

FOURTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 23RD MARCH, 2004

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

PRESENT

Pu Lalchamlhiana Speaker, at the Chair, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 21 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. PU ZORAMTHANGA to lay on the Table of the House :
 - (a) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31 March, 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (b) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2002 - 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (c) Finance Accounts for the year 2002 - 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.
3. PU AICHHINGA to lay on the Table of the House the First, Second and the Third Annual Report of Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (MAMCO)

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. PU SAINGHAKA to present to the House the First and Second Action taken Reports of Public Accounts Committee.
5. DISCUSSION on Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address (to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him".

Acts 10:34-35

We shall take up questions now. Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question no. 18.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Land Revenue & Settlement Department be pleased to state-

- (a) Is LSC given to an individual within the premises of the AH & Vety. Department at Republic Veng Aizawl ?

- (b) If so, who made No Objection Certificate? Can the Revenue Department issue House Pass within the land owned by others without getting No Objection Certificate from the owner?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu B. Lalthlengliana, Minister of Land Revenue & Settlement Department to give answer.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to
MINISTER questions asked by the hon'ble Member from Saitual Constituency.

- (a) Investigation on whether House Pass is given to an individual or not is still going on.
(b) The Revenue Department never issue House Pass to others without getting No Objection Certificate from the owner of the land.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am happy now that verification has been going on in this matter. However, I would like to state that House Pass is issued to individuals within the premises of AH & Vety. Department. The Department had made a complaint to the Revenue Department and now the department wants to file court cases. How can an individual has House Pass within this premises without getting No Objection from AH & Vety. Department? Who has issued this House Pass? Will the Government takes action against this?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, during the period of District Council, AH & Vety. Department had been given a land of 159441 sq. ft. at Republic Veng Aizawl under Miscellaneous Pass No. 1 of 1968, while the hon'ble Member from Aizawl North II Constituency was the then Director of Land Revenue & Settlement Department, he issued a notification on 3.9.1992 that all miscellaneous pass and permit issued by the Revenue Department would be put into Land lease. But, the AH & Vety. Department, at that time, ignored that notification. Therefore, demarcation of the land owned by AH & Vety. Department has not been cleared till date. Now, AH & Vety. Department made complaint against House pass issued to individuals within its premises. They are -

- (a) Lalmangaihzuala s/o S. Thangruma of Dawrpui Vengthar, House Pass No. 700/89.
(b) Lalthlamuani d/o Lalrawna, Republic Veng, House Pass No. 701/89.
(c) Lalrengpuia s/o H.T. Hrangkhuma, Zarkawt, House Pass No. 702/89.

Recently, Lalmangaihzuala's House Pass No. 700/89 has been converted to LSC No. 104401/01/104 of 2000 in the name of R. Lalrinmawia s/o R. Darchhunga Republic Veng. Lalthlamuani's House Pass No. 701/89 has been converted to LSC No. 10441/01/142 of 2000 in the name of Thanluaia. And Lalrengpuia's House Pass o. 702/89 has also been converted to LSC No. 100441/1/144 of 2000 in the name of JH Thianga s/o Vanlawma Tuithiang Veng. Since there is no demarcation report of the land of AH & Vety. in the sketch, No Objection has not been taken from the Department to convert the above House Pass to LSC. Therefore, it cannot be proved whether the above House passes are in the premises of AH & Vety.

Department or not. Land Revenue & Settlement Department now takes verification in this matter.

If the AH & Vety. Department had fulfilled the notification of the Revenue Department in the beginning, I think we would have avoided this problem.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Liansuama to ask Starred Question no. 19.

P U L I A N S U A M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the followings are my questions -

- (a) The total length of road, in kilometre, completed under the Rural Connectivity (PMGSY) Scheme.
- (b) The amount of expenditure for this purpose.
- (c) The total amount of sanction under this scheme since its beginning.

P U Z O R A M T H A G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to
C H I E F M I N I S T E R questions asked by Pu Liansuama -

- (a) Under PMGSY Scheme, 261.83 km of road has been completed in 27 places.
- (b) The total expenditure for completing the said road is Rs.38,79,76,000/-
- (c) Since the very beginning we have got a sanction of Rs. 1,10,17,44,000 till date.

P U L I A N S U A M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, we heard from the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister yesterday and from the Governor's Address that Rs. 11.93 crores was spent to make roads at eight different places under PMGSY Scheme in 2000 - 2001. In the next year, Rs. 39.37 crores is spent to make roads at 22 places. However, the answer to my question (b) regarding the total expenditure under this scheme is Rs. 38.79 only. They contrast each other. Secondly, I would like to ask the break up of the road constructed under this scheme.

P U R. L A L Z I R I I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is stated that 261 kilometres of new road had been constructed under PMGSY (Rural Connectivity) Scheme of this roads, is there really a new virgin road being constructed ?

P U L A L D U H O M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, this scheme aims to have all villages communicable by motor vehicles in 2007. How many kilometres of road will be needed to achieve this target and what amount of money will still be required ? What percentage of the work has been done in this matter ? Besides, the quality of the work seems to be bad in many places. So, is it possible to have better supervision of the work ?

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question asked by
C H I E F M I N I S T E R Pu Liansuama, for the expenditure on the road which

had been completed, there are still many on - going projects under this scheme. However, Rs. 38,78,76,000/- had been spent for completing the said roads.

And regarding the break up of the road constructed under this scheme, let me mention the roads which have been completed.

- (a) Vanhne Road, 8 kms long, the cost of construction of this road is Rs. 179.29 lakhs.
- (b) Rulchawm - Mualpheng Road, 8 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 176.66 lakhs.
- (c) Saitual - Sihfa Road, 4.30 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 120.00 lakhs.
- (d) Approach road to Tachhip, Maubuang and Phulpui, 12.15 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 200 lakhs.
- (e) Vanhne - Thuampui Road, 10 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 272 lakhs.
- (f) Samtlang - Lungleng Road, 9.06 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 230.06 lakhs.
- (g) Champhai - Hmunhmeltha upto Kawlkulh - Lungpho Road, 11.30 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 201.18 lakhs.
- (h) Aibawk - Darlung upto Tlawng Road, 17.93 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 210.04 lakhs.
- (i) E. Phaileng - Suangpuilawn upto Rungdil, 21 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 199.02 lakhs.
- (j) Pangzawl - Mat Road, 7.10 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 100.40 lakhs.
- (k) Hreichuk - Khawrihnim upto Moraicherra and Lushaicherra, 15.60 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 101.16 lakhs.
- (l) Tuipang - Zawngling Road, 14 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 100.62 lakhs.
- (m) N. Vanlaiphai - Thingsai Road, 12 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 100.15 lakhs.
- (n) Puiio - Chhawrtui Road, 12.54 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 180.71 lakhs.
- (o) Hmunhmeltha - N. Khawbung, 8.40 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 163.06 lakhs.
- (p) Zawlsei - Khuangthing Road, 10.75 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 130.26 lakhs.
- (q) Ngopa - Kawlbem upto Chawngtlai and Tualte, 17.50 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 163.88 lakhs.
- (r) Khamrang - Mualkhang Road, 6.84 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 112.18 lakhs.
- (s) Diltlang - Chawngte Road, 10 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 114.45 lakhs.
- (t) Thingfal - Mamte Road, 11 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 164.57 lakhs.
- (u) Haulawng - Lungmawi Road, 15 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 340.77 lakhs.
- (v) Aibawk to Darlung starting from Tlawng river in Serial No. 8, Aibawk - Darlung upto Tlawng river has already been mentioned. This road started from Tlawng river, 19.36 kms long, the cost of construction is Rs. 318.17 lakhs.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I will furnish the list of the above roads to the members shortly.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, construction of road needs to undergo various stages such as formation cutting, construction of side drain, black topping, etc. What is the actual condition of the above roads listed out by the hon'ble Minister ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the above mentioned roads have not been black topped. Only formation cutting is done.
CHIEF MINISTER

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the above mentioned roads seemed to be widening of the existing roads. In spite of this, the expenditure becomes too much. The average expenditure seems to be Rs. 10 lakhs per one km of road. Can he clarify this.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, some of those roads are widening of the existing roads as mentioned by Pu Lalhmingthanga. However, the quality of the existing roads are quite different from one another. Some of them were very small. Moreover, we made many new culverts, side drains, retaining walls and breast works along with formation cutting. And, regarding the question raised by Pu R. Lalziriana, it is difficult to classify whether it was widening of the existing roads or construction of new virgin roads. Because some new roads are connected with the existing roads.
CHIEF MINISTER

And, regarding the question asked by Pu Lalduhoma, we made Master Plan of the whole Mizoram. According to which, our scheme was submitted every year. The whole Master Plan has not yet been approved now. Anyway, we targetted 2007 to complete this scheme. Therefore, I cannot mention what percentage of the scheme has been implemented and what percentage is to be done.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we have a Master Plan of the whole state, it will not be a difficult task to assess the required estimate for the remaining unconnected villages. The hon'ble Minister cannot answer or reply my question now, can he furnish it later on ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will furnish it. In this connection, I would like to mention that 2007 is our target for completing this scheme in the whole country. However, every state has many projects which are to be approved step by step by the Central Ministry of surface Transports. Therefore, I think no state can complete this scheme in 2007.
CHIEF MINISTER

And, regarding supervision of the work under this scheme, I admit that better supervision is needed. But, since this is a new scheme, no states in India have experience. The Central Government also changes the guidelines so many times. Mizoram becomes a pioneering state in this matter, one of our Engineers was deployed in Delhi for some times. Therefore, credit has been given to our state.

Anyway, we will have better experiences and let us hope that better supervision will be there in future.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned that Rs. 318.17 lakh has been spent to construct 19 km of road within Tlawng - Darlung sector. If the Government admits this road as completed it will be a great mistake. Will the sanctioned money cover side drains? For example, side drain was made within the villages of Bawngthah and Darlung and there is great accumulation of soil on the road which makes the road very bad. Who will clear this unnecessary soils?

Besides the above, we know that compensation cannot be given under this scheme. However, the authority promised some earning works to be given to those who lose their properties due to construction of this road. Can the Government take rapid steps for this purpose? Many crops and even houses have been damaged due to this.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the expenditure for constructing road between Samtlang and Lungleng is Rs. 230 lakhs which is only 9 kms long. The expenditure for this road seems to be much more than other sectors even though the road is not better than others.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Rural Connectivity scheme has been included in the 20 points Economic Programme since a very long time. When the National Front come into power, it is again included in the Basic Minimum Service. In the North Eastern States, there was High Power Commission also known as The Shukla Commission in 1996 to deal with this scheme. During that time, the said Commission members came to Mizoram. According to their report, 1210 kms of new road should be constructed in Mizoram, the approximate sanction for constructing roads was Rs. 15 lakhs per one kilometre. Therefore, Rs. 171 crore was estimated during the Ninth Five Year Plan. The said estimate should cover formation cutting, retaining wall, side drain and any other requirements to make all weather road. However, our expenditure seems to be very high. For example, the expenditure for Lunglei - Vanhne road is Rs. 179.29, the road is only 8 kilometres long and it is merely widening and repairing of the existing road. But our expenditure seems to be Rs. 22 lakhs per one km. Also in Rulchawm - Mualpheng sector, the approximate expenditure is Rs. 22 lakhs per one kilometre. What is its difference from the standard norm of the Indian Road Congress adopted by the Public Works Department?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the Chief Minister to give answers.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, in regard to the question raised by **CHIEF MINISTER** on accumulation of soil on the road in Tlawng - Darlung sector, pavement has not been done on this road. So, the Engineers will make arrangement to clear the said unnecessary soils. And, regarding the earning works in place of compensation to those who lose their properties due to construction of this road the Engineers will identify them and opportunity will be made for them. This is still our standing instruction.

And, regarding the expenditure on Samtlang - Lungleng sector and

other places also mentioned by Pu Sainghaka, I would like to mention that price of everything rises day by day. So, they are not appropriated to compare with the past years. Our State Public Works Department has no power to finalise the estimates. There is Technical Committee at Kharagpur. We need to take approval from this committee before sanctioning funds. Therefore, our expenditure seems to be more than it was in the past years.

S P E A K E R : We will go to the next question. Let us call upon Pu Lalhmingthanga to ask starred question no. 20.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department be pleased to reply my starred question no. 20 - Will the Government of Mizoram repair Lunglei District Road from Police Than to 3 Gate Assam Rifles during this spring season ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the Chief Minister to give answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Government of Mizoram will repair the road mentioned above.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we will be very grateful to the Government of Mizoram if the said road is to be repaired shortly. It is said that this road has not been repaired for about 15 years. So, there are many pot hole on the floor of the road. Besides, landslide and bad condition of side drain make this road very bad. The pot holes are filled with red soils which becomes muddy in the rainy season and becomes dusty in the dry season. Some people call the red soils as the bitumen of the Ruling Party. Will the repairing work be done like this? Can we be informed of how the repairing work is going to be done ?

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, improvement of internal road seemed to be easy within the capital city. During the previous ministry improvement of internal roads in rural villages had not been done. Will the Public Works Department cover rural villages and towns too to repair internal roads during the new financial year ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to ask supplementary question on the important road which started from Kanhmun, in the constituency of the hon'ble Minister of Home Department, to Tuilutkawn in Kawrthah constituency. This road becomes very very bad. In spite of this, it is very important as it connects Tripura with Mizoram. Will this road be repaired during this spring season ?

PU LALRINIYANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question. Nowadays, the road from Khawzawl to E. Lungdar is under construction which makes great landslide at Biate.

Hospital cannot be communicated now. Besides, many crops have been destroyed. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to take rapid steps to reconstruct that damaged road and to make compensation for the damaged crops. Can he take such steps ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding the question raised by CHIEF MINISTER Pu Lahmingthanga, we will repair the said road as much as possible other than filling the lap hole with red soils only. Now, repairing work has been done for about 1.8 km long between Police Thana and LKM School. Besides, adequate sanction is there for the remaining works.

Regarding the question asked by Pu Sainghaka, I would like to mention that improvement or maintenance of road seems to be our biggest problem in India as a whole. Comparing to other states the internal roads in Mizoram are generally good even though they are not world class roads. Our quota from the Ministry of Surface Transport is only Rs. 3 crores in a year which is not enough. However, we expect much more fund from Urban Development Fund to be used in various District capitals. We have made scheme for this purpose. As such, we can use our quota from the Ministry of Surface Transport for rural areas along with our state fund. Therefore, we hope that road improvement can be done in the rural villages too in the next financial year.

And, regarding the question asked by Pu Saikaphthianga, it is true that the road from Tuilutkawn to Kanhmun is very bad. It will need crores of money to repair this road. Now, we expect some fund from NEC. However, even before we get fund from NEC, repairing of this road will be done as much as possible during this spring season.

In regards to damage of crops and internal road at Biata, as mentioned by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, I will note down this and I will tell the Engineer incharge to verify this.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there may be small villages but very important within Mizoram. For instance in Tlungvel village, the Telecom Department installed Exchange Centre, there are Government High School, Public Health Engineering Office and Public Works Department Office near that Exchange centre. There is an approach road to this place but it is very bad. Can the Urban Development Fund be used for such important villages ?

S P E A K E R : The answer given by the Chief Minister seems to be clear enough in my ears. Let us call him again.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we can have sanction form Urban CHIEF MINISTER Development Fund to be used in urban areas, our state quota from the Ministry of Surface Transport can be used for rural areas.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna to ask starred question no. 21.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask started question no. 21 as follows :

- (a) Is the Department of Sports & Youth Services having liabilities from the suppliers of Sports Goods ?
- (b) If so, can the Minister tell me the break up of such liabilities ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu ZH Ropuia to give answers.

PU ZH ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answers to
MINISTER questions asked by the hon'ble Member Pu H. Rohluna.

- (a) Yes, the Government of Mizoram has liabilities from suppliers of Sports goods.
- (b) The break up liabilities are as follows :
 - (a) Ms Lalhema & Sons - Rs. 5,23,450/-
 - (b) Ms Tabitha Store - Rs. 1,30,180/-
 - (c) LH Agency - Rs. 7,72,460/-
 - (d) D. Light Enterprise - Rs. 1,76,650/-
 - Total - Rs. 16,04,740/-

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question, we greatly need good sports stadium. Every political party seemed to be in favour of the stadium. Is there proposal to build such Sports stadium in Mizoram ? If so, where ? Secondly, there are many sports persons who have good talent. What steps have been taken by the Sports & Youth Services Department to search for the talents of our youths ?

PU ZH ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, not only the youths but also everybody in Mizoram wants to have Sports Stadium. Our proposal for this purpose has been approved by the Central Government. According to which, Mizoram State Sports Complex will be constructed shortly. However, we still have problem on the site for this stadium. We are still searching for the site.

Regarding the second question, there is no time to mention all the steps taken by the Government of Mizoram to search for the talents of our youths as well as to explore their talents. We made incentive policy through various competitions. Besides, we send footballers to TATA Football Academy (TFA), SAIL and other states. The department is promoting sports among the youths of Mizoram through this Incentive Policy.

S P E A K E R : Question Hour is over. Before going to the next business, there are some announcements. I, therefore, request you to listen to me. Pu H. Lalsangzuala, one of our Members begged leave of absence from today's session due to ill health. Can we grant leave to him ? Alright. Secondly, I would like to mention that we are just beginning the 5th Assembly. There are some new Members. Therefore, I wish every Member to study our Rules of Procedure carefully. According to our Rules 224 (2) & (3) no Member is allowed to mention any part of the Reports of the committee before laying it on the Table of the House. Besides this, our Rules

No. 305 (3) says that we have to use parliamentary words while mentioning the proceedings of the Parliament and other states. I also request you all to switch off Mobile Phone and Radio-pager inside the Session Hall.

Yesterday, Business Advisory Committee Meeting was held at Speaker's Chamber, we made a little change in our Business proposal. Now, I would like to present the Report of Business Advisory Committee let the copy be distributed. Our Business for tomorrow is postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. Therefore, there will be no business tomorrow. Can the House accept this ?

Now, we will continue our business. We will call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the following papers on the Table of the House.

- (a) The reports of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for the year ending 31st March, 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- (b) The Appropriation Account for the year 2001, 2002, 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- (c) Finance Account for the year 2002, 2003 relating to Government of Mizoram.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your recommendation, I, hereby, CHIEF MINISTER lay the papers of the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002 - 2003, Appropriation Account of the Government of Mizoram, 2002 - 2003 and Finance Account, 2002 - 2003, on the Table of this august House.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I, hereby, lay the First, Second and Third Annual Reports of the MINISTER Mizoram Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (MAMCO) in this august House.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I, hereby, lay the First and Second Action taken Reports of the Public Accounts Committee in this august House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copies of those Reports be distributed. We will go to the next business, which is discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address. Let us try to complete our discussion today. The Motion of Thanks had already been moved on 18.3.2004. We will call upon Pu Lalthlengliana, the Mover of the Motion first. As is our usual practice, the Mover will be given 15 minutes and other members will be given 10 minutes each. Warning bell will be there when 2 minutes is remained. Now, Pu Lalthlengliana.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am happy to know that the Governor put confidence upon the Members of this House. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish all my fellow members to realise that it is our customary practice to share the joys and griev-

ances of others. Therefore, I hope that each and every one of us will be pleased with the speech of the Governor.

I am also happy to know that Public Works Department made great achievements by completing 184 kilometres of roads and 520 kilometres of road has been under construction which is funded by the World Bank for the first time in North East India. Also in my constituency, we now have good road to Reiek which had never been there in the past years. Besides the above, there are many on going projects even in the constituencies of the opposition members. One person said that he was converted to MNF Party member when he saw a very high standard of road between Sairang and Lengpui.

In regard to Power & Electricity, we never heard about Thermal Power Plant. But today, a Thermal Power Plant to generate 22.92 mega watt of power has been constructed. Besides, Bairabi Hydel Project, Tuipanglui Small Hydel Project and Kau Tlabung Hydel Project are still undertaken rapidly. Now steps have been taken to revive Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which had been cancelled by the previous Ministry.

Besides the above, it is a great achievement to know that Border Trade Centre has been completed at Zokhawthar, free Text books are distributed to 16,776 students, there are plenty of supply of food stuff and cooking gas, more than 5000 families are involved in Sericulture activities. Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many new achievements in the speech of the Governor which cannot be pointed out within a short time. Therefore, I would like to invite every member of this House to support my Motion of Thanks.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Let me speak on few points. The Governor called this session a momentous session. However, I am in the opinion that there are no reasons to call this session a momentous session since there are no important historical events in our business.

In para 5 of page 2, he proudly mentioned about modernisation of prisons and proposal for construction of new District Jails at various District Headquarters. In my opinion, moral reform to lessen the number of prisoners is the desire of the Churches and the people of Mizoram. Meanwhile, the Government always neglected Separation of Judiciary. In this matter, construction of new Jails and modernisation of prison will not solve our problems.

Thermal Power Plant to generate 23 MW of electric power is reflected in para 15 of page 8. This Power Plant had already been completed. However, I would like to raise question as to why this plant be commissioned? This does not seem to be a great achievement. Besides, credit should be given to the previous Congress Ministry in the matter of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project. The MNF Ministry just continues the project initiated by the Congress Ministry.

In regards to Medical & Health Services, the previous Congress Ministry started Referral Hospital with 500 bedded facilities. We are eagerly waiting for this Hospital with great hope. But, it is minimized to be 50 bedded Hospital only. It is very shameful for the Government. This is the reason why Referral Hospital is not reflected in the Governor's Address. Besides this, the OPD Building of Civil Hospital had been dismantled. It takes a very long time to renovate this

building, this brings many problems to the people. Let rapid steps be taken in this matter.

The hon'ble Member who speaks just before me proudly mentioned about distribution of text books and uniforms to the students. I also appreciate this. In spite of this, I am sorry for we could not mobilise state matching share for SSA Project. That is why, we have lost too much fund to be squeezed from the Central Government. According to the answer to my star question, no school had been paid grant-in-aid and building grants from the Plan Fund of our state since 2001. This shows that the Government does not care for the improvement of Education.

In para 30, the Governor mentioned about Natural Calamities and its preventive measures. Mr. Speaker Sir, I was not satisfied with the materials collected by the Government such as silpouline, tents, torch light, etc. Those materials will not reduce our sufferings in times of earthquakes. We rather need to make proper rules to control construction of unsafe buildings everywhere.

Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Yesterday all the members were presented with gift of hand bag, but the contents of the bag was the book of information of the heavy debts this Government has. I was disappointed to see that this government has got such a heavy burden of debt. If the government does not find new measures, the future of Mizoram looks bleak considering the rapid increase in population.

On para 11, there is police modernisation. Each year the centre has set aside 1000 crores for modernisation of Police Forces in the State of India. It may be advised that the Government of Mizoram seek more amount of fund for the State police modernisation.

We have seen Agriculture on para 6. It has been shown that 88644 hectares of land is taken up for WRC and jhumming cultivation from which the product came to 1,29,723 metric tonnes per annum. This is found to be insufficient from the point of view of the population of Mizoram. In this regard, the government should better take new measure for the increase of the population of rice in the State.

Though MIP has been reflected in the speech, I see no reason to be contented about as the programme has not been taken up successfully so far.

As for Horticulture and Sericulture there is no new things to be seen.

On para 9, Seeds Farmer Development Agency under Fisheries Department has been highlighted. But, I am disappointed to note that the policy of self-sufficiency is not taken up seriously in this matter. It appears that the department has been concentrating only on the purchase of fish seeds. Though fish seeds is supplied to farmers on 50% subsidy, the price is still higher than that of the price of non-Mizo suppliers. Hence, there seems to be no hope of success for the pisciculturists.

There are no new projects and achievements to be seen on the departments of AH & Vety. and Industries and Public Works Department.

On para 15, we have seen Power department. Thermal Power Plant

that is expected to generate mg. watt 22.92 is reported to be completed but has not yet generate power till date. The only reason seems to be financial matters. It would be appreciated if this problem can be solved soon.

The policy of PMGY is housing and shelter for all. But the Government has shown favour only to party workers that left no chance for the others.

Coming to Sports, it is imperative to show attention to sports and its facilities of our sportspersons.

There are no new things to be seen in the departments of Excise, R & R, Tourism, Lottery and Employment.

PUR. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. We have seen 37 points highlighted in the Governor's Address.

First, I would like to emphasize on para 4. It is pleasing that maintenance of peace and tranquility has been the priority of the government. Because of the efficiency and effectiveness of the law enforcement agencies of the State, various activities of miscreants and insurgents could be suppressed without any loss of lives. We know that certain insurgent groups have abducted civilians from Mizoram. But, our police forces managed to tackle the rebels without having to pay ransom money despite allegation that the government has paid ransom to the abductors. Realising the fact that without peace and harmony, development of a country is in a standstill, the Governor has stressed priority to the maintenance of peace in the State. Looking back to the condition of Mizoram to the past 10 years, there were various problems caused by different groups and fractions. But, the government could not control those groups due to weak and inefficient administration. But, now, we can have peace and harmony in the State.

It is great to see the programme set by the government for development of District Council areas. As we can see, Rs. 51 crore has been sanctioned for sericulture development in the District Councils. It is also our achievement that more amount of fund under PMGSY has been allotted for Lai and Mara Autonomous District. The people of that area also seems to be contented and satisfied with the action of the government that the demand for a Union Territory has not been mentioned again. Mr. Speaker Sir, this Ministry led by Pu Zoramthanga is blessed by God and it is also pleasing to note that various NGOs have been cooperated with the government.

Another achievement is seen on road communication and power. 88 crores is also expected to come shortly under PMGSY for construction of roads. Road communication has been improved in different rural areas. Many parts are also being under construction. Therefore, we should be pleased with the works of the government.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to start my speech with Police modernisation. The department concerned must be very clear that large amount of bill for maintenance of vehicles have been unsettled. While new equipments for detection of crimes for maintenance of law and order are the primary requirements, the government has deeply involved in the purchase of shamyanas. But, the acquirement of only shamyanas cannot bring improvement and modernization of police force.

Regarding Fire Service, fire station and staff quarters have been constructed at Champhai. But, it has been noted that a relatives of the Chief Minister have been occupying the buildings that are constructed for the staff. From this point of view, it can be said that behind the speech of the Governor, there are several things that cannot be appreciated.

Mention may also be made about the on-going talks between the Government of Mizoram and the BNLf. It has been heard that the group that are being negotiated are the Brus from Tripura and Cachar. Brus that remained in Mizoram have a feeling of disquiet that Brus from Tripura and Cachar would take advantage of this chance to migrate to Mizoram. They too are willing to get mix up with these people. The President of the BNLf belongs to Cachar and the BNLf Cadre list presented to the Government of Mizoram is also consisted of the names of Brus from Tripura and Cachar. If these Brus are given accommodation in the areas around Tlawng river, the commitment made by the Central YMA for the protection and preservation of Mizoram could be threatened and upset the democracy. Hence, the government should take a cautious steps in this matter.

Next, I would like to point out about the on going construction of Assembly Annexe. It would be appreciated if the construction work could be hastened. It may also be mentioned that the quality of the cement work of the construction is very poor due to shortage of water. As we all know, cement works requires lots of water. It may be suggested that the Engineer and staff of the secretariat inspect the construction work occasionally.

Coming to Rural Development Department on para 17, mention has been made in the address that large amount of fund has been spent for rural areas under IAY, PMGY, EAS, BADP and SGRY. In addition, it has been mentioned in the Address that Rural Development Department Projects at Mamit and Serchhip Districts at the cost of Rs. 480 lakh and Rs. 479.96 lakhs respectively. But, it is disappointing to see that there is no sign of development to be seen in that Districts. If such a large amount of fund had been spent for watershed development on Mamit and Serchhip Districts we should have seen signs of development. Therefore, the hon'ble Rural Development Minister may better clarify this matter.

The system of the selection of the recipients for IAY also needs to be checked. The village councils and NGOs have carefully selected the families to receive IAY assistance. But, due to intervention of VIP and party workers, the selection cannot go accordingly. Therefore, the government is advised to follow the guidelines made by the Centre. If IAY assistance is really provided to 51270 families as reported, it would mean that half of the families of the whole population have already received this assistance. This scheme aims to provide food for work. But, according to the present condition, the majority of contract works have gone to the members of the Ruling party. No party will form a ministry forever. Therefore, contract works may be evenly distributed to the people.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The members who stood before me have expressed their gratitude in regard to the Address delivered by the Governors. As for me, the only point of gratitude came in connection with the development seen on Bairabi Hydrel Project. It is pleasing to hear that all the necessary clearance have been obtained from the centre.

Various works and activities of the government have also been reflected in the Address. However, appreciation should be given only those matters

that can be benefitted for the people.

Sericulture has been highlighted on para 8. It has been mentioned that projects on mulberry sericulture at a cost of Rs. 51.00 crores have been undertaken in the three Districts. At the same time only an amount of Rs. 16.16 crores has been approved for the areas that has better potential. In view of this, it is hard to understand the policy of the Government. Sericulture has an immense potential for providing means of livelihood to a sizeable rural population of the State. It is also a good potential for the growth of silk industry and others. Though mention has been made that more than 5,000 families are being involved in sericulture activities. I have no high expectation from it considering the manner in which the department takes up the matter.

We have seen the new steps taken on AH & Vety. Department. Regarding the Piggery Village at Kawlkulh, I would like to put up a suggestion that the project would be more successful if the department follow the Mizo tradition in regard to the rearing of pigs and chicken. If the centre pattern is followed entirely there is no big chance of success.

The activities of MULCO deserves praise and more than 10,000 families have found means of livelihood through MULCO. I would like to encourage the department concerned to keep up the good work.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am disappointed that the Address does not mention that the government intends to have transparency in administration.

The Address does not mention the programme of the Government regarding the status of Village Council and administration of towns and city. Further, there is no mention of the programme intended to be taken up to fight unemployment problem. It seems that the government depends on the MIP scheme. But, the rural population may not be highly benefitted from the policy if better guidelines is not made.

S P E A K E R : We have 5 minutes before recess. But, the House shall have a recess till 2:00 P.M.

2 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Pu D. Thangliana.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there are several points to be appreciated in the speech of the Governor. Formerly, various proposals were made but have never been accomplished. Certain big projects were abandoned by the previous ministries. But, it is pleasing that this government has been doing satisfactorily in regard to implementation of government proposal. After having careful perusal of the Governor's Address I find many good reasons to be pleased for.

Beside the points highlighted in the Speech, there are several small achievements made by the government.

On para 7, we have seen Horticulture Department. Awaring the need for extension of infrastructural resources for the benefit of farmers engaged in Horticulture activities, the Government opened new Horticulture Division at Kolasib,

Serchhip and Lawngtlai. Assistance is also given to the farmers engaged in the cultivation of grapes, passion fruit and hatkora. Not only this, construction of link road is underway for easy transportation of the Horticultural produces of the rural farmers. These are the evidents that Mizoram has a government that really works for the welfare of the rural population.

Various steps have been taken by the department of AH & Vety. for the improvement of the livestock farms within Mizoram. Amongst these, it is great to know that the Department has initiated implementation of Animal Slaughter House with a project cost of Rs. 321 lakhs which is funded from the NEC. This has worth special mention.

Another remarkable achievement made by the government highlighted in the Governor's Address is the on going construction of Inter - State Bus Terminus at an estimated cost of Rs. 901.40 lakhs from the NEC. This is quite noteworthy for the State.

It is also pleasing to note that the government has been taking rapid steps for the progress of Bamboo Processing Industry. It is learnt from the Governor's Speech that Bamboo Processing Industry under joint venture at Sairang was nearing its completion. This is a new experience for the State and deserves appreciation.

I am proud to repeat that the government has purchased a six storeyed flat at Mumbai for Mizoram House. This is a great achievement and is quite gratifying for the people.

It is also great to learn from the Governor's Speech that, during 2003 - 2004, 2000 new houses have been constructed under PMGY Scheme. It is a blessing for rural population that this programme has been introduced in the state.

Drainage system within Aizawl city has been improved by constructing artificial channel under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). This project has added to the idea that development is given priority by this government.

Lastly, the Governor has made a challenge by stating that the deliberations of the members would have for reaching results in bringing about prosperity to all sections of the people of Mizoram. This is very important for the members of this House.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, I find many points to be pleased for in the Governor's Address. And I support the motion moved by Pu Lalthlengliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The Governor's Address has mentioned various points of the developmental steps taken by the government. Also, many achievements made by the government highlighted in the speech. But, I would like to mention one point in regard to the Governor. Whereas he has mentioned in his speech that the performance of the Government of Mizoram as commendable, he commented the NE States including Mizoram as 'spoiled child' and even accused the NE Governments of misappropriating the fund coming from the Central. His comment on the NE States drew reaction from the media and even appeared this matter on the Telegraph issued on 14th February. The Governor has accused the Government of Mizoram of misusing the budget sanctioned by the Centre. It could be that because of this

comment, the Centre Government had cut down the amount of fund expected to be given to the NE States. Following this decision made by the Centre, the NE States had been busy discussing how to press the Central Government in this regard. In view of this, I find it difficult to commend the speech delivered by the Governor. I would even like to suggest that the action of the Governor should be censured by this august House.

Now, I will concentrate on another point. In the Governor's Address, various steps proposed to be undertaken through Agriculture Department are mentioned. However, in order to implement these programmes, the most important factor is man power. But, since the signing of the MOU, some of the trained officials are terminated from their posts. By the year, 2002 upto 2004, not a single graduate and post graduate on Agriculture, Science have been employed. Presently, there are 37 Agriculture graduates who enjoy Government's Scholarship, but these are not provided with normal employment. Due to shortage of the ranks of officers like AEO and SDEO, there has been an intention to promote Gram Sevaks to the posts. For this reason, the Recruitment Rules is also being reviewed so as to make adjustment accordingly. It is unfortunate that the Government stops to make new appointment in the department. Due to the absence of Agriculture Scientists, it is possible that the department will become handicape in the near future. Out of the 40 AEO posts vacants, only 20 posts can be filled up on the basis of promotion quota. Other departments may also face the same problem. As the government stops to make new appointment, the dismayed unemployed Agriculture Graduates have formed Unemployed Association to put pressure on the government but with no fruitful results till date. Such is the fate of the educated youth of this state. At the same time, I am surprise that the Governor has the nerve to mention in his speech that the government has made commendable achievement in providing employment and self employment apportunities not only to the rural population but also to the educated unemployed Mizo youth? But, Mr. Speaker Sir, the members of this House are aware that this government does not make commendable achievement in providing employment to the youths. Recently, the Indian Council of Agricultural Sciences has set up KVK at Khawzawl. For Agriculture Scientists, KVK has good employment opportunity. However, it is disappointing to see that the state government has not taken further steps for the improvement of this centre. The main purpose of KVK is to impart agriculture knowledge to farmers and therefore each KVK can provide around 12 employment to Agriculture Scientists. The Central government has offered more KVK centers for each district. If the State Government has pursued this matter, there could be employment opportunities for educated unemployed. We have to ensure that the signing of the MOU has not hinder the filling of vacant post.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to speak. Before going into the Address of the Governor, I would like to mention one point. In the speech delivered on 15.2.2004, the Governor uttered a remark on the North East and stated that the North East people are like spoiled child. Following this remark, students have led a demonstration in Meghalaya and other states. But, there was no reaction from Mizoram. Considering this case, I find it difficult to express my gratitude to the Governor's Speech. Whereas we have regarded Mizoram as the most developed State and the Government as the best in financial management, the Governor has made such undesirable remarks. Hence, the House should have condemned the Address. The speech itself is beyond satisfaction. Considering his over enthusiasm on the day cell phone connection was opned in the State, may be he thinks that the connection was government's new achievement or may be he thinks that cell

phone connection given to Mizoram is like a toy used to pacify a crying child other states have had such connection long time back. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, the Address does not deserve discussion. I find no reason to be pleased for the Address for most of the programmes and policies mentioned are the ones that were initiated by the previous ministry. Moreover, the contents of the speech is very much similar to that of the Chief Minister. There are no new policies and programmes that are to be taken up by the government. During the last MNF Ministry there were little or no new achievements made by the government. Though there are completion of some projects that were initiated by the Congress Ministry led by Pu Lal Thanhawla. The only new projects that worth mentioning may be PMGSY, SSA, Technology mission and bamboo projects. The hon'ble Member from Aizawl South I also mentioned that there were no more demand of UT within the state. This may be another new development that deserves appreciation.

Speaking of PMGSY and technology mission, I regret to express that these could be easily misused as there could be a wide door of corruption opened through these projects. Though road connectivity has been proudly mentioned in the Address and the Speech delivered by the Finance Minister, most of the roads were already made rural linked during the Congress Ministry. The expenditure incurred for the construction of roads per km has also been higher than that of the amount spend during the Congress Ministry. Hence, it can be concluded that there is corruption in this scheme.

The total amount spent for the procurement of silpouline is also very high. It has been said that even the refugee camps of the Brus in Tripura were also provided with silpouline. Therefore, plans and programmes that are portrayed as a sign of development can be misused for practice of corruption.

Another aim and objective of PMGSY and technology mission is to provide benefit to BPL families in rural areas by giving contract works to them. But, this has also been monopolised by the rich and privileged people from the capital city. The outcome is that only Aizawl city is developed whereas the other parts of the state becomes under developed. Due to the misappropriation of this scheme, a big corruption is practised hence, development becomes imbalance between urban and rural areas. Therefore, I feel that the execution of the scheme itself needs to be checked.

I am not denying that bamboo project has a good prospect in the State. But, we have to consider how far corruption is involved in this project. While we have a large variety of bamboos, the government has imported bamboo seeds from outside. One important thing is we are going to face bamboo flowering in 2007. Can the government assure the people of Mizoram that the foreign varieties would not be affected by the bamboo flowering? The purchase of foreign bamboo can be a corruption loop hole for DONER Minister and non Mizo contractors and suppliers.

Mizoram Intodelhna Project (MIP) has been highly emphasized. But, the Governor's Address does not mention much about this project. This may be because the project is even more unsuccessful than the much criticized NLUP taken up by the Congress Ministry. Though 20.98 crores has already been spent for MIP, only a small portion has reached the people and Rs. 1,21,60,153 is spent for administration. It is no wonder that the project is not a success.

Another important point I would like to emphasize is the case of assistance for rural development given to rural families. It has been reported that 41,496 rural families have been provided with new dwelling houses. If this is true,

it is a great work. But, if we really check our respective constituencies this report is doubtful. The system of selecting beneficiaries for rural assistance also needs to be reviewed.

Coming to Forest Department, it is a shame that we have suppressed the rural people by making them unable to sell teaks they have laboriously planted. The Government of Assam has adopted a Supreme Court judgement in regard to the selling of teak/wood. It is high time to study and adopt the same here in Mizoram.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. When the Governor was first appointed as the Governor of Mizoram, the Government authorities became satisfied by saying that he would be the best for Mizoram. However, the Governor seems to enjoy making unfavourable remarks to the media about Mizoram. In view of this, how can we discuss motion of thanks on his speech. Whereas we find the wordings - 'My government is aware of the need for preparedness in dealing with natural calamities. Awareness campaigns through local newspaper and magazines are being constantly conducted' his remarks to the media was like this - 'They have been lethargic in schemes like the national disaster management programme, relieve assistance for natural calamities and border area development'. Perhaps because he does not trust this government that he has mentioned The National Building Constructed Company (NBCC) on para 32. He must have convinced the Central Government that most of the projects are being undertaken by this Company. Does this mean that the Centre has lost its confidence in the State Government and that they entrust construction work to the company? The state government has no authority over the NBCC. Though the Local Administration Department has been used as a nodal department, the contractors under this department are not entrusted construction work except a small number. At the same time, the NBCC has been registering hundreds of new constructors and were given sufficient works.

Coming to Law and Order, whereas our leaders have been repeatedly uttering that a Peace Bonus is given to Mizoram for being the most peaceful State, the Governor has not made a mention of this. He has only stated that, 'uncertainly that the Law and Order situation during the last one year have been peaceful'. It may be due to the fact that the State becomes so unpeaceful that the matter is not mentioned beyond this. According to the replies to my unstarred question, the total number of major criminal cases during 2003 - 2004 was 186. For this reason the Governor has been beating about the bush in his Address. There is not even the mention of State Referral Hospital. The most important subject, self sufficiency in foodgrains has also been mentioned in only one sentence. At the same time, insignificant matters like cell phone and high mast electricity as mentioned. Therefore, I would like to say that the Address does not deserve praise.

PU N.K. CHAKMA : Let us now call upon Pu P.P. Thawla.
CHAIRMAN

PU P.P. THAWLA : Mr. Chairman, I would like to mention certain points
MINISTER which I find it appreciating in the Governor's speech. At the outset, it is a matter of satisfaction that the Governor could have presented such a good Address.

It is pleasing that the government continues to accord high priority to the maintenance of peace and harmony in the State. Further, I am pleased to

note that the subject of peace and harmony has been mentioned in the first part of the Speech.

It gives me immense pleasure to see the mention that the government continues to put much endeavour in achieving self sufficiency in the production of foodgrains. I have visited most of the areas within my constituency and I have witnessed many achievements made by the MNF Ministry during the last 5 years.

I have also seen the steps taken by the government through the scheme of MIP. It is also pleasing to see the enthusiasms from the people. It is also delighting to see the wet rice cultivation taken up by the people. Therefore, it can be said that the people have trust and confidence in this Ministry.

The steps taken by this government towards Power Projects which will be commissioned shortly as mentioned in para 15 are really inspiring, I hope these projects will be commissioned within the current financial year. As my constituency is a remote area, we do not get sufficient power supply as Saiha District is allotted only 0.5. We are eagerly waiting for the time of the commission. It is also pleasing to see that construction of Thermal Power Plant at Bairabi has been completed.

As regards steps taken by the Department of Sports and Youth Services in this Ministry to promote sports and youth activities, the government is exercising its best efforts in developing standard sports infrastructure in various parts of Mizoram as seen in para 21 which is worth mentioning.

The endeavour of Tourism Department to promote tourism and to beautify Mizoram by commissioning a number of Tourist Cottages and Tourist Home at various parts of Mizoram during this Ministry is quite delightful.

The achievements of this ministry through various departments, like Rural Development, Medical, Court building, Bazar shed and other are commendable. The people of Mizoram are aware of this. The Governor concluded his speech by stating that this Government will continue in it's endeavour to fulfill the objectives of its policies and programmes which shows that this ministry is a reliable government/ ministry. Considering all these, I feel it is good for this House to pass this Motion of thanks on Governor's Address.

Thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Chairman, thank you. It seems there is integration behind the scene of the Governor's speech which is commendable. Some may be grateful to the Governor's Address. In para 17 of the Governor's speech, he pointed out that the government lays emphasis on alleviation of poverty and development of rural areas and that under PMGY quite a number of new houses were upgraded during 2003 - 2004. It was also pointed out that Under Border Area Development Programme, various rural assets were undertaken. But if we look at the conditions of the rural people, inspite of the Governor's speech, they are becoming poorer and poorer. The poor people of the rural areas can not afford their own house. As there is party favouritism, it is regretting that funds sanctioned for various schemes like BADP, Normal Scheme and RD do not reach the people of rural areas. It is regretting that previous jeepable roads are not maintained/repared which had become unjeepable for 4/ years now.

I asked in this House in my first speech whether the road between

Selam and Kawlbem was out of function since 2001, I was answered that there was no intention to maintain/repair this road as the concern department was not informed about it. Does this mean what we, the members said in the House is not considered as an information. Even the concern VC had reported many times about this to the department and I myself raised about this in the House. So, I would like to request the hon'ble House Leader and the concern Minister to note this. While mentioning/taking about rural development, we should be practical and do things in reality.

In regard to School Education, while the Governor said in his speech at para 27 that the primary input of Human Resource Development is education, it is regretting that we had lost a sum of Rs. 21,11,66,200/- as we cannot contribute SSA fund. We know that Education Department has financial problem and that this department has the most man power. It is a pity that we had lost such amount as we cannot give matching contribution. The Governor did not mention about quality improvement which is very important in Education. In spite of good school buildings and distribution of text books we should try to improve the quality, otherwise our state will suffer. There are still High Schools and Middle Schools without headmaster which greatly affects school administration and discipline as well. Department has to take steps in this regard. And I would like to request the concern Minister to find out the whereabouts of the headmasters of Kawlbem Government High School, Saichal and Mimbung Schools.

In regard to power, as seen in para 15, Tuivai Hydel Project is not mentioned which can generate 210 Mega Watt. Does this mean the said Hydel Project is not good?

In para 29, though some achievements of LAD had been mentioned, it is regretting that the most important achievement under this department is not mentioned, that is about the VCs. It is indeed very important to upgrade the status of our VCs who are the backbone of our local administration. Hence, there is nothing much to be grateful in the speech of the Governor.

While taking about health for all, there are Health Sub Centres without Health Worker which means we are far behind to achieve/attain health for all. Considering all these, Mr. Chairman, I do not find a point to be grateful in the speech of the Governor for now.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Thank you Sir. In our list of business, today is meant for discussion of motion of thanks on Governor's Address. In this House, it is a common practise for the opposition members not to be grateful for the ruling members. As such I myself have many commendable points on the Governor's speech but as time prevents me I will not point out all my points.

What I would like to point our first is that I am very grateful that the Governor pointed out the untiring efforts of Excise Department for successful implementation of MLTP Act and the efforts taken by Excise force to check the menace of drug trafficking and drug abuse.

I am also very glad to know that the Governor has accorded high priority to the maintenance of peace and harmony in the State and that the law and order situation has been largely peaceful through the efforts of an alert and effective law and order machinery of the State. If we look at the Governor's speech care-

fully, we can see many commendable points. If we look at the darker side only, we can mislead the people of Mizoram. It is clear that under the present government, many scheme and projects which cannot gets materialised under the government before the previous one have now been implemented.

In the field of Sports - our youths have now reached international level in various disciplines like boxing, wushu and four women hockey players had been selected to participate at National level. All these had taken place during this Ministry. I really appreciate the contribution of the Governor for the developments of Mizoram so I support this motion.

Thank you.

PU S. HIATO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I feel that the attitude of the Governor towards the people of Mizoram is contemptuous. He even badly commented on our Assembly. When he was a Chief Guest at the committee of former Legislators, he said that only Aizawl town is being developed in Mizoram and that rural areas are neglected. It is regretting to see the way he manipulates District Councils. I think there is no officers he had not chided. He used to distribute contract works as if all the sanctions are his. He thinks he has an absolute power. Considering all his behaviours, how can we be grateful for his speech, even if this motion is to be passed, it will be passed half heartedly. I am saying this because he is incharge of the District Councils. He did not mention about District Councils in his speech except under the head of Sericulture.

Even in Sericulture, while we are happy that 51 crores had been sanctioned we are still worried about the spending of the fund. Mulberry seeds had arrived only in the month of August which means the seeds will be sowed in September. At present there is no mulberry tree to be found. The selected beneficiaries done by the public with VDC and Block were altered by Unit President in every village delaying supply of seeds.

In the past, the undivided Chhimtuipui District used to be a Vote bank for Congress, but with the power of the minister supported/backed by the Governor, MNF has won almost all the seats. Even all the nominated seats were filled up with MNF members by the Governor by his power. At that time the present Excise Minster was among the ones who protested the action of our Governor but now he is praising him and very grateful to the Governor.

Though there is no Anti - Defection Law in Chakma District Council, it was hurriedly made when an independent and an MNF member tried to join Congress. In the same manner, when No Confidence Motion was moved in a right way in the Council, the Governor accepted only CEM without EM. In another incident, the Council wanted to remove it's Chairman and a special session was summoned by the Governor as permitted by the rule. But according to the rule if there is no Chairman, Dy. Chairman will take the Chair who can appoint Panel of Chairman. Ignoring the rule, Pu Vadyu was directly appointed as Panel of Chairman. If the Governor continues to do things like these we, the minorities in particular are not safe.

Another point I would like to say is that District Council and Regional Council came into existence at the same time but as we are not contented with the treatment we receive from the Government of Mizoram, there was an intention to ask for seperate UT. Besides this, only 175 was sanctioned for Development Council of the HPC (Hmar People's Convention) who are the minorities. I wonder how this

much fund will develop all Hmar areas. Even High Power Committee for Lunglei can not function as it should be. I, therefore, would like to urge the Ministry to show its love of the minorities in practical/deed. There is no infrastructure for Lunglei and Chhimtuipui Districts.

It is regretting that without being MNF, there is no hope in this Ministry specially for our talented/educated youths. The portfolios allotted to Pu Thawla - Excise and Soil Conservation do not have area of operation at Chhimtuipui. The departments looked after by Pu H. Rammawi also do not operate in our areas, which means our two ministers do not have power in our areas.

To say that there are abundant supply of cooking gas is not true in our areas. We have to queue for the whole night for gas while most of the members are in sound sleep. Had not there been non Mizos stocking rice in the markets we would all be starved as there is no stock of rice at supply godowns. So, I would like to urge the government not to ignore the minorities.

PU SAINGHAKA : Mr. Speaker Sir, as we do not have much time, I will not say much. I will start with Bairabi Thermal Power Plant and Kau Tlabung Small Hydel Project.

We are all aware of how we need power. Bairabi Thermal Power Plant which will generate 80 MW had been recommended by Central in 1997 along with Ranganadi (Arunachal) which had been completed to generate 400 MW as we are expected to complete during the 9th Five Year Plan. The Governor, in his speech on 16th December said Bairabi Thermal Power Plant will be commissioned in the same month which is not being commissioned till today. I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to tell us when will this project be commissioned. I also would like to request him to inform the House the expected fund for this project and whether compensation component included in the estimate amounting to 429 crores.

The hon'ble Minister had expressed his gratitude for Kau Tlabung & Tuipanglui Project. Though the Governor did not mention about this project in his Republic Day Speech, it is pleasing that he had mentioned about it this time stating that it will be commissioned shortly. But what I do not understand is that the hon'ble Chief Minister said in his Budget Speech that this project is expected to be completed in 2004.

While talking about power, people are complaining about installation of new meter box as there is not much difference/variation in Meter Reading with the previous box. According to the document presented by Chief Minister, while our expenditure to buy power in the year 2002 - 2003 was 74 crore rupees, the revenue we earn from this was only 20 crore rupees. If installation of new meter box does not mean to increase revenue what is the need to do it? I will be grateful if the hon'ble Chief Minister could explain about this.

I also would like to emphasize on administration though it is not highlighted in the budget document. Even the Governor had pointed out only about Administrative Institute. It is important to consider Service Rules of Government Servants because to make many cadre posts can be an obstruction for the Department Officers thus effecting their efficiencies.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not take much time as I am going to point out only few points which had not been pointed out by the Governor in

his speech and to show that this Ministry is not up to our expectations.

As already pointed out by the hon'ble Ministers, the Governor in para 21 of his speech mentioned about the medals won by Nl. Lalremliani, boxer in the international and national level which is a National pride. But in the minds of the youths, we expect the Governor to make some commends in his speech to honour her by giving promotion etc. as an incentive. At present she is at Shillaroo coaching camp as she is going to represent India at an International level. In the same way, our talented youths are progressing in various disciplines but it is a pity for the players that there is no sufficient fund even when they represent Mizoram. It is regretting that this ministry does not seem to give priority to this side of things. I sometimes used to think that the ministry is interested only in Badminton as there are many Badminton Halls in Mizoram. I, therefore, would like to request the government to lay emphasis on promotion of various discipline of sports and find a way to encourage our youths. It is also important to be careful in choosing sport disciplines according to the capacity of our youths.

If I am not mistaken, I still remember the hon'ble Minister as saying that Standard Stadium will be constructed but it is not mentioned in the Governor's speech. The Congress said in its election manifesto that a standard stadium will be constructed within six months if it is in power. It is, therefore, my request to this ministry to concentrate more on promotion of sports so as to give incentives to the youths.

Coming to Health Department, the hon'ble Speaker inaugurated PHC at Sialhawk on 3rd March of last year but this had not been mentioned by the Governor. What came into my mind is whether there is an intention to leave this Health Centre building without functioning. It will be pleasing if the Governor in his next speech tell us that this health centre is functioning smoothly.

As we have an able minister to look after School Education, I am expecting him to improve education in the state. I do expect to know from the Governor's speech that shortage of teachers in rural areas had been settled, I would like to pin point that at Tlangpui, an aged teacher looks after about 130 students alone. I would like to urge the government to settle this matter as soon as possible irrespective of the areas.

At the beginning of this Ministry, Forest Department had felled a number of teak trees and stocked teak logs of various places but these were not sold to earn revenue and many logs had been lost, I would like to know if there is a way to settle this matter to save fund and to earn a large amount of revenue as well.

S P E A K E R : We shall have recess now and our sitting will be resumed at 4 : 30 P.M.

Sitting adjourned. - 4:00 PM

4:30 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue our discussion. I now call upon Pu Lalthaliana.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am grateful that the

Governor highlighted the achievements of the Ministry in his speech. I am happy that the Governor mentioned priority being accorded to the maintenance of lasting peace and harmony in the State. Considering the hardships faced by Mizoram during insurgency, we should be grateful that we are now having peace due to the efforts made by the Government.

Among the many achievements of the Government highlighted by the Governor in his speech, the few achievements for Saiha and Lawngtlai Districts he had mentioned clearly showed that this government does not neglect minorities. It is pleasing to know that under SGSY, a total project, costing Rs. 51 crores have been undertaken for development of mulberry sericulture for District Council. For this scheme, there is State Level and District Level Committees and if the District Level Committees do not release the fund, State Government can not interfere. A tender had been floated to supply mulberry seeds at Aizawl but we told the concern Minister that it should be done at State Level Committee which the Minister agreed favouring the minorities and the remote areas. The Governor himself had visited the spots where the scheme is implemented. In supplying the seeds, as it is to be done in accordance with the availability of fund and climate, arrangement was made accordingly. The steps taken by the Government to develop rural areas and remote areas pointed out by the government are quite commendable.

In the past, BADP funds were not in the hands of District Council. It is worth mentioning now that District Councils are among the programme implementing agencies of BADP fund and that Lai District Council had started work with BADP fund amounting to Rs. 50 lakhs.

In 1997, Lawngtlai had been made/declared as new District headquarter during the tenure of the then Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla and there were no offices except Sub - Division level office. But due to the efforts made by State Ministry, many District level offices had been opened/established for various department. Under a perspective plan for prison reforms, construction of new District Jail at Lawngtlai is being taken up as mentioned in para 5 of the Governor's Speech. I, therefore, appreciate the steps taken by the government to improve district infrastructures and I would like to express my gratitude to the Governor for highlighting all these.

It can be said that Lawngtlai has the most plain areas, but as motorable road is a bit far from the main road, construction of Horticulture Office will alleviate the problems faced in this area.

Besides these, it is pleasing that the Governor had mentioned that Agriculture Department has well foreseen the threat posed by the imminent gregorious flowering of bamboo in the year 2007 and pre - emptive actions like launching of awareness campaigns and survey of bamboo flowering areas to earmark the areas where the flowering has occurred so as to take effective precautionary and ameliorative measures, have been initiated. As there are many commendable points in the speech of the Governor, I support this motion.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Lalduhawma, ZNP Group Leader, he will be allotted 12 minutes.

P U L A L D U H A W M A : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we have a friendly talk with our Governor about this government, keeping aside his

Governorship, I think he will tell us that the present government is a party government. As it is the intention of the government to have non transparent government, I did not dare to mention about Right to Information in my speech. The true nature of this government as I have often said is like a spoiled child. As that is the case, I would like to point out that the Governor addressed the House only as a constitutional compulsion hence it is not worth to pass motion of thanks.

At the first instance, I would like to say few words on Law and Order. I myself had sacrificed for bringing peace in our state. But till now, there is not lasting peace in our state. Just recently while I visited my constituency areas, I was requested by the police not to visit a particular village as there was an information that hundreds of Manipur insurgents had entered Mizoram. The people of these areas feel that whenever the hon'ble Chief Minister takes steps for Naga insurgents, the Manipur insurgents used to re-act while the Government of Mizoram ordered our police force not to counter them even though they were a threat to their safety/security. At the same time, it is humiliating that the case of 7 MNAs who were arrested in 1984 while they were on duty had not been settled till today. I would like to urge the government to settle this matter as soon as possible.

Under the scheme of modernisation of police force, many vehicles acquired which are supposed to be allotted to the police force are not allotted to them and many police stations do not have foreign equipment. Government had also purchased 20 mobile toilet vans out of which 2 of them are placed at Thenzawl field. The question asked by the hon'ble member Pu S. Hiato in this regard was answered that they were safely deployed which is not correct. This matter needs proper investigation. It is also regretting that our police force had not taken their TAs for many years, it seems even their ration money had been utilised for some other purposes. The process of modernisation of our police force by providing better facilities needs revision. It is clear that if our police force/personnels are not contented with their facilities, law and order situation may not improve.

I also would like to point out that the allowance of Home Guards at enhanced rate has not been given to many of them. The hon'ble member from Aizawl West II promised them to give duty allowance of Rs. 150/- pm and to upgrade them to Police regular post. It is good to fulfill these promises to improve their status.

A law or an act formulated by the British for safeguarding the interests of the tribals is now enforced to improve restriction on us. Even in the case of ginger, I believe that it will be much better if a free market system is followed instead of having the government monopolising its market. I would like to know how the government repay/written off the loan given to ginger growers.

It is a pity that the Governor did not mention how the government is going to solve the problems faced by ginger growers. Is Trade & Commerce Department going to give transport subsidy and support price to ginger buyers?

The Governor did not mention about Co - Operation. In other states Co - Operation society is formed even in a small item which prevents escalation of prices. It is important for our state to form such society. At present, MEMSEC came into existence which needs insurance. It will be pleasing if the government could give financial assistance and share to provide employment to our youths.

It seems that list of beneficiaries of PMGY had been hurriedly submitted to BDO by Ruling Party Unit and Block leaders. If we are to go according to the rules, the officials who released the fund and those who drew the fund of the

government can be put to prison. I would like to urge the government to follow democratic Principle. Favouring the ruling party members can be understood to some extent, but it is good to follow the rules as far as possible.

It had been mentioned that Food for Work generated employment which is not true in reality. Will it be better to find a way to enable every village to purchase rice from their respective retailers.?

It is regretting that the Governor did not mention about border trade route already planned by Central Government.

The foreseen flowering of bamboo in the year 2007 is not a misfortune or calamity, it occurs in every 50 years it is a natural event. I am afraid all our bamboos will be sold for fear of bamboo flowering. I think it is not good to supercede our bamboos by importing another kind of bamboos.

BCA (Bachelor of Computer Application) had been introduced at Zirtiri College last year. A student has to pay Rs. 15,040/- as stipend which means stipend of a student do not cover even 20% of his/her expenditure. I wonder why the fees of our students are so high? This computer subject requires 4 lecturers for the main course out of which 2 guest lecturers had been appointed who are not regularised till today. Students of this subject suffered a lot due to shortage of lecturers.

In the notification of posting for 77 Hindi Teachers. There are 3 villages which no longer have Middle School so I would like to know how can the government post teacher at those villages. He will be fruitful if the Governor addressed the House how all these problems are solved. He, on the other hand, addressed the House erasively but tells the pressmen the fact, hence there is nothing to be thankful in his speech, thus I do not support this motion.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Z.H. Ropuia.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today it is gladsome
MINISTER : that we can have discussion on the motion of thanks
on Governor's address. It is not possible to mention all the achievements of the government in the speech. In my opinion, every line of his speech is worth to expand.

At the first instance, it is pleasing that he had mentioned the role played by the people through various social organizations and religious institutions in maintaining social and communal harmony in the state.

To have a good S.P. Office building at Lunglei which we never had before under scheme of improvement and modernization of police force is beyond my expectation. It is clear that allotment of many new vehicles and better equipments to the police will be of a great help to carry out their duties more effectively.

In para 6, he pointed out about Mizoram Intodelhna Project which had been introduced to bring about a higher degree of self-sufficiency in agriculture products. However, as the mentality of the public had been spoiled by an easy money for various projects from the government, we have to educate the public over in this project. Nevertheless, we see remarkable response from public in this project.

He also mentioned steps being taken to combine irrigation project with land development under the schemes of NABARD and AIBP which will bring good results for the farmers.

It is pleasing to learn from him various steps taken in Horticulture. It is a matter of satisfaction that the department has started exporting Anthurium flower since October 2003, which is encouraging for the women and those who are interested in this field.

Keeping in mind the prospect of Sericulture for self employment not only for daily labourers but also for educated unemployed, the government has carried out the project within District Council areas. An Integrated Sericulture Development Project amounting to Rs. 16 crores is now being submitted to the Central Government, thanks to the skillful idea of our leaders. I opine it is unbecoming for the leaders to speak ill of this encouraging project.

Matter concerning the achievement of PWD, my constituency being located in rural areas owes much appreciation to the department for steps which have been taken so far. Extensive progress has been made by the department with construction of roads under PMGSY and from non lapseable pool fund within my constituency. Not only this, Mr. Speaker Sir, various projects have also been undertaken from World Bank fund for which I have to extend my appreciation on behalf of the people of my constituency.

Relating to the programme of Rural Development as pointed out by certain members, few amount of funds under PMGSY might not have been utilised properly. Yet it could be taken for grante for their outstanding performance in providing assistance to the poor rural families to build their own houses. I suppose some of the points raise by certain members are a little exaggerate. As for my part, I have to express my appreciation on the achievements made by the government as pointed out in the Governor's speech.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all, I would
MINISTER like to thank the hon'ble member Pu Lalthlengliana
for the motion. There is everything to thank about
the Governor's Speech. Whatever we, the hon'ble members comment on the Governor's Speech, it should come from the bottom of our hearts and not play to the gallery. We should make speched S for the welfare of the people and for the well - being of the state. The Governor mentioned about the agenda and objectives for achieving sustainable level of growth and for ensuring lasting peace in Mizoram.

From para 8 of the Governor's Speech, mulberry farming under Sericulture in the District councils is highlighted. The hon'ble member from Saiha mentioned that, there is nothing much to thank about the Governor's speech in this regard. However, this shows that, this government is aware of District Council which is once known as backward area. Regarding MDC election, the people of Chhimtuipui knows that this government takes up the welfare of the people, therefore, the people gave their mandate to the government in the MDC election.

In para 9, Fisheries Department is highlighted. This government has taken huge step in fishery in Chhimtuipui District.

In para 21, the achievement of Games & Sports Department is highlighted. In spite of the shortage of fund, Mizoram youths are able to feature in the national and international level. Therefore, there is so much to thank about the

Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to thank the Governor for highlighting the Electronic Voting Machine and the free and fair election, that was held mentioned at para 23.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in para 29, the Governor highlighted various government building that has come up during this Ministry. It is a great achievement that, Market building has come up at every district capital. We now have high mast electric light at important places like, Civil Hospital, Durtlang Hospital, TNT and Theological College. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a great achievement that we are able to have Mizoram House in Mumbai. Therefore, there is so much to thank about the Governor's Speech, the opposition bench should also thank the Governor for all the achievement that is highlighted in the speech. I request all members to pass this Motion.

Thank you.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. There is so much to
MINISTER thank about the Governor's speech. This government has embarked on the task of pursuing the quality of work and maintenance and has made high achievement. There is development during this ministry and that is how the people recognized this government. For the first time in the State, we have slaughter house. And a separate Science College has been established for the first time. In Women Polytechnic, different courses have been introduced for the first time. These are all great achievement.

Mr. Speaker Sir, construction of Thermal Power Plant of 22.92 mw capacity has been completed. Efforts continued for mobilising resources for the proposed 80 mw Bairabi Hydel Project. Mr. Speaker Sir, all the achievement of this government cannot fit in the Governor's speech, but I am glad to learn that the opposition members are aware of some of the points that are not highlighted in the speech.

Under Technology Mission, farmers have ben benefitted to a great extent. In my constituency, the farmers have benefitted under this mission. I would, therefore, like to thank for this Technology Mission. The government is committed to undertake new road projects and also to improve road connectivity in the State. Rural areas are connected by truckable roads which is a great achievement.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we now have Central University very soon, 17 new departments will be introduced, it is a valuable asset for the people of Mizoram.

Achievement of self sufficiency in the production of foodgrains has remained a continuous endeavour of this government. I am very proud to highlight achievement made so far towards this endeavour. The government has proposed to cover 99,534 hectares under vegetables and commercial crops. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is good to hear that fish seeds have been distributed to fish farmers in rural area.

I would like to thank for the distribution of seedling, as this in the future would stop the import of oil from other state.

For extension of infrastructural resources for the benefit of farmers engaged in this field of activity, the government has opened new Horticulture Divisions at Kolasib, Serchhip and Lawngtlai. The construction of District Horticulture Offices and Staff quarters phase I has also been completed. These are all great achievements of the government utmost emphasis is given on the economic utilisation

of the rich bamboo resources in the State. Once this is achieved, it will generate employment and bring about prosperity among the people of the state. These are new horizon for the people. Mr. Speaker Sir, as we have heard from the Governor's Speech, tea seedlings are planted in Ngopa and Biate covering 60 hectares. During the coming year, 8 lakhs tea seedlings are expected to be planted in the same area. I, therefore, look forward to the days, when we will be self sufficient in tea. I expect it will not be very long from now.

The road construction that the government has taken up under PMGSY, as we have heard, is remarkable compared to the work done by the previous Ministry. So is the case in HBA. Therefore, by the grace of God, we should be aware that the state is prospering and moving ahead in development. I support the Motion of thanks.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu Rasik Mohan. Next will be Pu Nihar.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today we are discussing the Motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. From the various points of development mentioned by the Governor and from the various departments we hear from the newspapers, this government do not left any stone un-turned for development. The government has reached the length and breath of the State to promote development. The state fund is not enough for development. Therefore, central assistance in the form of funds and loans needs to be hunted by our leaders. BADP scheme was furnished by Planning Commission in the year 1982. But our state government recognised the scheme, only in the year 1994, during those 10 years it was cent percent central assistance fund. The leaders, should dig out the central assistance fund. This is what this government has done, therefore, there is development everywhere. Previously, in district council headquarters Kamalanagar, there was no metal road. But now it is truckable road. This is a great achievement by this government. Chawngte - Borapansury was constructed in the year 1978, from the past 23 years, only cycle could ply on this road. But, now after the hon'ble Public Works Department Minister visited the place, this road becomes truckable road. The people are happy, therefore, being the representative of Chawngte I am filled with gratitude.

Mr. Speaker Sir, under IWDP and Jhum land Integrated Development of Horticulture scheme and Sericulture Scheme, we are able to distribute seedlings in lakhs per family. Whereas, previous government could distribute just one per family. Mr. Speaker Sir, hon'ble member from Saiha mentioned that out of the five MLA seats in Chhimtuipui, we are not able to secure only one seat. This is a clear proved that the people of Chhimtuipui are happy with the MNF Ministry. Since there is great development in the area. Then, regarding UT, development is what we are hungry for. Since there is development, there is no longer the need for UT.

Thank you.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I would not take much time to speak on the discussion of Motion of thanks on the Governor Address. My colleagues from the Treasury bench stated that the opposition members are inclined to criticize the government. But that is not the case. Even in the case of Police personnels, while

there are good ones for the people there are some who are against the betterment of the people. Therefore, we have to criticize when it is necessary. In the Governor's Address it is stated that the government has given priority to the maintenance of Law & Order. But the Governor did not mention how to protect social evils.

Since, we are representing the rural areas, the condition of rural area is worst, there is no employment generation scheme since the formation of this government. Let us accept the reality, there is no basic necessity like drinking water, medical facilities, there is no doctor. For example, I have asked one question. There was the Sub - Divisional Health Medical Officer and Dental Surgeon and also X Ray Technician at Tlabung Civil Hospital. But all of them have been transferred. It is now past 5 years. So, tell me how do we appreciate the work and the address of the Governor. So, this shows that rural people have been deprived of all facilities. In Aizawl, we have all the facilities. This is the reason why the rural people are migrating. So, the government should develop rural areas.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in my constituency there are more than 20 schools run by a single teacher. There is no balance of development in Education in the state. We need quality Education and not quantity, we therefore, criticised the government with reasons.

There are 40 MLAs in this House. Mr. Speaker Sir, you will be surprise to know that just one MLAs residence is not reached by vehicle. That is my place Nunsuri. There was a meeting with BRO (Border Road Organisation). They told me that they will be constructing a bridge on the river Karnapuli river. But till now nothing has been done. It is now the duty of government to pursue the matter. We speak of our problem in the House. If the government does not take any step in solving the matter, what is the point of speaking.

Let me speak about the retailers in my constituency. Most of the retailer who are selected do not distribute the foodgrain in their respective place. Only cities are developing, but rural area is not developed. They are deprived of all basic facilities. In most of the Health Sub Centre, there is no Health Worker. The government did not mention in the Governor's Address. The dissolution of Congress Village Council is not mentioned. It is difficult to appreciate the Governor's Address. Regarding Primary School, you will be surprise to know, single teacher who is getting a pay of Rs. 1000/- is looking after the children. In my constituency, there are still some school, where there is not even a single teacher. So, I request the concerned government to look into the matter and be practical as far as possible in solving the problem with these few words.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The session of Mizoram
MINISTER State Assembly is carried, with grace and dignity,
befitting the rich parliamentary tradition of the august
Assembly. This is how we hear of comments from visitors outside the state. The Governor, too, mentioned in para 2 of his speech of his confident in this august House, with the distinguished presence of a large number of experienced and seasoned legislators. Therefore, it is out duty to fulfill these expectation.

The government continues to accord high priority to the maintenance of peace and harmony in the state. The late Chief Minister and MNF founder President, Pu Laldenga was called by the then Prime Minister, to tackle the Punjab problem. Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga is called to negotiate with the Naga insurgent groups. Out of the whole population of this nation, we

should endeavour to achieve lasting peace in Mizoram. This is a blessing from God that we are able to be called the most peaceful state.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is so many controversies regarding the Governor. But what we should bear in mind is, of all the Governor that we have had there is none like him. Mr. Speaker Sir, he works for the welfare of the people of Mizoram. He travels through the length and breath, of the state, trying to solve the problem of the people. Mr. Speaker Sir, we should also bear in mind who is responsible for giving special power to the Governor in District Council? It is on the recommendation of the Chhimtuipui District Congress that the Sixth Schedule was amended and the Governor was entrusted with special power. We must admit the fact.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is difficult to accept when the opposition members said that there is nothing to thank about the Governor's speech. Mr. Speaker Sir, within a span of just two years, the government is able to commission Bairabi Thermal Plant with a capacity of MW 22.92. Not only this, for Bairabi Hydel project which is expected to generate 80 MW, environmental clearance is obtained by the government. There is so much to thank about for this project. In order to generate employment, the Governor has taken step to employ our youth in companies. There is so much to thank about the Governor's address. We should all join hands to pass this Motion of thanks.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for allotting me time to
MINISTER speak. Today we are discussing the Motion of thanks
on the Governor's speech. But, it seems that some
of the members, instead of speaking about the speech are critisizing the Governor
himself. I would like to mention that he is in fact one of the best Governor's that
we have had. He works for the welfare of the people. The Governor deals the
official through the Ministry. The Governor's main focus is for the development of
the state. The Governor has approached central government for development fund
for RD Blocks from his capacity. We have received funds for development because
of his initiative.

I would like to thank the Governor for his confidence on the veteran and experienced members of this august House.

Achievement of self sufficiency in the production of food grains has remained a continuous endeavour of the government. It is good to know that we have a Governor who is fully aware of our need to be self sufficient in foodgrain. It is the priority of this government. The department has well forseen, the threat posed by the imminent gregarious flowering of bamboo in the year 2007, as the Governor has mentioned in his speech. It is good to know that effective precautionary measures have been initiated. The Governor mentioned about, 'The Mizoram Intodelhna Project', which is envisaged to bring about a higher degree of self sufficiency in agriculture products and settled method of cultivation. We should bear in mind that the most important point for the sucess of the project is the people, we should utilise the MIP fund accordingly to its actual purpose. We have immense potential in agricultural land. The government does not expect cent percent sucess, however, if 50% sucess is obtain from MIP project, it could be a great achievement. Recognising the potentiality of Horticulture, the government continues to lay emphasis on its development. The government has taken steps in developing mushroom and flowers. Infact, the department has started exporting anthurium. The Governor highlighted the various steps that the government ha taken. In order to solve

the problem of rural people, various Rural Development Scheme has been introduced. There may be error in the execution of the projects, as the hon'ble members have mentioned, but the government is finding a solution to solve these errors.

Regarding the funding of IWDP, the funding has to be done step by step. We are now at entry point activity, 15% has been sanctioned. The fund is sponsored by Central Government.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, is the government willing to verify the utilisation given under IWDP? According to my opinion, half the VC will be baseless.

PU AICHHINGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, if we are to follow the hon'ble
MINISTER : members opinion, should I go on and explain. Anyway I'll end here.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all, I would like to thank the Governor for his speech highlighting and recognising the immense potentiality of Horticulture in Mizoram. The government continues to lay emphasis on its development. We are all aware that, it is the dream of every student to work under the government once after graduation. I am, therefore, glad that emphasis is given to this department. We should bear in mind the fate of rural people. Our priority for development should be the rural area. As we are all aware, they work the whole year through, without any bank balance. The living condition of the rural people is hard up. Therefore, if this department is developed, it could open new horizon for the rural people. I am grateful to learn from the Governor's speech that, orange production has increased. It is also good to know that the department has started exporting anthurium.

Para 8 Sericulture. The Governor is fully aware of the living condition of the rural area, when he stated that, due importance have been given to the development of Sericulture, which has an immense potential for providing means of livelihood to a sizeable rural population of the state. Different Ministry has introduced different policy to develop the rural area. But, there is a set of mind which the people have regarding these policies. The fund/assistance given under these policies are not utilised for its purposes. Therefore, awareness campaign should be given to educate the people to utilise the fund/assistance for its rightful purposes, or else development will by pass the people and the living condition will get to worse condition.

In para 13 of the Governor's speech about bamboo policies, it is good to know that the hon'ble Chief Minister have rich ideas and views. It is a step for development where we can base on the state production. The bamboo policies could provide means of livelihood to the rural people.

In para 14, the government highlights the need for improving road connectivity in the state. We all know that if there is no proper road connectivity in the state, there cannot be development. Knowing this, the government have continue to lay emphasis on road connectivity. I would like to thank the Governor for highlighting in the speech that fund have been sanctioned for bridge over Tuichang and Hnahthial - Thingsai road, which is in my constituency.

Lastly, Sports and Youth Services. The department has given its best efforts in developing standard sports. The development in sports have created awareness among the youth, relentless zeal for sportsmanship and physical fitness. The youth will further learn that sports could be a mean for livelihood. Mr. Speaker Sir, therefore, we cannot highlight all the points mentioned by the Governor, but from the few points I have highlighted alone, there is so much to thank about the Governor's speech.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama and Dr. R. Lalthangliana are still raising their hands. Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. There is so much to discuss today. Some members discussed the Governor's speech in a negative way. According to my view, as it is the view of some of the members before me, the present Governor is the best Governor we have had. The Governor is so keen on developing the state that, he is willing to take initiative where ever he can. If we look at para 8 of his speech, special schemes for backward district have been undertaken in Sericulture. 51 crores has been sanctioned. Due importance has been given to the development of Sericulture not only in Chhimituipui district but in the whole state. 'Integrated Sericulture Development Project' has also been prepared and submitted to the Government of India, which will involve an estimated cost of Rs. 16.16 crores which is expected to be approved shortly. Since that government is aware that, there is immense potential in developing Sericulture Department. We are, therefore, intending to give emphasis on the development. For the past 0 years, we have tried to be self sufficient through Agriculture and Horticulture Department. However, it seems to be a difficult task. Now, it seems there is new horizon in sericulture for providing means of livelihood through cocoon and raw silk production. Silk worms can be produced 8 times a year. From 1 hectre of Mulberry farming, there can be a earning of upto 1 lakh. Therefore, if 3,000 families are involved in mulberry farming, it could lead to a great extent in attaining self sufficiency in the state. This year, the government will try and supply the mulberry plant in the correct season for plantation. GCI sheets have been distributed to 600 mulberry farmers. The hon'ble Members should give awareness campaign to the people of their constituency in regard to silk worms farming as it can provide livelihood.

Regarding foodgrain, the department is taking steps to stock monsoon foodgrain by April. If we look at the performance of the government during the past five years, in regard to the availability of essential commodities, it is quite up to the mark compared to the previous Ministry. They are happy with the governments performance. There cannot be cent per cent perfection. Therefore, on the whole, we hon'ble members should admit and thank the Governor for the Speech.

Thank you.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Pu Zakhu, who was the Congress Legislature Party Leader in the previous term mentioned in Vanapa Hall just few days back that inspite of their strong criticism against the government deep within, they are very proud of the government. I, therefore, believe its the same view of the present opposition members. Mr. Speaker Sir, this is the reason why the Ex - Ministers, Ex - MLAs and Leaders of political parties entered to join the ruling

party. The performance of the government attracts the leaders to join the ruling party.

Pu Nihar misunderstood about fixed pay teacher. Fixed pay teachers are employed under SSA (Education Quarantee Scheme) they are given Rs. 1000/- as honorarium. These teachers are sent to where there is no school. They are voluntary teachers given honorarium of Rs. 1000/-. There is so much to thank about the Governor's speech as an opposition member.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is one point I would like to mention, which is not highlighted in the Governor's speech. For the past 10 years, Assam Rifles could not be shifted out. But now, in Khatla capital project, big buildings have come up. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a miracle that within 12 months, 8500 lakhs many buildings could be completed with Rs.8500 lakhs.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is a great achievement that Aizawl to Lunglei road will be shorten by 60 km. Regarding rural connectivity, I would like to clarify that, it was announced only in 25.3.2000 by the then Prime Minister Pu Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Therefore, it is not the same with previous road projects.

Regarding, Forest & Environment, Abdul Kaful Uthalla has been chosen to clear the wayside teak logs. Utmost importance is given to the sustainable use of forest resources of Mizoram, while maintaining the ecological balance. Working plans and schemes have been drawn up in the Environment and Forest Department under which departmental timber operation will be carried out for making timber available to general public at reasonable price.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Governor does not mention in his speech about the provincialisation of 238 schools. But, 208 Middle School, High School and Higher Secondary School are upgraded to Aided School. Mr. Speaker Sir, from non lapsable pool fund, 1544 school buildings have been constructed during the last term. Under SSA, 159 schools have also been constructed. Free text book has been distributed to 320000 Primary and Middle School students. It is distributed without any discrimination, but by enrollment alone. There is one more point I would like to mention. The central government has sanctioned Rs. 450 lakhs for 6 teacher's training centre.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I expect the hon'ble opposition members to give thanks to the 'Motion of thanks' on the Governor's speech, since there is so much to thank for. The Ministry is guided by an able Chief Minister, who, even the central government could trust among the many Chief Minister to negotiate the Naga insurgents to bring peace. We should, therefore, give thanks to the Governor for his speech.

Thank you.

PU C. LALRINSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today, we are discussing the Governor's address. First of all, I would like to speak about para 4 of the Governor's speech. The Governor mentioned about peace and harmony that is prevailing in the State. The hon'ble Chief Minister is the symbol of peace.

The Governor is worth praising for the way he understands the needs of the state. The Governor shows great kneeness in the welfare of the people, now that there is peace and harmony, the Governor is aware that the prime priority should be economic development. Therefore, it is highlighted in the various

points mentioned in his speech.

It is pleasing to know that in order to attain self sufficiency, efforts are made for replacement of low yielding varieties of crops by high yielding one with an objective of increased production. It is also pleasing to know that, the department has distributed 10,000 seedlings of red oil palm to farmers. Mr. Speaker Sir, huge fund is allocated for 'National Watershed Development Programme under rainfed areas', project and 'Watershed Development Programme for shifting cultivation Areas', projects. With these two projects, the farmers of rural area will benefit enormously.

The establishment of Tissue Culture and Plant Health Clinic under Horticulture technology mission, will be of great help for the farmers towards the increased in production.

Today, many of us had spoken about bamboo. What we should realise is the bamboo that we have at present is not up to the mark/quality, for commercial purpose. I appreciated the Bamboo processing Industry under joint venture at Sairang. I visited the site with the hon'ble Chief Minister. It could be a huge source of economic development for the state.

Regarding Power & Electricity, in my constituency, we are happy with the meter box. This is because the meter box has economised the power consumption, as everyone is aware of the meter reading.

Lastly, there are many development points that are not highlighted in the Governor's Speech. The development have affected the people, the people too have grown along with the development, according to me, this is the greatest achievement. I, therefore, express my desire to join hands and accept the 'Motion of thanks' on the Governor's speech.

Thank you.

PU B. LALTHALENGLIANA: Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all thought of not participating in the discussion, however, there are few points I would like to speak about. Few days back, I visited Shillong, during my leisure period at night. I intended to go out, but I was restricted. This incident reminds me of how peaceful our state is. The Governor, broadly outlined the agenda and objectives for achieving sustainable level of growth and for ensuring lasting peace in Mizoram. The hon'ble members should treasure the peace and harmony that is prevailing in the state. The insurgents of North East have realised this too, therefore, the insurgents are willing to have peace talk. The insurgents are using Mizoram as a passage.

As we all know, district headquarters were opened without infrastructure. It is very pleasing to know that this government has taken huge steps in developing these headquarters. As I travelled through the length and breadth of the state, I am delighted to learn the different development projects that are in progress. The hon'ble members before me mentioned about the capital project at Khatla. It really is amazing to watch the site. Within the short period from now, the black topping of internal roads at Zokhawsang will be completed. There is so much to thank about the development projects that are being undertaken which is highlighted in the Governor's speech.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a sign of development in road communication in the rural area. Black topping has been done in Zamuang - Hriphaw road,

Saihapui - Buhchang - Phaisen, Zawlnuam - Bairabi road will be taken up under NEC. Saiphai - Vairengte road has been made truckable road. Work is in progress for the construction of roads between Saiphai and Bilkhawthlir. In the year 1989 there was no proper road in Kangmun area, but now they are truckable road and it seems there will be a bus service very shortly. As we all are aware, Aizawl - Lunglei road will be shorten by 67 km via Thenzawl. Aibawk - Darlung - Lunglei - Buarpui road is also under construction. Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a great sign of development in road communication through the length and breadth of Mizoram. We should be thankful for this development.

Revenue department is not highlighted in the Governor's speech. I would just like to mention that there is proposal to computerise the land records and survey. To implement this proposal, computers will be distributed to all District Sub - Divisions. Mr. Speaker Sir, there is so much to thank about the development that is taking place in the state. If we still feel that there is nothing to thank about the Governor' speech, then, we'll never find anything to thank for in the future.

Thank you.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA :
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, sitting in the opposition, we tend to concentrate on points that are not highlighted in the speech. If we concentrate on the points that are highlighted, then, there is so much to appreciate.

In regards to Hospitals there are hospitals that are completed and some which are under construction. In the coming financial year, upgradation of hospitals in various places of Mizoram will be taken up. The progress that is taking place in Health Department is not worthy.

We are not concentratED on the points highlighted in Agriculture, Horticulture, Police and Prison. We are discussing points that are outside the address. Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't blame the opposition members, for it's difficult to accept the performance of the government. Today, instead of discussing the address of the Governor, we are discussing the Governor himself. According to my point of view, we are fortunate to have such an able Governor. The Governor shows great enthusiasm in developing the state, therefore, he is personally involved in the state affairs. There are times when we discussed the progress of development that is taking place in my departments on such occasion, he gives necessary suggestions and opinions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, opposition members mentioned some points which are supposed to be discussed in budget session. Anyway, I would like to mention that as time constraint prevents from highlighting all the achievements of the government in the Governor's speech, the following achievements cannot go unnoticed. The construction weektaken up by Mizoram Public Works Department with this project, many people are able to earn their livelihood. This is due to the effort of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Mr. Speaker Sir, according to my opinion, the opposition member should state that, the government has done enormous works in developing the state, but just few points are highlighted in the Governor's speech.

Thank you.

PU TAWNLUIA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, today we are discussing the Governor's address. As the Governor mentioned in the

address, with the distinguished presence of a large number of experienced and seasoned legislators, we are able to carry the discussion with grace and dignity.

First of all, I would like to clarify about Champhai Fire Department quarters mentioned by the members. Champhai Fire Department quarters are occupied by IV Grade Staff, Liankhuma, Hav. Rualkhuma 2nd IR and ASI Lalzirliana. Office building is occupied by Constable Lalhmingthanga, 1st floor and 2nd floor is IR barrack and ground floor is occupied by Chhingpuii, 2nd IR IV Grade and there is a garage. Therefore, these quarters and office are occupied by the staff and not by Chief Minister relatives. I would like to apprise the House that, the promotion of boxer Jenny R. Lalremliani, Constable, who has won medals in International and National level is under process.

The Law and Order situation has been largely peaceful, though there are exceptional out break here and there, which is unavoidable. The government has stepped up efforts for alert and effective Law and Order machinery of the State.

The development projects that is taken up by this government reaches the people below the poverty line and rural area, like the distribution of free text book, food for work and lower priced ration for BPL family, PMGY, IAY, NWDPR, IWDP and MIP. There is no classification of political parties in this government development reaches the people accordingly.

Knowing that, to upgrade the development programme in agriculture mechanisation policy has been taken up by this government. For self sufficiency the government is turning towards privatization. The aim of the government is to inculcate in individuals to be self sufficient and not rely on the government. The people of Mizoram has put their confidence in the government.

It is pleasing to know from the Governor's speech that the construction of Assembly Annexe building at a cost of Rs. 430,45 lakhs is in progress and the Speaker's bungalow at Tuikhuahtlang at a cost of Rs. 110 lakhs is also in progress. The, the construction of Mizoram House at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, construction of staff quarters for Mizoram House, Guwahati and the purchased of plot of land at Imphal for the construction of Mizoram House and another plot at Churachanpur for construction of Mizoram House Annexe. Similarly, to meet the long felt need by having Mizoram House in Mumbai to accommodate patients suffering from cancer and other serious diseases flats have been purchased by the government. In this manner, the government has taken steps to meet the need of the people. Mr. Speaker Sir, the financial management of the government is safe for the people, till today the government servants are able to receive their pay.

The second Border Trade point between India and Myanmar at Zokhawthar - Rih Sector was inaugurated on 30th January, 2004, thus opening a new route for formal international trade through the borders of Mizoram. We, hon'ble members should be aspired by the development as the people are. I, therefore, feel that the Governor's speech is worth to give thanks for I give my support to this motion.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I Will now call Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Opposition Leader, we'll allot 15 minutes.

P U L A L T H A N H A W L A : Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not take 15 minutes. As we

all aware in the Governor's speech the achievement of the government is highlighted. The treasury bench mentioned that the opposition members do not have anything to thank about the speech. This is not true, as we've heard their speech. We hon'ble members, while making speech in the House should speak the truth and uphold the grace and dignity. We should speak the truth, while driving home the points in our speech. Infact, there is nothing to disagree on the Governor's speech. It is good to learn that new projects like mushroom cultivation, flowers plantation have come up. As we all know, Thailand earns huge revenue through flowers, the government should step up a speedy progress in this regard, so that it could be a means for livelihood.

I would like to thank the Governor for showing such high respect to the hon'ble members befitting the parliamentary tradition of this august Assembly. In the present days, we have heard of Governor's from state like Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh making speech in the House against the government and breaking the convention of the Assembly. However, outside the House as we've heard from hon'ble members, there are some of his speeches which humiliates the Mizos and there are times when the Governor forgets he is the constitutional head as mentioned by the members. Mr. Speaker Sir, we should remember that, the House is where the members voice their opinion. The hon'ble Chief Minister has made the Governor to deliver a healthy speech.

In regards to the maintenance of peace and harmony in the state, the government plays the highest role and it is the duty of the people of Mizoram to ensure lasting peace. It is also a good sign that the hon'ble Chief Minister is a peace emissary, but we should take into account the pros and cons and the impact it will have on the people of the state. We pray for the hon'ble Chief Minister's success in bringing peace. As the Chief Minister is working towards bring peace, there should be vigilance within the state. The insurgent of neighbouring states should be checked from entering the state. The crime rate has gone up, murder case alone is 52, could this be due to the high percentage of illegal infiltration. Just before election, there was suspension of operation in Ratu area, this could be the reason why there were campaigners with guns. Mr. Speaker Sir, therefore, the government should step up maintenance of law and order and the process of modernization of our police force should be continued more speedily. The government should look into the welfare of the police force.

The government should try to stop the high percentage of unemployment problem. The government should guide the youth to self employment. I was happy when the Governor took step for self employment of the youth, but now, since many of them have returned unsuccessful, the government should look other venue to solve their problem.

In regards to Games & Sports, the government should look into the welfare of the youth. Under the able guidance of Pu Patrick Hauhnar, Wushu was promoted and gold medals were won at International level. Mr. Speaker Sir, we are under Manipur in Sports Authority of India (SAI). The government should take steps to be under other states rather than under Manipur as they are our rival in sports. There cannot be improvement if we are under Manipur.

I would like to thank for the border trade centre that have been inaugurated at Zokhawthar. This could be a stepping stone to strengthen the economy. It is also good to know that Tlabung border trade centre has been approved.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the whole we are not against the Governor's speech, infact there are many points to thank the Governor for the development,

schemes and projects that he has mentioned. Our main focus is the development programmes and its implementation. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to state that, the main issue is the implementation of these development schemes and projects. Therefore, the government should take rapid steps in the implementation of these schemes and projects. Lastly, the government should make an opening for the opposition to participate in the development programmes. Mr. Speaker Sir, large group of people have joined MNF Party, I would like to warn that, there are some self centered persons among these groups.

S P E A K E R : We'll now call upon the hon'ble House Leader, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the opposition members for the construction contribution they have made. There can never be a clean and transparent government unless there are constructive opposition members. I would, therefore, request the opposition members to point out the mistake of the government and make suggestions.

First of all, regarding the commission of thermal plant, it is ready for commission but we are waiting for some of the accessories, it will be commissioned shortly.

As for Serlui 'B' Hydel project, work is in progress and an advance payment of Rs. 1,000 lakhs has been given to BHEL Company for executing the work.

Regarding the shifting of OPD transformer, since it involves three departments i.e. Public Works Department, Power and Health Department, there could not be a swift progress in the execution of the work, but now the site has been identified, work will be more prompt.

Question is raised about the meter box, the meter box that we have installed is tamper proof, it is approved by Indian company. With the installation of the meter box, the power consumption has gone down and the revenue has gone up from 20 crores to 30 crores.

Coming to Tuipang - Kau - Tlabung, terms of agreement will be signed with Eastern overseas company, 3 months from signing the agreement, the project will be commissioned.

SSA matching share will be included in the coming financial year.

There is controvercies regarding mobile toilet van. Mr. Speaker Sir, I have made a personal suggestion to the company, to make the toilet van lighter so that it can be pulled by smaller vehicle. The company has agreed to make the necessary change without any extra fund involvement.

We have different varieties of bamboo in Mizoram, but as it is not enough to meet our requirement, step is taken to cultivate superior seedlings through Tissue culture, Belgium company omprint is contacted for the purpose, since there is no commercial base for Tissue culture in India.

In regards to Police Manual, we have appointed Pu Lalchhunga, IPS

(Rtd) on contract basis for one year to draft the manual. The draft is completed, but it is under the Home Department for scrutiny, we can expect a good Mizoram Police Manual.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there are so many points to thank about the Governor's speech, but as the opposition members mentioned, we have to be focused on the execution of the projects and schemes. I request the hon'ble members to guide and help in the execution of the projects and schemes.

As the opposition leader have mentioned we have to be careful in regard to the peace Mission, this is true as there are various insurgent groups in the North East, my part is just to facilitate the insurgent groups and Government of India to sit for a peace talk and to create conducive atmosphere. There are underground activities around our neighbouring states, we are fortunate to be such a peaceful state, it is a blessing from God, we must be grateful. 90% of the insurgent groups of North East have welcomed the peace talk, therefore, Mizoram is playing a significant role in bringing peace in North East India. The insurgent groups too realised this, therefore, they are compelled not to disturb the peace and harmony that is prevailing in Mizoram.

Mr. Speaker Sir, this government has taken steps towards developing the state. The performances of the government is appreciated by the people, due to this, the people has voted us in power again. There are so many schemes and projects that has been completed by the government. It is pleasing to see the number of market shed that has been constructed by Local Administration Department. The coming up of LPG refilling centre, the road communication under World Bank, the link road in rural areas under PMGSY, the huge buildings at Khatla Complex, Referral Hospital and the number of school buildings that has been constructed, these developments are all note worthy. In regard to power, the government has given top priority to Kolodyne project which is expected to generate 500/600 mw. If 3 outlets could be made in Akyap, it will serve as trade centre between India and Burma.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing to watch Durtlang road, the people are happy about the road too. I personally put pressure on the Home Ministry for the road, it is a hard earned road, therefore, I am pleased with this road.

There are so many points to discuss about in the Governor's address, anyway, I would like to remain the hon'ble opposition members that all the suggestions they have made are noted down. I now request the hon'ble members to pass the motion on the Governor's speech.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We'll now call the mover to wind up and beg leave of the House to pass the motion.

P U L A L T H L E N G L I A N A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. I am grateful that we are all interested in the discussion. As the hon'ble opposition leader have mentioned, the opposition members seem to agree with the motion besides giving their views and suggestions. There is one point I would like to mention which I did not mention earlier. In my constituency Mamit, work is in progress for Greater Mamit Water Supply, we are very grateful for the project. Since scarcity of water is a huge problem in my constitu-

ency, I would like to thank the government for the project. The hon'ble member from Tlungvel constituency mentioned that rural connectivity came up during Mrs. Indira Gandhi's leadership. If this is so, why was the project not taken up by the then Chief Minister. Anyway, I beg leave of this august House to pass the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now all those who agree to pass the motion say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. Now the motion "That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are dully grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 18th March, 2004" is passed unanimously by the House.

We have come to the end of today's business. Tomorrow will be holiday since there is no business. Meeting will resume on 25.3.2004 at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned.