

THIRD SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 22ND MARCH, 2004

(Time : 10:30 AM to 1: 00 PM and 2: 00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENT

Pu Lalchamliana Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 13 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

PU ZORAMTHANGA to present to the House "

1. Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2003 - 2004.
2. Vote on Account.
3. Annual Budget for 2004 - 2005 with allied papers.

S P E A K E R : "So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets".

Matthew 7 : 12

Today, we have applications for leave from two of our members; Pu K. Lianzuala, due to ill health and Pu R.M. Chakma, due to private affairs. Can this House grant their applications? (Members say 'yes') Now, we shall go to our business. Today we shall take Financial Business. Let us call upon the Chief Minister and Finance Minister to present :

- (1) Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2003 - 2004.
- (2) Vote on Account.
- (3) Annual Budget for 2004 - 2005, with allied papers.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I present before CHIEF MINISTER this august House the Second Supplementary Demand for Grants 2003 - 2004, Vote on Account for the months of April, May, June and July, 2004 and the Budget Estimates for the Financial year of 2004 - 2005.

2. Before I speak about budgetary matters, I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Mizoram for placing their confidence in my Ministry for the second time. I take this as a challenge to fulfill the aspirations and expectation of the people and I assure you that these aspiration will not be compromised. I am happy to share with you that my Ministry had executed many notable developmental works during the last five years and it is a matter of satisfaction that my Ministry will have an opportunity to complete its on - going works. I would like to place on record my gratitude to the Government of India, without whose support these developmental activities could not have taken place.