around Aizawl city? It has come to the point that they are now causing problems for the public. Pu Speaker, I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**DR. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask the new ministry's plan for Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Demand No. 13). How will administrative reforms be carried out during this ministry?

We are aware of the system regarding combined services exam. Selection is made after exams are conducted by MPSC. However, promotion avenue greatly differs. Especially for MIS, promotion avenue is limited. I ask the government to find a solution for this issue.

I believe it is high time that a cadre review is introduced for government workers. Will the new ministry be able to do this?

Under Demand No.30 Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, preventative measures need to be taken. It is plausible for the Chief Minister to have the department under his portfolio as they are prone to have emergency cases where the decision of the top is needed.

My immediate thought when mentioning Home Department (Demand No. 16) is that they are short staffed. We need to enhance our enforcement capacity to strengthen our defense system. It is necessary to revise recruitment rules for home guard volunteers.

Under Demand No. 41 Sericulture Department, we need to make provision for muga production and made it a priority. The market for this product will not be an issue as India is the largest consumer of silk.

Lastly, I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

**PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I will start with Demand No. 33 Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department. I am pleased to see that the budget estimate for the department is increasing which indicates that the new ministry plans to give more importance and priority to this department. They are many vacant posts within the department and I do hope that the new ministry will fill up these posts soon.

The department have several projects in the pipeline such as creation of terraces, check dam and contour trench among others. Priority should be given to production of rubber, broomstick and coffee.

*(Hon. Dy. Speaker at the Chair)*

Pu Dy. Speaker, Fisheries Department (Demand No. 35) is underrated and most of the time unappreciated. To be able to be self-sufficient in fish production, this department needs to be strengthened.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pi Prova Chakma.

**PI PROVA CHAKMA :** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the hon. minister for providing my constituency with a new fire truck.

I will start with Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department (Demand No. 30). My constituency was not included in the list for flood map. What is the reason for this exclusion? Every year, my constituency suffers several damaged due to flood.

Under Fisheries Department, my constituency is a potential area for fish production and I would like to request the hon. minister to develop these areas for fish production. I also ask that fish seed be provided on time.

We have continually experienced an issue in Environment, Forests & Climate Change Department (Demand No. 36). My constituency was declared 'Riverine Reserve Forest' previously. And as such we were unable to pay taxes for these areas. However, when compensation for afforestation of land was demanded, we were told that there is no riverine reserve forest in the state. This is an ongoing issue and I kindly request the hon. minister to resolve this.

Under Soil & Water Conservation Department, my constituency is in turmoil due to lack of market for turmeric. Can the hon. minister explain the reason for their refusal to buy turmeric?

Lastly, I support the demands submitted by the hon. Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalchhandama Ralte.

**PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, OPP. LEADER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I have a query under Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department (Demand No. 33). Will the department be continuing to buy broomsticks in the future? Or will the buying of broomsticks be taken over by Marketing Board? Can the government give their assurance to the farmers to buy all the broomsticks that they produce?

Fisheries Department (Demand No. 35) sees an increase in their budget estimate which is welcomed. The government needs to develop potential areas and subsidize fish feed in order to raise fish production. We also need to raise public awareness on fish farming for optimum production.

Under Sericulture Department, research wing needs to be put to task and develop potential areas.

Can the hon. minister explain the reason for the decrease in budget estimate for UD & PA (Demand No. 46)? Also, can Green Aizawl be reintroduced under Aizawl Smart City Project? There are too many wires hanging around the city which is causing problems. Can these wires be taken care of? Also, there are many footpaths that needed repair. When will construction be started on parking lot at Zodin Cinema Hall?

Under Demand No. 30 Disaster Management & rehabilitation Department, there is shortage of diving equipment in almost every area, can these be provided? Also, can fire hydrants which were placed in different localities be reintroduced?

Home Department (Demand No. 16) sees an increase in their budget which is satisfactory considering their importance to the public. However, they have few working vehicles and their quarters are run down. Can they be provided with new vehicles and better quarters? Also, the Police Department needs to improve their fitness level.

Regarding the financial assistance provided to Mizoram from central government for Myanmar refugees, the record book for their expenditures was kept in file number No.G. 20011/2/2021-DTE (DM&R) and the file is named 'For providing financial assistance to refugees from Myanmar'.

Lastly, I support the demands submitted by the hon, Ministers. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Chief minister and House Leader.

**PU LALDUHOMA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. Starting with Demand No. 16 Home Department, we have submitted DPR for reconstruction of the 6 District jails under SASCI.



We are looking into cases surrounding overseas workers and the problems they faced from their employers. Also, agencies will be told to follow rules and regulations and that they should have a valid license to operate as an agent.

We are currently planning to establish Mizo Diaspora Cell to help those incarcerated outside Mizoram. Labor Mobilization Agreement has been signed between Taiwan and India and Mizoram will also be the beneficiary for this agreement.

A new system for Inner Line Permit is at its planning stage. Some sort of identification will be introduced under this system.

We are looking into the current stage regarding removal of Assam Rifles from Lammual and surrounding areas. There are several individuals who have refused to submit their LSC's and we are planning to take action against these individuals if they still refuse to surrender their LSC's.

It's up to the heads to decide and others may not get involved unless they are called for it. We may wonder about the increasing plan outlay; we might use some amount beyond the allocated amount. For example, ₹40 crores were added for Fire & Emergency under the Disaster Management deptt. ₹25 crores will be added for UD&PA as well. Also, ₹127 crores were allocated for Unity Mall and the Minister may sign it tonight when he returns from his trip.

Demand No- 41- sericulture, Muga Culture will be a big advantage. Our request to the Central Silk Board to give us P3 Station for Mizoram was successful and soon we'll have the facility. On 6<sup>th</sup> February, we went to Thenzawl to inaugurate the Muga Project and we even shared some talks with the representative head of the Central Silk Board. Within that week, he informed us that ₹7.06 crores would be given to us and so they did. Altogether, they will give us ₹13.39 crores for the project.

We also opined that the rates of cocoons must be increased so that the people involved and the cocoon cultivators may get good profit out of it. Let me also mention that mulberry is an important tool to create Sericulture Tourism and the concept paper was submitted to the NEC. The government puts it on their priority list as well. Therefore, I hope we all agree to meet the demands of our two Ministers.

**SPEAKER** : We shall have a recess and come back at 6:30 P.M.  
(*Recess*)

#### **6:30 P.M.**

**SPEAKER** : Now that we are done with the demands of our two Ministers, Pu K. Sapdanga and Pu Lalthansanga, Pu K. Sapdanga may wind -up the session.

**PU K. SAPDANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I am glad that we got to discuss the demands of my four departments and that 21 members were involved in the discussion. Let's save some time and I hope the members agree to my demands. *(The House agrees with him).*

Demand No. 13- Personnel & Administrative Reforms Deptt. - following the austerity measures advocated by the new government, only required employees will be recruited and administrative reforms may be adopted if needed. We shall try our best to earn the trust of the people.

DP&AR is among the 8 departments listed under the Govt. of Mizoram Transaction of Business Rules, 2014. These are the wings:

- 1) Civil Service Wing – It deals with the service matters of All India Services, Central Services, Mizoram Civil Service Officers and the transfer and posting of different Heads of Departments.
- 2) Administrative Reforms Wing – It deals with the creation of posts, filling up of posts, removal of posts and adjustment of posts.
- 3) General Service Wing – It deals with deputation, service and recruitment rules and its related rules, and the MPSC.
- 4) Good Governance Cell - It deals with the efficiency and accountability of through a digital file tracking system at the Secretariat. For MCS Officers, e-PAR was introduced and by next year, most of the government employees will start using it.
- 5) Secretariat Service Wing – It deals with matters related to Mizoram Secretariat Service Officers, Mizoram Ministerial Service Assistant grade, Mizoram Stenographer Service etc.
- 6) Training Wing – It deals with the extra training and sessions that government employees and foreign diplomats can attend. It is taken care of by the Administrative Training Institute. Currently, the AIS Officers under the govt. of Mizoram is - IAS Officers-28; IPS Officers-22; IFS Forest Officers-16; IRS-3; Indian Audit and Accounts Service-1; Indian Railways Account Service-1. There are 254 MCS sanctioned posts and 199 officers. There are 259 Mizoram Secretariat Service (MSS) Officers Sanctioned post while there are 258 officers. Including the Chief Secretary, there are 30 secretaries under the govt. of Mizoram.

Some highlights of the initiatives taken from 2023 to 2024 are:

- 1) MPSC recruits 236 people while MSSSB recruits 217 people.
- 2) No. of approvals given-298; Direct Recruitment -149; posts through LDE – 101; no. of PEs to regularize-176; PE fresh engagement-26 amendment of service rules-42; posts recruited on the basis of compassionate ground-7; extended service-9; re-employment-16.

- 3) Recruitment during 2023-2024, Level 10 MES-35, AAO-27.MSS-21. Assistant Professor-20, MPS-16, MCS-12, MF&AS-10, High School Headmaster-10, Mizoram Agriculture Service-9, Mizoram Horticulture Service-6, Mizoram Information Service-5 and Mizoram Health Service-5.

***Employee substitution in the workplace:***

42 departments are having a Secretariat and a Directorate or Sub-Ordinate Office under the govt. of Mizoram and there are 38 departments having substitutes. There are 3365 substitutes and most of their identities have been figured out now. There are 4 departments without substitutes, these are- Excise & Narcotics, ICT department, DP & AR and Vigilance Department. The top 6 departments having substitutes are:

- 1) School Education-1115;
- 2) Health & Family Welfare-624;
- 3) Power & Electricity-253;
- 4) GAD-239;
- 5) PWD-119;
- 6) Rural Development-109

The various reasons are:

- 1) Health reasons-2070;
- 2) Family problems-723;
- 3) Personal problems-350;
- 4) Unexplained reasons-90;
- 5) Orders from higher authority-35; (this is expected to be a political reason)
- 6) Higher education-43;
- 7) Unreasonable cases-74.
- 8)

Manipur is the other state in India which is known for employee substitution. As the Church also exercises actions towards members violating certain laws, we must do the same. The DP&AR is also currently investigating the conditions of government employees attached to another office. 27 departments have these kinds of people, there are 4000 of them. Group A officers-15, Group B officers-347, Group C-242 and Group D-193. 11 contract employees are attached to another office, 257 provisional employees, 1787 CSS employees and 49 work charge employees.

Let's also note that there are substitutions for the deceased as well. School deptt. has 1776 staff attached in another place, 1282 at Home deptt., 286 at P&E deptt. and 227 at PHE deptt. Some of them are on deputation and some of them are attached by making arrangements due to their own problems at their workplaces.

The worst case is officers employing someone to do their personal work.

The other initiatives of the government are-

- 1) **e-PAR 2.0:** Made by DP&AR for the MCS officers (2022-2023) as a pilot project. Due to its success, SPARTAN e-PAR 2.0, an upgraded version was

launched for the Group A officers (2023-2024). A sensitization programme was done between 26<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

- 2) **Mipui Aw:** An initiative of State Grievance Redressal portal, DP& AR and MSEGs; it was released on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by the Chief Minister. 352 people have registered since its inception and the various departments shall solve these grievances as quickly as possible.
- 3) **E-Service Book:** DP&AR understood the need to convert service books into e-formats and for their pilot project, it was decided that the e-service books would be used for all the MCS officers.
- 4) **GERS:** The Government Employee Registration System (GERS) is an online platform that stores important bio-data of government employees. It is linked with IFMIS (Integrated Financial Management & Information System) and it will help in bringing about efficiency and transparency. DP&AR tried their best to release GERS within 2024-2025. This will help in bringing digital transformation.
- 5) **The Mizoram Right to Public Service Act, 2015:** It was released 10 years ago. Designated officers of each department will be responsible for spreading the necessary information to the public and inspection is done in each department.
- 6) **Administrative Training Institute, Mizoram:** Between 2023 and 2024, 32 State Sponsored Training Programmes, and 14 training sessions sponsored by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training, and Institute of Secretariat Training & Management's Rural Attach Programme was conducted. The state training courses were attended by 845 government employees and other courses were attended by 969 employees. 781 employees also attended training conducted by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India. A hostel offering 21 beds was also arranged for government employees training outside Aizawl. On 9-12 January, 2024, a training session was organized by the newly elected MLAs.
- 7) **Dissolution of Mizoram Subordinate Service Selection Board (MSSSB):** As a mandate given by Article 315 of the Indian Constitution, the Mizoram Public Service Commission was established by the govt. of Mizoram on 30.4.1991. Following Article 320, the recruitment of Group A and Group B has been conducted by MPSC. Since MSSSB creates unnecessary expenditures, it was dissolved on 29 February 2024. We have to prioritize what our state needs first.
- 8) **Restructuring of Departments:** Some of the departments in Mizoram used to restructure without reasoning about what the people needed. Giving importance to the big officers would stunt our growth and we must be mindful of these unnecessary details that can potentially distract us from smooth functioning.
- 9) **Amalgamation of Different Departments:** DP&AR will soon conduct an elaborate study on departments that could be amalgamated. Let me also state that it is unhealthy to compete in trying to have the best service and recruitment rules.
- 10) From 2019 to 2020, we started following the pattern of the central government and central pay recommendation and we started having the Common Guidelines. Some services still refrain from having that, but they must follow it soon.

- 11) In Mizoram, there is no mechanism for performance review of govt. servant under Fundamental Rights 56 and Rules 48 of CCS Pension Rules, 1972. Following the pattern of the Central Government, it can be formulated. This will increase efficient and responsible officers for the government.
- 12) **Strengthening of District Administration Sub-Division:** The small departments won't have to open a district office and the DP&AR may arrange with the DC office for these small departments. There might be a need to form a committee under the GAD for the districts and sub-divisions as well. For all these, the DP&AR and the GAD may take responsibility.

Pu Speaker, there are many questions regarding the Home Department, the other important areas are Fire & Emergency Service, Prison, Mizoram Home Guard & Civil Defence, Forensic Science & laboratory, Sainik Welfare & Resettlement.

#### ***Police:***

The officers that sit in the PHQ consist of DGP, ADGP (currently we do not have), IGP-3, DIGP-6 and IGP-6. Mizoram is divided into three ranges- Southern Range, Northern Range and Eastern Range which are headed by DIGs. The Southern Range is headed in Lunglei and the remaining two are headed from Aizawl. There are SPs in 11 districts, 18 Subdivisions, 40 Police Stations and 4 Special Police Stations. There are 8 armed battalions, 3 belong to the MAP and 5 belong to the IRP. There are 12,236 vacant posts and 4268 posts have been filled up. It means 7968 posts are occupied till now. This might not be accurate since there might be deceased employees after this data was published. Anyway, the Police Deptt. shall fill up these vacant posts as soon as possible.

#### ***Law & Order:***

Fortunately, Mizoram is in its peaceful state right now. Our border defense teams have been working hard, especially in defending the international borders with Myanmar. While Covid-19 was at its peak, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been strict with the borders. This opens a way for the smuggling activities. Drugs and beetle nuts imported illegally are the two biggest problems. So, it needs immense strength from the government to eradicate these activities. People must also be obedient towards the government and there needs to exist a good coordination between the two.

#### ***Police Transformation:***

There are areas where the police deptt. needs to improve, amendments need to be made and certain practices must be discarded. Our senior officers have accepted open heartedly about the necessary changes. In other states, the police might request money at the check gates but this must not be practiced in our state. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, an order was issued to stop collecting money at the check gates. Additionally, we also require the heads and the officers to follow the law first to set an example for their staff. I believe there is a new set of Police deptt. that people can rely on.

***Traffic police and Vehicles:***

Mizoram Police is believed to be the best among the Indian states in controlling traffic. We are known for our 'lane driving and no honking' practice which was looked up by Goa and Nagaland as well. I appreciate our Traffic Police in their performance.

***Renovation works:***

To renovate and refurnish various facilities of the Mizoram Police, the central government gave ₹50 crores through SASCI during the previous administration. The first instalment of ₹25 crores was released immediately. The Police Stations of the northern areas will be renovated first. The second instalment will be kept for the southern areas.

***Fire & Emergency Service:***

The Fire Services went out 214 times to extinguish the outbreak of fire. They have saved ₹42,85,000 worth of property through their acts of service and dedication. They also conduct awareness drives in schools, hospitals and government offices.

***Prison:***

The Prison Deptt. has 1 central jail, 8 district jails and 1 central women's jail. These are expected to accommodate around 1386 inmates, but the last recorded number of inmates was 2189. The highest number of inmates was recorded to be 2256. We are starting an open jail project. ₹55 crores are expected to renovate jails but it is not yet approved.

***Forensic Science & Laboratory:***

It was established in 2000 and was upgraded to a directorate in 2015. In 2023, they have examined 1413 cases and 15,755 samples. We ranked second in examining cases in Northeast India. We have received the *Best-Case Award* all over India.

Moving onto demand no.30- DM&R, the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission said that 90% will come from the central and 10% from the state in case of disasters. In the past years, the DM&R funds used to be kept separately as a 'state-disaster response fund'. The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission called it as 'State Disaster and Management Fund' and categorized it into two areas- state disaster response fund (80%) and disaster mitigation fund (20%). The allotted budgets are: 2021-2022 - ₹52 crores; 2022-2023 - ₹54 crores; 2023-2024 - ₹58 crores; 2024-2025 - ₹60 crores. ₹63 crores is expected for 2025-2026. Within 5 years we received ₹259 crores (central share) and ₹28 crores (state share). Funds can be disbursed only after it goes through 3-4 stages of the committee. Since the National Landslide Mitigation Programme is in the planning process, no new projects can be made. Similarly, no new initiatives can be made for the New Colony-III Siaha sinking area, Lawngtlai -III, Lawngtlai Electric Veng and Mamit Bazar Veng. *Aapda Mitra Scheme* was also launched by the central government and 200 people were given training in Aizawl District. Besides that, 100 volunteers each were given training in Lunglei, Serchhip, Mamit, Kolasib and Champhai.

Govt. of India in the form of an 'Extension of Emergency Responsible of Support System' also set up an emergency number '112' that can be called 24x7 supervisor and 6 operators take care of the calls.

The DM&R deptt. also has Research & response Equipment and these are kept with the State Emergency Operation Centre and the District Emergency Centre. Equipment was also given to the Armed Police and the IR bn. Where the State Disaster Response Force is located.

With the initiative of the Information, Education & Communication (IEC), leaflets were distributed to schools in all the districts to create awareness and preventive measures about disasters.

With the initiative of the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, proper guidelines were set up to utilize SDRF and SDMF. The Appraisal Committee, a branch of the State Disaster Management Authority headed by the CM carefully checks the proposed projects. Reliefs are given through SDRF- Response Force.

Demand No-46, UD&PA is categorized into UD&PA directorate and SIPMIU. Directorate has two wings- Town & Country Planning and Sanitation and we also have the Aizawl Smart City Limited. We also take care of the four centrally sponsored schemes – Swachh Bharat Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUTI) Housing for All and National Urban Livelihood Mission. We also have offices in 8 districts, but we don't have officers to head the offices and other officers have to take charge. A Livelihood Mission Project is run in Lawngtlai and Siaha as well.

The directorate wings are:

***Town & Country Planning:***

They plan city growth projecting 20 years.

- 1) Champhai town: The master plan is finished; it is expected to be used till 2041; it has been notified.
- 2) Kolasib Town: A GIS-based map was done, and 2 surveys- primary and secondary were completed; further observations are being conducted.
- 3) Khawzawl Town: A GIS-based map was done, surveys were completed, and further observations are being conducted.
- 4) Saitual Town: A GIS-based map is being made; Under the AMRUT sub-scheme, the city is currently being planned.

***Sanitation:***

Our main focus is on the Waste Management Centre. We have completed WMC in Aizawl and Kolasib; and in Champhai, Lunglei, Hualngohmun, Lengpui and Tlabung,

we'll soon have WMC. Tenders are currently open for the districts of Siaha, Lawngtlai, Saitual and Lunglei-II.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission puts ₹3900 lakhs for Urban Local Body Fund. There are 3 sub-heads in the Demand for Grants 2023-2024 for AMC and LMC.

***State treasury:***

It is called the absolute share of local bodies and was recommended by the Mizoram State Finance Commission. Through this, the AMC give out salaries to their staff. Grants are annually received under the Untied Fund of the Central Finance Commission. In 2022-2023 ULB Fund was received in the 1<sup>st</sup> installment and ₹1400 lakhs were received as 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for this year. The 2023-2024 Untied Grant is not yet received. We try our best for the Local Bodies.

As passed by the Lunglei Municipal Council Cabinet Committee on 14.1.2021, the Lunglei Municipal Council was inaugurated on 13.1.2023. The first election was held on 29.3.2023 and votes were counted on 3.4.2023. ZPM won in all the 11 wards and on 18.4.2023, the LMC started functioning. ₹172.81 lakhs were received for the LMC from the state government.

***Technical Works:***

These are done within 2023-2024:

- 1) Govt. Multi Utility Center, Thakthing Veng, Aizawl
- 2) Truck Terminal, Champhai Zotlang
- 3) Extension of Tlangsam to Hmunlui Park Road along with cement concrete layering
- 4) DUDO Office at Hnahthial and Khawzawl

Ongoing works are:

- 1) Gallery for playground at Mamit
- 2) Multipurpose Community Centre at Zonuaam
- 3) Multilevel car parking at Ramhlun South
- 4) Multipurpose community hall at Ramthar Veng, Aizawl
- 5) Multipurpose community hall at Mission Veng, Aizawl
- 6) Zodin multi-level car parking cum utility center, Aizawl
- 7) Convention Centre phase-I and phase-II
- 8) Multipurpose hall at Chawngte
- 9) Public Utility Project-cum-vegetable market at Chaltlang
- 10) Sanitation Site Office at Tuikual South
- 11) Community Hall at Ramhlun North, Aizawl
- 12) Bungkawn Community Hall
- 13) DUDU office at Saitual
- 14) Artificial Turf at Thosai



- 15) Auditorium at Vengthar, Khawzawl
- 16) Sewage canal-cum-check dam at Kanan-Dawrpui Vengthar
- 17) Multi-utility cum community Centre at Tuikual North
- 18) Solid waste management Centre at Lunglei
- 19) Chawnpui Sports Centre Extension
- 20) Multipurpose community hall at Zuchhip, Khawzawl
- 21) State Ombudsman office

***Poverty alleviation:***

The UD&PA effortlessly works for the alleviation of poor households by introducing the *Housing for All* scheme which was started in India in 2015. The beneficiaries are expected to finish building their houses before 31 December 2024.

Initiatives of UD&PA under the NULM are:

- 1) The Self-help group for 2023-2024 crossed the target and there are 104 SHGs now.
- 2) Revolving funds of ₹10,000 each were given to 139 SHGs.
- 3) There are 1365 active SHGs under the mission who are given training in various skills.
- 4) For the SHGs in Mamit and Kolasib District, a machine to make disposable plates from beetle nut covers shall be given.
- 5) An entrepreneurship development programme will be given.
- 6) Those who went through the training assessment shall be given a certificate approved by the National Skill Development Corporation.
- 7) 875 people were given certificates between 2023-2024; 738 people started a new job.
- 8) 1620 people are expected to finish their training this year.
- 9) Subsidized loans were given to 106 individuals this year and 21 SHGs.
- 10) Under the ACP 20023 people and 253 SHGs were given interest subsidy loans. They were given entrepreneurship development training before they started a new venture.
- 11) Support to street vendors was done as permitted by The Mizoram Street Vendor Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending Rules & Scheme 2017.
- 12) Shelter for All Urban Homeless was done through the construction of Khualbuk (Patient Attendance Shelter) In Aizawl, Champhai, Kolasib, Lunglei, Serchhip, Mamit, Lawngtlai, Siaha and Khawzawl where 13 shelters were constructed.
- 13) A Patient Attendance Shelter was also constructed beside the State Cancer Hospital, Zemabawk and Women Shelter for Lunglei. Various needs were given to 52 homes.
- 14) Patient Attendance Shelter will be constructed in Serchhip, Saitual, Kolasib, Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Siaha.
- 15) Through the PM SVANN scheme started in June 2021, street vendors are given loans with lesser interest rates in 3 instalments. There are 2099 beneficiaries.

**Swachh Bharat Mission:**

Mizoram was announced as an open defecation-free state in 2017 even before the national deadline, i.e. 2.10.2019. The various initiatives under Swachh Bharat are:

- 1) Solid waste management in cities and towns in Mizoram
- 2) Swachh Bharat Pilot Project in Kolasib and between Rengtekawn and Bairabi.
- 3) Awareness given through banners, stickers, hoardings etc. in schools and by NGOs. Annual cleanliness competitions have been held every year since 2017.

**Smart City:**

Initiatives such as the Entrepreneur center, incubation center and ED Centre would benefit the youths seeking employment. The initiatives taken by them are:

- 1) Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Plan in 5 districts.
- 2) City Centre at New Market which is expected to accommodate 1105 shops.
- 3) Integrated Command Control Centre which surveillance cameras have been placed in 237 places in Aizawl city.
- 4) Facial Recognition System Cameras which are placed in 5 places in Aizawl.
- 5) Digital e-library; so far 250 books containing 62500 pages have been entered.
- 6) Pollution Test Vehicle – 5 vehicles, the Mizoram Pollution Control Board starts using this vehicle.
- 7) Renovation of cities.
- 8) Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine & Inclinator- placed in 300 places in various institutions and offices.
- 9) Smart Classroom for schools.

Pu Speaker, my demands are:

<b><i>Demand No.</i></b>	<b><i>Purpose</i></b>	<b><i>Amount (in ₹)</i></b>
<b>13</b>	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	4,14,80,000.00
<b>16</b>	Home	8,34,06,39,00.00
<b>30</b>	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	64,46,63,000.00
<b>46</b>	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	3,72,28,94,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,74,96,76,000.00</b>

Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Those who agree may say “Agreed”, those who disagree may say “Disagree”. The House unanimously passed the demands of Pu K. Sapdanga. (**Pu K. Sapdanga:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

Pu Lalthansanga may wind up.

**PU LALTHANSANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Pu Speaker, demand no.33- Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation deptt. plays an important role in doing their part for the betterment of our state by taking up engineering measures and

biological measures. The main initiatives taken between 2019 to 2024 using the PKVY funds are:

- 1) 2018- 2022: ₹541.41 lakhs received from NABARD for rubber plantation and development.
- 2) 2021-2022: ₹680 lakhs received from NABARD for establishing processing units in various places of Mizoram.
- 3) 2022-23 & 2023-24: ₹900 lakhs received from NABARD for soil conservation measures of enhancement of productivity.
- 4) 2023-2024: ₹327.465 lakhs received for making roads that connect betelnut and rubber plantations.

We expect to receive ₹465 lakhs for 2024-2025. Agriculture, Horticulture and other departments will take part in the FOCUS project. ₹58.89 lakhs were received for treatment of the Tuirial catchment area.

For 2024-2025, the department's budget is ₹2847.39 lakhs which will be categorized into- salary- ₹1905.88 lakhs, TE -₹6.50 lakhs, rent- ₹1 lakh, TM- ₹32 lakhs, OE- ₹27.50 lakhs, advertisement-₹3 lakhs, other revenue and expenditure- ₹3 lakhs, minor works- ₹855.11 lakhs, grand total - ₹2847.39 lakhs.

There are 464 sanctioned posts, out of these 180 posts have been filled and 284 are vacant. There are 1557 families involved in rubber plantations under the NLUP and 1350 families are beneficiaries of NABARD. In a year, rubber farmers can make ₹1,95,000 lakhs. There is no issue of selling since the Rubber Board of India has its office now in Aizawl and with the collaboration from All India Tyre Manufacturing Association (ATMA), there is an initiative to start rubber plantations in NE India.

Regarding betel nuts, with the help of NEC, there is a plan to set up a processing unit both in Bilkhawthlir and Zamuang worth ₹8.04 crores. When these are done, it will be a great help in the marketing process.

Growing Coffee is a way to increase greeneries and we must work together with the Coffee Board of India... *(interruption)*

**SPEAKER** : Since our Minister is recently discharged from the hospital, we may excuse him and we still get your point. The speech may be made shorter.

**PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, OPP. LEADER:** Pu Speaker, thank you for that suggestion. We understood his condition so, the hon. minister may cut it short and simple.

**SPEAKER** : Kindly go ahead.

**PU LALTHANSANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I request the house to pass my demands-

<i><b>Demand No</b></i>	<i><b>Purpose</b></i>	<i><b>Amount (in ₹)</b></i>
<b>33</b>	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	28,47,39,000.00
<b>35</b>	Fisheries	11,01,43,000.00
<b>36</b>	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	1,40,46,08,000.00
<b>41</b>	Sericulture	16,85,64,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,96,80,54,000.00</b>

**SPEAKER :** Those who agree may say “Agreed”, those who disagree may say “Disagree”. The House unanimously passed the demands of Pu Lalthansanga. (**Pu Lalthansanga:** Pu Speaker, thank you.)

With great pleasure, I thank the Bible Society of India, Aizawl Auxiliary for presenting all the members the Holy Bible.

Let’s remind ourselves that since this is a budget session, we may talk inclusively for all the people. On another note, I’d like to request the DM&R to take note of the Phullen road which often faces landslides from my constituency.

Let me also remind the members that the Chief Minister's dinner is on 14<sup>th</sup> March. We shall come back tomorrow (12 March 2024) at 10:30 A.M.

*Sitting is adjourned. (8:17 P.M.)*