

S P E A K E R

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"

Matt. 5:7.

Let us call upon Andrew Lalherliana to ask starred question No. 61.

ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Minister, Home be pleased to state - (a) whether funds bestowed by Union Home Minister for Refugee Repatriation ? (b) It uses in item wise ? (c) If not used, schedule of its uses.

S P E A K E R : Pu Tawnluia, Home Minister to give answer.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir. The answers are (a) No. (b) Need not arise (c) It is scheduled for Housing Assistance, free ration, transportation and conduction of temporary camps and provision of essential commodities.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Supplementary questions. It is said that Bru refugees will be given Assistance of Rs. 30,000/- each,

and the refugees holding arm will be given Rs. 50,000/- each. Whether armed Bru refugees are resident of Mizoram or Tripura. Will you give such assistance to the Tripura Bru holding guns.

Besides these, Rs. 30 crores seemed to be given to them for establishment of villages and Rs. 28 crores for internal road, school, playground etc. It appears that we have shown favour to them. What I want to ask is that whether we can give compensation to the people of Mizoram on ground of disturbances of Mizoram ?

Thirdly, it appears that they are to be confined at an area if they come back to Mizoram. Will you put them in different constituencies ? Thank you.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, there are three ways of resettlements of Bru refugees. One for rehabilitation and resettlement of BNLF personnel. Secondly, rehabilitation and resettlement of Bru refugees. Lastly, special development programme for western belt. If the Bru refugees come back, we had made arrangement of special development programme for them. The central Home Minister who came to Mizoram issued Rs. 28 crores and 63 lakhs for this purpose with approval copy issued on 27th January. The funds were authorized to DONER Ministry. DONER Ministry will allot the sanctioning within current financial year.

Under this guide lines there are armed BNLF and Bru refugees as said before. And we should remember that there is a dissident group called BLFM. They are nearly half of BNLF group. The central Government wants to bring them all. Step is taken by Government of Mizoram accordingly. According to our proposal they will be settled at each of their village where they had already settled.

And the member of family is not clear. It is guess at 5000 that will include them all. Now, the next step is to identify the number of each group.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker sir, who will have such identification? will you accept a very clear identification other than the officials of Government of Mizoram? If the Mizoram does not want to return? What will be done further?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, let us depend upon the Government of Mizoram as to how to treat them.

Regarding rehabilitation of persons affected by Mizoram disturbances, the scheme is made at that time. That's why, the amount can't be so high.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Pu Malsawma Colney said that he was not rehabilitated by Government. He expects you to rehabilitate him better than Bru refugees?

S P E A K E R : The question is not relevant. If he could, let him give answer.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, I had noted known the matter.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 62.
Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, will the Hon'ble Minister, LAD be Pleased to state -
(a) Whether Government of Mizoram has any acts/regulation for prohibition of rearing pigs and other domesticated animals in the city and prohibition of leakage of septic tank in the city?
acts or regulations?
(b) If so, the names of the
(c) If so, whether it is applied properly?
(d) If not, whether Government formulate such regulation?

S P E A K E R : Lets call upon Minister LAD to give answer.

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, answer to the above questions are -
(a) Yes.
(b) Such Acts are - (i) The Mizoram Animal Control Act, 1980 & The Mizoram Animal Act, 1982 and (ii) Town Sanitation Rules, 1980. (c) These Acts and Rules are currently applied in the state. (d) need not to arise.

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: Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, I had said this yesterday. Millenium center is constructed at the center of the city. The workers' latrine passes out of the latrine and it has a very bad smell. Whether Government of Mizoram knows about it?

Secondly, whether Government of Mizoram can stop slaughter place at Saron Tuithiang which produced a very bad smell and spoiled water for the people of Tuithiang, Bethlehem and Armed Veng?

PU LALDUHOMA

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, we have not yet had a dumping ground in the city especially human wastes. Now Sairang river or stream is unfit for drinking purpose. Whether Government of Mizoram has formulated regulation to control such thing?

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: Let us call upon Pu H. Vanlala-
auva, Minister.

**PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, it is very welcoming to have this question raised. The Rules for controlling leakage of septic tank etc. is Town Sanitation Rules. But the rule is weak. Punishment for breach of this rule is Rs. 100/- fine. This fine is nothing for those people.

That's why, it needs amendment. It is therefore needed to have cooperation in this regard. Town Sanitation Rule amendment is now being formulated by Government.

And the slaughters house at Saron Veng is a burning problem for the time being. A number of warning is given to them and fine is imposed against them so many times. I had a spot visit this morning. The warning is meaningless due to weakness of the Sanitation Rules. Any how, I would like to inform you that we do our best to do away with this.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, whether the hon'ble Minister can give order to get rid off the leakage of septic tank at the Millenium Centre ? I feel that the slaughters house at Tuithiang, Saron an be stopped by means of CRPC.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker sir. The matter is noted down. We have 29.88 bighas of land for dumping ground of human wastes at the side of Tuirial Airfield. We expected the present problem will be solved immediately.

Regarding sharing grave yard, we are now looking for a convenient place. But private land is plenty here and there. We could not find it now due to compensation problem. But various steps is taken for some villages have no graveyard e.g. Folkland, Ramhlun. Any possible measure is now taken.

S P E A K E R : Lets call upon Pu R. Khawpui-thanga to ask starred question No. 63.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, will the Hon'ble Minister, Food & Civil Supply & Consumers Affairs Department be pleased to state - Whether rice is stocked for the coming rainy season in the far flung villages ?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama, Minister Food Civil Supply & Consumers Affairs Department to give answer.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, answer to the above question is 'yes'.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, 'Rice of Food for work' is now drawn by the poor where BDO Office is situated. No sanction is made for transport or carrying of rice. Will you be able to distribute such rice of food for work at the nearest godown again ?

PU ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Kawlbem center godown is unfit for rice stocking. Bad rice, unfit for eating is stocked. That is not cleared till date. Kawlbem and Selam therefore draw rice from Ngopa Centre. It is 15 Km away from their village. Whether the Hon'ble Minister could have spot verification in the coming financial year.

Regarding rice stock for the coming rainy season, will it means the whole year ?

Kindly, what is the nodal department of food for work. It is distributed from BDO center. It does not reach the poor. Whether Government of Mizoram amend its nodal department ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, when Food for Work rice is given to the nearest godown of Civil Supply it is meaningless for the poor. E.g. Mauchar village can draw rice from Darlawn to Zohmun. It is more closer from Mauchar. But carrying bill was charged from Mauchar Village Council. Carrying charge was not from Mauchar quota. It will be less problematic if an arrangement could be made to draw the rice from the nearest godown. That is to be remembered. I would like to know about the matter.

And Mauchar village people did not have BPL rice from January 2005. I would like to ask the Hon'ble Minister to solve this problem immediately.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Minister to give answer to the above supplementary question.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker sir, the nodal department of food for work is Rural Development Department. Before Rural Development Department put rice in our godown. But now, they are regarded to have

godown of their own. Carrying charge of rice is not enough from central Government. That's why, they have such problem of their own. The matter may be clarified when Rural Development budget is discussed.

Regarding Kawlberm godown. I will have spot visit as soon as this budget session is over. We will try our best to solve the problem.

In regards to Mauchar retailer, we will see the matter. Under BPL, rice is sanction for the poor. it should not be delayed or spoiled. In this regards members are requested to make phone call directly to the Hon'ble Minister as early as possible for further action.

Regarding rice stock by Government, I did not mean the whole year but only for the period of rainy season. That's why, we feel that there will be no problem within the period of rainy season during this year.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No. 64.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir, will the hon'ble Minister Printing & Stationery be pleased to state - Number of Department who take Stationery items other than from Printing and Stationery Department.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana to give Answer the above Starred Question.

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, answer to the above question is that there are 14 departments.

Besides these, a number of districts/Division/Sub-Division did not take Stationery items from Printing and Stationery.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, Supplementary question. (1) Why do not 14 departments take stationery items while Government of

Mizoram currently notified them to do so. Will those departments take stationery items from Printing & Stationery department from now?

(ii) The amount of fund received by Government through Printing & Stationery Department during 2003-2005?

(iii) Amount of fund received by the department by means of Stationery only?

(iv) Whether there is proposal to purchase machine? What type of machine? Purpose of the machine?

(v) Whether there is proposal to make new posts?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, answer to the above Supplementary question are – (i) Finance Department gave warning to them

many times but could not follow it. I think that the Printing & Stationery Department will be a revenue earning department, if all departments take stationery goods from it. (ii) Rs. 78,19,851/- Approximate.

(iii) Rs. 1,38,91,242/- Approximate. (iv) Regarding purchase of machine image setter is purchased. It is expected to reach here early.

(v) Regarding creating of post, we feel that we need Assistant manager having a good qualification like B.E. Printing Technology. The post is now already called by MPSC.

S P E A K E R

: Starred Question No. 65.
Pu Sailothanga Sailo. He is
absent from the House but
authorized Pu Lalhmingthanga
as per Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in
Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Under the same rule the Starred Question
should be asked after finishing all other Starred Question. Then we will
take another Starred Question.

Lalrinliana to ask.

Starred Question No. 66 Pu K.

PU K. LALRINLIANA

: Mr. Speaker sir, will the Hon'ble
Minister, Fisheries Department
be pleased to state - Whether
there is proposal to open
District Fishery Office at Kolasib ?

**PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, there is no
proposal to open District Fishe-
ries Office at Kolasib, now.

S P E A K E R

: Pu H. Liansailova to ask
Starred Question No. 67.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

: Hon'ble Speaker, sir, will the
Hon'ble Minister Food and
Civil Supply Department be
pleased to State -
(a) Retailer did not disburse

sugar for a long time what is the reason ?

(b) K. Oil is also no more disbursed by the agents. What's the reasons ?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Supplemen- Questions - (a) Sugar is not dis- bursed from July last year in far flung villages. November quota also did not reach villages. What's the reason ? (b) K. Oil is the basic need of the poor, would you be able to disburse again ?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama to give Answer.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, sugar is said to be not disbursed in the Villages. I feel that is not good. We will see the matter at the spot.

Regarding K. Oil, Central Government reduces state quota year by year from 2000-2001 till date. Anyhow we will see the matter and try to disburse it as well.

And we will also see the present condition of Kawlbem godown for further construction or necessary repair.

S P E A K E R : Question hour comes to an end. Just before taking another busi- ness let me read out Starred Question no 65 raised by Pu

Sailothanga Sailo. Will the Hon'ble Minister Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms be pleased to state - (a) Whether SDO (Civil) at Ngopa, Khawzawl, West Phaileng and Chawngte are assigned for MCS Senior post? (b) Why did they hold charge of BDO in those places. (c) If so, any MCS junior to hold such posts? (d) Whether they were given judicial power to those SDO (Civil)? (e) If not, the reason thereof.

On this day, Pu Sainghaka, Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu Zodintluanga could not attend this session on ground of ill health.

Now, presentation of report. The Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Report of PAC be presented to the House.

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, with your kind permission and as authorised by the Chairman PAC, I present the Ninth Report of PAC relating to Rural Development Department, the Tenth Report of PAC relating to Power and Electricity Department and Eleventh Report of PAC relating to Environment and Forests Department to the House.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will take the next business. We will call upon Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to beg the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2005".

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker sir, with your kind permission I beg to introduce in the House the Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2005.

S P E A K E R

: Now, let the Hon'ble Chief Minister beg the House to consider the bill after being introduced.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, I introduce The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1), Bill, 2005 in the House. This bill is passed yesterday, Rs. 379,71,54,000/- is already voted. Rs. 127,97,02,000/- is already agreed to provide in the budget. I therefore, beg the House to pass the two bill amounting to Rs. 392,51,02,600/-.

S P E A K E R

: The Bill will be voted now. (The Bill is voted and passed). The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2005 is passed by the House.

Now, let's call upon Pu H. Rammawi to beg the House for consideration "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Minister 2nd Amendment Bill, 2005 which he had already introduced.

Now, let us call upon him to move it. It is already discussed in the GPC. That's why, let him beg the House to pass it.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, the Bill is amended next to the end of Section 6. Provision is made in It. I therefore, beg the House to pass it.

S P E A K E R

: The mover of the Bill begged the House to pass it without any clarification? Yes, The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of Minister 2nd Amendment Bill, 2005 is passed by the House.

Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rammawi Minister to beg the House for consideration of the Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker 2nd Amendment Bill, 2005.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, I beg the House to have consideration of The Mizoram Salaries & Allowances of Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Second Amendment Bill, 2005.

S P E A K E R

: Do you agree with it. If so, let us call him to move it and to beg the House to pass it.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker sir, provision is added for clearing section 5, and we feel that it is necessary to arrange wording in section 12 as appeared in the Bill. I therefore request the House to pass it without further discussion.

S P E A K E R

: The Hon'ble Minister requests the House to pass the Bill without further discussion. Do you agree with it. "Yes". The

Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker Second Amendment Bill, 2005 is passed without any debate.

Now, we will take again one more Bill, we will call upon Pu H. Rammawi Minister, Parliamentary Affairs to beg the House to consider "The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Government Chief Whip Second Amendment Bill, 2005".

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, I beg the House to have consideration of The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Deputy Chief Whip Second Amendment Bill, 2005.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree with it. If so, let him move the bill and ask the House to pass it.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, it is only to make provision for case of understanding of section 6 of the Bill. I therefore, beg the House to pass it without having discussion.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister beg the House to pass the Bill without having further discussion. Yes The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Government Chief Whip and the Government Deputy Chief Whip Second Amendment Bill, 2005 was passed by the House.

We have another Bill. We will call upon Pu H. Rammawi to beg the House to consider The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Leader of Opposition Second Amendment Bill, 2005.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, with your kind permission I beg the House to consider The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Leader of Opposition Second Amendment Bill, 2005.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree? If so, let him move it and beg the House to pass it.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, the amendment is that we added section 3(a) to indicate move clearly as there is wording which can be misunderstood. That is, about the facility of the Leader of Opposition as it is a cabinet rank. It is propose just like Government Notification. The amendment is only this. I therefore, request you to pass it without discussion.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree to pass it as moved by the Hon'ble Minister. Yes, The Mizoram Salaries and Allowances of the Leader of the Opposition Second Amendment Bill, 2005 is passed by the House.

Now, let us call him again to beg the House to consider the Mizoram pension for Members of the defunct Mizo District Council of the Defunct Pawi, Lakher Regional Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, with your kind permission I beg the House to consider "The Mizoram Pension for Members of the Defunct Mizo District Council and to the Defunct Pawi, Lakher Regional Council (Amendment) Bill, 2005.

S P E A K E R : Do you agree with the request. Yes, the House agree to consider it. Let him move the bill and beg the House to pass it.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker sir, Mizo District Council Member (MDC) and Members of Pawi Regional Council have double pension. Recently, the double pension system was deleted. Now, this Third (Amendment) Bill is to delete the provision of alteration of the former (Amendment) Bill as provided in Section 111(3). It is only this. I therefore, beg the house to pass it without having discussion.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Minister moved the Bill and begged the House to pass it. Do you agree to pass it? Yes, the bill is passed by the House.

**PU H. RAMMAWI
MINISTER**

: Mr. Hon'ble Speaker sir, I thank the House and all the Members for five Bill moved by me is being passed.

S P E A K E R

: Now, we will have General Discussion as the last business on this day. Ten Members said yesterday. Each Member will take 15 Ministers. But the group leaders will have more times. Now, let's call upon Pu Liansailova.

PU LIANSAILOVA

: Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir, I will deliver my thoughts and views in this general discussion. First of all, I would like to thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister for he laid full budget for the year 2005 – 2006. I feel that we should also be thankful to UPA Government at the center. The total amount of budget laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister is Rs. 1802 crores. The net budget is Rs. 1731 crores. Plan fund is Rs. 685 crores and Rs. 1115 crores is non-plan. It appears that we have to use fund of about Rs. 2300-2400 crores for the coming year including central sponsored scheme.

Regarding non-plan, we have noted that Rs. 50 crores restricted for revenue grant was released which is known from the hon'ble Chief Minister in his budget speech. It is very pleasing that he thanks for the support of the people as well as senior officers. It is also pleasing that GPF withdrawal is restricted to meet want of Government of Mizoram.

The Twelfth Finance Commission awarded us Rs. 4660 crores in non-plan for the year 2005-2010. It is higher than 11th Finance Commission by Rs. 85.84%. But it may not be so high considering the increase of prices from time to time

during the last five years. It is very pleasing to learn the earnestness of the officials of Finance Department and the hon'ble Chief Minister. I feel that it is also very pleasing to know that budget provision will be increased by Rs. 900 crores every year.

In the allocation of annual plan we are given Rs. 685 crores. The amount is higher than any other year. It's very pleasing to it. But we have to earn Rs. 65.9 crores as an additional resource to be mobilized. The plan allocation carries the additional resource mobilization (ARM). We feel that the sufferings of the people in regards to resource mobilization is enough, while it is needed to add Rs. 65.9 crores to be impose on the people. We have to contribute Rs. 130 crores totally. I therefore request the Government to use our funds economically and to impose fund on the people as small as possible.

It is very pleasing to know that budget deficit goes down during 2004-2005. It is more pleasing to expect to have revenue surplus for this year. I feel that it is needed to be careful in the management of our budget.

Regarding unemployment problem of the youths, I feel that the budget does not provide solution to the unemployment problem in the state. And it is not proposed to solve burden of the workers. I would like to say that the budget should be arranged in such ways and means.

Lastly, we received Rs. 130 crores under centrally sponsored scheme, we may receive another fund from the same scheme, I do hope that this fund will be used in right approach keeping transparency in its uses. We also receive Rs. 350 crores in Agriculture Department under MWDPSCA. That's why, the amount received from a single project or scheme is good enough. If there is no improvement in its uses, it may cause a serious difficulty to the State Government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let's call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker sir, comparing to the budget speeches of the central Minister and Finance Minister of Mizoram, it is greatly different from each other. The budget speech of Mizoram Finance Minister is just like Governor's Speech. Out of 40 pages only four pages indicate about the budget. I would like to request him to study about budget speech.

If we see budget speech of Union Finance Minister, it is clearly highlights the financial position of the last year, present year and the coming year. Now, this budget speech is hard to understand for Members. I feel that plan fund, fund received from Planning Commission, fund received from NEC, CSS etc. should be clearly indicated. And 10% of fund received from the Central should be matched by the State Government. It should be cleared whether we have fund for matching fund received from the Central, present financial position from own resource, whether we need additional fund for it, the amount of tax to be imposed, total revenue earned from revenue earning departments, figure of fund deficit. I feel that we should not compare with other bigger state. If compared, we should compare with other special category state having 90% grant.

And I would like to point out that all states of India are fortunate now. We have various sources of fund like PMGSY, BADP, IWDP, NLCPR, NBCC, World bank Fund, Urban Development Fund, etc. When we receive fund from those agencies it should not be regarded as achievement of State Ministry. It is in fact, the achievement of Central Government. Any party whoever form a ministry will carry out such central scheme.

We are now discussing State Budget but non-plan fund disappeared in the budget. I feel that it should be provided in our budget as it is half of the budget provision.

The amount of this budget is enough for this year as the 12th Finance Commission favours our state. But it is a great burden for the people because we have to earn Rs. 65.92 crores. If we could not earn the said amount we may not receive

the amount of budget fully. I am afraid that we would not be able to contribute the said amount.

On the other hand, I am very sorry for no proposal is made for marketing of agriculture products nor increase of per capita income. That's why, this budget is not a budget for becoming of Switzerland of the East.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, the former ministry formulated a guideline for pension benefit for war veterans of the Second World War. But the guideline is not good because only few war veterans did receive this pension benefit. That is Rs. 300/- only per head. I feel this can be done very easily by the Government.

And M.S. Mizoram Venus Bamboo Product is set up by joint venture. A Taiwan Company 20%, the Venus Bamboo Products 40% and Government of Mizoram 40% contribute for this Industry. It appears that German product is far better to Taiwan. I would like to know the exact amount of contribution made by Taiwan and Venus Bamboo Product? What amount of share accepted by the Government from them?

The Bamboo Development Agency Mizoram shared this joint venture on land, building and industry. These are to be paid when profit is made. I feel that it is good to know whether rent charge is given? And for which period the land is used? Also from where the Industry is brought? Is there any agreement signed with them to get the Industry after some years? During last year session the House was informed that Rs. 4 crores/three crores is used for electrification etc. Rs. 160 lakhs is our contribution. Besides this, Rs. 3 crores is spent for this purpose. Not only that, but Rs. 86 lakhs is spent for this joint venture. It appears that Rs. 95 lakhs is given again. If so, we spent about Rs. 5 crores for this joint venture. If we see answer to Unstarred Question No. 128, Government of Mizoram had already spent Rs. 10.965 crores. Why did we spent such amount of money without our partners? Will we have more share than other two partners? I feel that it is needed to know such things clearly.

Regarding its production, teakdoor shutter is included. Anyhow no production is made till date, had

there been made no marketing facility is made. It appears that it has no working capital. I am afraid that we will have too much debt. And if bamboo becomes flowering, I am afraid that no product will be made for four or five years.

Now, we have 191 registered Industrial units based in bamboo production in the state. Out of which 12 units only is running in practical of which Zorun Mat Ply Ltd. Is the best one. Now, NEC grant them Rs. 118 lakhs. What I want to say is that without giving a lot of fund to the joint venture Industry I feel that it will be more profitable to distribute grants to those private Bamboo Industrial Units.

Mr. Speaker sir, I am wondering about the bamboo policy of this government. I feel that it is far better to distribute bamboo seeds in different places of the State as it is natural spices.

Lastly, regarding transparency. I feel that it is good to have website by each department of the State. If such websites are opened everyone may know all informations of each department easily, we will therefore have transparency in the administration, I therefore want to use this budget in such way. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon
Pu Lalhmingthanga.

P U L A L H M I N G T H A N G A : Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir.
In this general discussuin there are something that did not appear in the budget but expected by the people to appear in the budget. I will therefore point them out. That is, separation of judiciary which is expected by all as we had always spoken in the house.

Secondly, provision for municipal cooperation to supervise this city.

Thirdly, legalized support of NGOs to fight the intoxicable drinks and drugs.

Fourthly, provision of sustainable economy in the State. We are now focusing on rural economy. Only the Government can stop rural economy system which we want to have it changed. Only MIP appeared in the budget but not worth to stop rural economy for better.

Lastly, measures to solve unequitable distribution of Government other than members of MNF party.

And I would like to point out that the amount of budget provision is good enough. It is Rs. 1802 crores. But if it is examined carefully percentage of budget provision for capital formation is only 22%. That means 78% of this budget will earn no fund. About Rs. 1397.18 crores is to be used for salary, maintenance, etc. on the other hand about Rs. 404.63 will be used for capital formation and minor works. From the point of budgeting system, this budget is not satisfactory. As the hon'ble Chief Minister said the amount of our budget increased by 83.84%. I therefore, want to ask him why more fund is not provided for capital formation if we have such large amount of budget? If possible, more funds for capital formation be provided when internal review is made.

And the hon'ble Finance Minister stated that in the budget estimate we will have a revenue surplus. By examining approved financing scheme for annual plan 2005-2006 I feel that it is doubtful. And the hon'ble Finance Minister also said that the quantity of budget amount is so pleasing. But the state have a little own resources to be mobilised. Instead, the expectation of the Central Government to mobilize resources is so high that I am afraid we would not be able to contribute the expectation of the Central Government. If we see various resources to be mobilised by the State Government it appears that we are standing at deficit alarming position. That's why, I would like to advise the hon'ble minister to set up committee to save the State from financial trap of the Central Government.

And the hon'ble Minister, Finance used to say we were squeezed/dried up by the Government, when he was Opposition Leader. In my thought of thinking, he had more squeeze/dried us up more than the Congress Ministry. Because he increased Electric bill, Water tariff, enhancement rate of various taxes, increased of taxes and non taxes, widening of tax basis, building tax, hotel tax, animal tax, imposition of parking fee and increased of various land revenues. That's why, he adds more burden to the public, 90% of the total population of Mizoram suffered this burden our State debt is recovered at the cost of flower of banana, mustard, crabs. That's why, this budget is not pleasing for the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, we will have a recess.
We will have discussion again
at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : We will continue discussion. let us call upon Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir, I am very happy to discuss full Budget for the year 2005-2006. This revealed the strength of the hon'ble Finance Minister and the UPA Government at the center. The amount of budget is Rs. 685 crores. It is very pleasing comparing to the last years budget. But it is very unfortunate if it is examined thoroughly.

When the hon'ble Finance Minister sat on this side, he used to say, "We are not to squeeze anymore". It appears that the present position becomes more worse than before. The reason is that tax is collected from all angles. The present position of tax collection in the state is too heavy for the people. It is now to add Rs. 65.992 crores in tax collection. That's why, it is very bleak although the amount is so high comparing to the year before. The reason is that the hon'ble Minister obeyed all directions of the Central Government. It appears that the peace accord and special category state is forgotten. It is unfortunate to know that we are equally treated by the center with other state who were superior to us. The hon'ble Chief Minister lost my confidence as said by the Member from Khawzawl constituency. It appears that any steps taken by him is the burden of the people and of the poor people, while it is rarely to see the fund the poor people would benefit. That's why, this is a very bad budget provision. I feel that it is better to have lesser amount but more fund to be benefited by the people.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, I would like say a little from some demands. First of all, Agriculture Department. Expenditure for purchasing seeds is very high. 331 qtls of seeds is purchased. In this connection I would like to request government to be careful in purchasing seeds.

In Horticulture Department organic farming is encouraged and promoted. But now it seemed that it is required to take step carefully.

And I am sorry for no maintenance of rural water supply is provided in the budget. I also want to point out severe partially in the administration in regards to compensation. I had seen an example even in my constituency.

Regarding Health and Family Welfare Department MLAs used to borrow ambulance when their subjects died in Hospital. Finding a vehicle for such purpose takes quite a long time. I think that this can be amended easily. And I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister to deploy doctors in the western countries of this State.

In Education, SSA teachers used to be deployed where there are two or more teachers. I feel that they are to be deployed where there is only a single teacher.

In Rural Development Department I feel that it is needed to formulate Special Development Scheme for the poor people living in town area.

Regarding bamboo policy, it is necessary to abandone bamboo policy of this government. The present policy followed by this government is the worst policy. It is more better and needed to develop the natural bamboo in the state.

Lastly, I would like to request this government to stop partial administration system in the state. This partiality paralysed nationalism, Christianity and our social life. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Let us call upon Mr. R. Khawpuithanga.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

: Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir.
It's a long time since we have
Full budget to discuss. I feel
That it is very pleasing to have

full budget discussion. I hope that the discussion will be fruitful for the state. The hon'ble Finance Minister reflected the uses of budget last year. I have found that there are many things to be applauded while some did not find any satisfaction. We had no overdraft nor was there closing of the Bank during last year, we also qualified to claim Peace Bonus. My greatest satisfaction is that Rs. 685 crores is allotted by the 12th Finance Commission. If the budget of last year did not reach the people, 12th Finance Commission will not sanction such large amount of money for this year. The uses of funds in our state is carefully examined by the Central Government any time. If we are unworthy to give such large amount, I think we will not be given the 685 crores.

And it is alleged that the budget did not reach the poor people. Large amount may not reached the poor directly and some fund are not to reach the poor. But under Food and Civil Supply Department rice is purchased for the people which is eaten by the people. Under BPL, 47650 families were registered. Each family can purchase 35 Kgs (a) Rs. 6/- per month. Under AAY 20600 is registered, those people can purchase 10 Kgs each (a) Rs. 3 per month. And old aged over 65 years are freely supplied 10 Kg each per month. Not only that but 95619 pupils received 10 Kg each per month for 10 months in a year for their midday meal. That's why, it is clear that budget reach the poor people. Besides these, all Departments have progress of their own.

I also want to highlight that the budget reached the people through PWD. PWD constructed many roads, bridges, building etc. in different parts of Mizoram which are utilized by the people. Besides these, PMGSY phase V is to run in the state while some state run phase II & III.

In Industry Department, we know that bamboo industry is set up in the state but has not yet functioned now. If it is commissioned I think that it is the expectation of the State. Not only this but Government of Mizoram is going to encourage bamboo chips to private entrepreneurs which can bring a very good progress in the state. Besides these, ONGC is going to explore the mineral resources of the state by means of Sepha ISCO. That's why, we have to wait to see a great achievement in the near future. It is therefore, pleasing for the steps taken by the State Government. I expect all Members to thank the Government in its budget provision, thank you.

PU H. ROHLUNA

: Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir, I want to say few things in this Budget general discussion. It is Pleasing to discuss full budget on this day. It seemed that it is because of Government at the Central. During the last two years we never had full budget discussion. We know Twelfth Finance Commission is good enough for our State. But I am afraid that we could not contribute the matching share of our state.

The hon'ble member just before me said that the Mizoram budget is reaching the poor people. I feel that is not right enough. The AAY, BPL rice and midday meal of pupils are policies and programmes of the Central Government. In this connection, I want to say that if the Central Government give the pupils midday meal, I feel that the State Government should contribute the matching share for their curry. It is alleged that pupils did not like to eat their midday meal without any curry. That's why, it is good to contribute for their curry.

Regarding, Sericulture in the Autonomous District Council, PMGSY and fund for construction of roads are mostly coming from Central Scheme. When the Scheme is implemented in the state, the achievement is not to be stated proudly as that of their own achievement.

And a bamboo industry is expensively set up. But I am afraid that there would be no raw materials after flowering of bamboo in the state after 2007. I think the Government of Mizoram gives motherly treatment to the management of this policy.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, Members from your right hand side said that this budget was the poor reaching budget. But when I examine the provisions carefully I did not find such things. This Government followed only their old policy. No new programme for upliftment of the poor cultivators and upgradation of rural poor economy is formulated. No poor people has to thank in this budget provision except housing scheme under IAY for 4956 poor people and 1594 houses under PMGY. But this is Central policy from several years ago. I would like to inform the house that it is not state government policy formulated of its own. I feel that it needs revision.

It is very pleasing to know that Twelfth Finance Commission recommended Rs. 25 crores for construction of Sports Complex. I would like to request Government of Mizoram to use carefully. I am afraid that State Government will fine as penalty against dissolution of Sports Council.

Regarding anti-corruption, I feel that it is needed to amend the anti-corruption system. It appears that it is better to set up Vigilance Commission having an autonomous body not depending only on anti-corruption branch. If not, our budget usually passed in the house became and meaningless. It could not reach the poor people.

And drugs control is seriously observed by the State Government. I feel that it is a time to have Drugs control Act of our own properly. It seemed that Assam Drugs control Act is now still being applied in the State. And I would like to point out that Drugs De-Addiction Centres did not meet the requirement. I therefore, request the government to give more importance to the De-Addiction Centre to meet the requirement. As we know YMA observed year for fighting intoxicable drinks and drugs, while government too should try its best for this purpose. Thank you.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir, for sparing me time to speak in this budget discussion. The Hon'ble Members give thanks to the UPA Government but no thanks to the Government of Mizoram. I feel that it is incomplete thanks, which condemned the UPA government. It may be regarded that the UPA government is generous to the government which is unworthy in financial management. In fact, without a sound financial management I think the UPA government would not be generous to the Government of Mizoram. Some members said that this budget and its management has no goodness, but I want to say that the Central Government will know the present condition of our Budget and its management. I think the UPA government will clearly know the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Cabinet Ministers. If the Central Government have no confidence in our state government in its financial management, lot of fund will not be given to this State Government for the coming year.

India has ten small state, of which Mizoram secured third best position in Financial management. It was published in India today. Central Government also has confidence in the Government of Mizoram in agriculture, consumer market, law and order, Health and Education etc. The recommendation of Twelfth Finance increased by 83 point something. The hon'ble members used to say that our budget management is not good enough. It appears that all of our budget even in the past are good. We were at least Fourth position. Pondicherry and Delhi were the senior most state in financial management. We are not to be higher than those States. That's why, it is clear that we have great progress in different departments. But it is difficult to achieve ideal management. The hon'ble members also alleged that the budget never reached the poor. We should remember that there is a Government in Mizoram worthy of confidence and worthy of showing favour. In fact, Central Government has confidence in Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister. It is clear that from the recommendation of Twelfth Finance Commission. Observers from outside founded that Mizoram budgetary system is good enough.

Mr. Speaker sir, what I want to say again is that we have a peaceful state. I feel that it is very pleasing to be the most peaceful state. Disturbances used to returned development

and progress of a country. That's why, it is very pleasing to be the most peaceful state. In order to have peace and harmony in the state, the strength of police and the amount of fund will not do but disposal of budget fund in the right ways and means is necessary. As a result of the progress, no insurgency group is organized in the State. That is the result of disposal of budget in order. We the Bru people organized insurgency group, but it is very pleasing to know that peaceful resolution is to be had with Government of Mizoram. It appears that peace will flourish in the state day by day. It is now very pleasing to be settled in Mizoram.

And it appears that the police personals are efficient enough wrong doers of convicted arrested constitutes 94.9%. The offenders of criminal case or convicted are usually arrested. I feel that it's not good to say as a matter of dissatisfaction.

Mr. Speaker sir, some members condemned this ministry in regards to strike and agitation. They said that this ministry does not overcome such striking people. But I feel that this ministry used to give true motherly treatment to its subjects. This shows that democratic principle is being followed in our administration.

And it is very pleasing to know that the NGOs and the Government of Mizoram have a good cooperation. Governor too had stated his gratitude to the said cooperation in his address to the House. Now, it's clear that Government will support and help the NGOs as far as possible.

Lastly, I would like to point out my gratitude towards the encouragement of organic farming in Mizoram. The Climatic condition and fertile soil become worse everywhere. I would like to point out my heart felt gratitude to the practice of organic farming by means of an Act passed in the House. It will be good for safety of the soil and marketing of the cash crops. Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir.
It is very pleasing to have full budget discussion. The reason may be both the UPA Govern-

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ment and the State Government. It is very pleasing to discuss all the concerned items in detail.

I would like to say about PMGSY. Fund used to be received from Central Government. We are now to start the fifth sanction. While some states like Manipur could not receive sanction from the Central Government, because the PMGSY fund received from the Central Government is disposed off disorderly. But this ministry used such fund properly and honestly as the will of the Central Government. Hence, what the opposition members said is not true totally.

And I would like to point out that this State Government is good to the hon'ble Members. Before this ministry, the hon'ble members used to ride on an old aged jeeps. But now we use one of the most standard car and the hon'ble members demanded laptop computer and Area Development Fund. The House leader had assured those demand.

The hon'ble Members from Opposition alleged this ministry that the development fund did not reach the poor. In fact, we know that without good communication on road no area or people could have progress. We have seen member of roads constructed market building in cement concrete, welfare market set up by the Government. Rightly Speaking, budget reaches the poor in our state.

On this day, the poor people have lot of property which they never had before, like, TMB, concrete building, two wheeler of any kind etc. In the scheme of Baffacos, the concerned departments have fund for benefit of the people. I wonder that the hon'ble members of opposition did not give thanks to this ministry. In regards to the flowering of bamboo, I wonder why some members alleged the bamboo policy of this government. This Government tries to utilize bamboo before its flowering.

Regarding Total Prohibition, the people admit that it is successful. It is commonly said that the high rate of drugs addicts is the result of the success Total Prohibition. The Synod

Social Front and YMA also admit the success of Total Prohibition. The Mizoram Houses in other state become clean. Drunkard in political field decreases. This is the result of Total Prohibition. YMA also wants to support this MLTP Act for further success of the Total Prohibition.

On this day, this House should praise the action of YMA to support MLTP Act in its observation of year of intolerance to intoxicable drinks and drugs. I also advised MIIP to observe a year for fighting, intoxicable drinks and drugs, we expected that the intoxicable drinks and drugs will be decreased in the state for the sake of the activities of non-governmental organization in the state. In such way, this ministry took step for upliftment of the people. If you have view our state you will see various progresses in the State. All these things are the achievement of this ministry. If a member delivered dissatisfaction against Government in the House, it is pleasing if it is an earnestness but you have to remember that a rain could not make wet all the soil. If you have no satisfaction I think that it will not be the will of God.

Mr. Speaker sir, I feel that your left hand side members are too perish against this ministry. But this ministry is praised by the opposition members. If they were not bind by Anti-defection law, I think that we will be working together. In fact, this ministry received the grace of God. The Hon'ble Chief Minister brought home large crores so many times that we applauded him. That's all. Thank you.

PU LARINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker sir, I have to say a little in this budget discussion. First of all, I would like to thank the department who prepare this budget book neatly. But when I see the provisions in detail it seemed that the selfish department has more fund than others.

The Hon'ble Members said before about the budget figures. It is very pleasing to know we have

revenue surplus while I felt it is important to remember capital deficit we had. That's why, it is needed to be careful in fiscal management. Regarding the uses of budget, we used to have field visit at the spot. I used to say it is needed to be careful in its uses. It appears that it is meaningless. What I want to say is that I would like to request this government to be a father for all the Mizo people. During the Ministry of Congress (I) in the state, Mr. Hon'ble Deputy Speaker sir, yourself, MLA of Kolasib, the present minister of Sport and I used to work together having contract work. That is our position in Congress Ministry. But now, sale of contract work to congress workers is strictly prohibited by the high Command. This Ministry carries on the administration in such way partially. That's why, I would like to request this Ministry to be more liberal to others. The Chief Ministry is not MNF Chief Minister but the Chief Minister of Mizoram. That's why, I would like to request him to be more liberal to other persons.

And I would like to say that fund comes from UPA Government. The goodness of fiscal management of State government is not the real reason for the increased of our budget. But it is the result of the progress of the world at large. In many cases, the hon'ble minister went to Delhi to receive funds which is already allotted by the UPA government. The hon'ble Finance Minister used to acquire it as his own achievement.

Regarding the uses of budget I want to say that the constituencies of Opposition MLA can be easily identified. It is said that only two pupils have admission fee at Hmarchaltlang Village. I thank for the speech of Ruling MLA in the development fund said to be flourished in their own constituencies, while the constituencies of Opposition MLA is partially treated even if it is a rural area and while the constituency of Home Minister has a number of roads constructed by Government. That's why, I would like to request the Government to treat Mizoram as a father did to his children.

And I come to know that Central Government has a proposal for setting up of a mental Hospital in each state. But no plan for it does appear in the budget. It is said that the Sethawn Silom De-Addiction Centre is already full. It appears that we, the Mizo people needed safeguarding against intoxicable drinks and drugs.

And we know that, the hon'ble Chief Minister informed the House that 10% of World Bank Project is to be recovered by the State Government with its interest of which 90% is to be recovered by the Central Government. In this connection, I would like to point out that the contractor of Khawzawl to Maite Road is not good to stay in Mizoram. It is better to send out from Mizoram because the work is not good. When I visit at the spot, the dusts and pieces of earth is used for supplementing stone and cement materials. Not only that, he did not want to pay bills of sub-contractors. I therefore, want to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to send out the said contractor from Mizoram. Thank you.

PU RASIK MOHAN CHAKMA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker sir, In this budget speech. Various Provisions of all department is Indicated in figure in detail in the past year and various schemes of Government in all departments is displayed in detail. It is not only normal budget provision but also a performance budget. I feel that it is very pleasing to highlight the works done by Government during the last year in detail and also delivered all schemes of Government for ten years. Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, I wonder how the Opposition members can speak ill of this budget. I can't understand what they want.

And this budget may be divided into three main division. The first one is characteristics of Revenue Physical Deposit and its remedial measures. In this connection, it showed its worthiness by showing the weakness of Government.

Secondly, it is provided long term and short term policy of Government. The short term policy like MIP, SGRY, SGAY, Baffacos, BADP, NSAP and Slum Area Development Scheme will reach the people. In the long term policy, it has a provision for setting up of infrastructure like Office Building, road construction, Industrialization. On the other hand, if Government disbursed fund to the

people directly, the people will highly depend upon Government and that will spoil the moral of the people. That's why, it is needed to have long and short term policy. It is therefore clear that this budget provision is the result of true love of the people. And liability of Government is largely said by the Opposition Members when we have budget discussion. I feel that it is not good enough to say such things many time. Because the budget system carries on liability. Central loan, Nabard loan etc. is usually drawn by State Government which is used for upliftment of the people. That's why, a lot of liability is not that unbecoming for the state. It appears that it is half the truth. Every developing country gives importance to human resource development.

Mr. Speaker sir, it appears that the speeches of the members of Opposition spoiled the moral of the people because they encourage the people by their speech in the House to depend upon Government. I feel that the true politician should impart people to have contribution to the Government and also to cooperate with the Government. That will improve moral of the people and we will have human resource development in our state. If the people think of what they can do for the Government, that will make progress of State.

This Government admitted to be knowing the burden of the people. They know that bamboo flowering in 2007 will bring a bad famine in the State and the government is preparing for it and make various schemes which ministry had ever prepared itself to free famine in the past years? But now, various schemes have been formulated by this ministry led by Mr. Zoramthanga. We are fortunate that God had given us Mr. Zoramthanga, Leader of the House.

Regarding centrally sponsored scheme it is usually criticized by Opposition Members other than the Mizoram budget. The centrally sponsored schemes come into existence even before six years ago. All departments have their own specific scheme. The Central Government also sent the schemes to the Government of Mizoram. But importance is not given to it. The schemes

are not only made but it was not read out and thrown in to dustbin. But now, this ministry admitted the burden of the people and seeks the way of getting money for the people and made various schemes to complying with the centrally sponsored schemes and central fund flourished into Mizoram.

Under National Pulse Development large amount of money is received. It is criticized why it was not used for other purpose. This is to be used for Agriculture Development. The ministry is alleged by some members as diverting the development fund of the people. After clarification, I think we now understand the situation. I think this.....budget provision is not criticized by the opposition members on ground of its bad performance or its dark side but it may be the result of disturbances inside the party family which affected the House too. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Although Mr. Nihar raises his hand our time is very close to 4:00 PM. Let us call upon Mr. Lal Thanhawla, Leader of Opposition. After that House leader to wind up the discussion.

P U L A L T H A N H A W L A : Mr. Speaker, I have not much to say. In this budget speech there are thanks to be given. The Prime Minister of UPA Government is a good and expert government admired by the world. Chidambaram, Finance Minister is also one of the best Finance Ministers in India. And Ali Wali, Deputy Chairman Planning Commission is a good economist, employed by World Bank and IMF. The three giants are looking after India carefully. They tried to make India an economic

blooming ground. Not only that but also North East India can be made the gateway of Trade and Commerce of the South East Asian countries. That's why, Sukla Commission had proposal Trans Asian Railway and Trans Asiam Highway which was declared by the Prime Minister when he flag off car rally in Gauhati. Being a good man the Prime Minister treated all the states equally. It is now very pleasing to know that Mizoram State receives favour from him. But I feel that it is needed to use them carefully as the hon'ble members said before for our GDP may be improved day by day.

Then the Annual Plan for this year is Rs. 685.52 crores while it was 616.52 crores last year 65.92 crores out of 685.52 crores is to get from our own resources. It is also thankful that the Twelfth Finance Commission recommended Rs. 4660.91 crores for 2005-2010. While the resources to be mobilised by the state is very high, 60% higher than the Eleventh Finance Commission recommendation. That's why, it is needed to take a prompt action for the resource mobilization as we will be having more and more fund in the future.

Besides this, we have Rs. 256.74 crores of opening deficit. During this fiscal year it seemed to cross Rs. 178.24 crores. Our total budget for this year will be Rs. 1731 crores and ending with Rs. 2200 crores. If so, our deficit may be so high that it will be needed to be very careful even for gap services. That's why, it is needed to take various austerity measures in different ways and means. In such way, I would like to inform this Ministry that the opposition party will do its best to help them in such way.

During the fiscal year 2004-2005 budget deficit is Rs. 93.46 crores. It is very pleasing to know this while their estimate and expected deficit is Rs. 316.05 crores. But it is clear that there will be more amount of fund to be exceeded. That is my view. It is generally good. But it is compared with the Central Government. But it is not to be compared with the central as they had made budgetary support measures. Our State budget, on the other hand, is not clear enough, what amount we would received is not known. It will be an ideal one if it is indicated the amount for the work scheduled. As the hon'ble members said before, road development is the people

reaching budget. But now we needed the fund to reach the poor peoples pocket. If the centrally sponsored scheme fund are used for developing members of ruling party, other political party members will be deprived of their share. It is therefore important to use fund carefully.

And it is said that our state is the most peaceful state in North East India. It is very pleasing to know about it. But do this covers the whole people? During MLA election, armed non-mizo have campaigned for some candidate in eastern side. Within our capital Aizawl non-mizo insurgents have office with telephone connection. A few days back, an insurgent group has a meeting at Ritz Hotel. If so, whether we have peace totally in the State? If we want to carry on being peaceful state, we should be free from such things.

And I would like to say that the government has to take steps for solving unemployment problems in the state. We have a number of youths educated. I am afraid that we will not be able to handle educated youths in future.

Regarding fighting of intoxicable drinks and drugs we appreciated the works done by YMA. But it is difficult to know how far the YMA will take steps. As it is said before, the de-addiction centers too are now filled with addicted youths. But this budget does not highlight about it. If it were provided in the budget parents and YMA will be very happy. I therefore would like to request the Government to think about it.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,BAFFACOS is commonly known today. In the previous bamboo flowering in 1957-60 Femine broke out in Mizoram. It was very severe at that time. But now almost all the people of Mizoram eat rice imported from other state. In this connection, I would like to say that it is needed to review BAFFACOS because large fund to the tune of crores is involved, but not concerning the agriculturists in the villages.

And I would like to congratulate Government of Mizoram as it holds the third best position in fiscal management. But I would like to point out that there is too much false utilization certificate. There are many works that are not done in practical. If we try to develop our state I feel that it is needed to

improve inner life quality of the people. Corruption permanently settled in the state, the experts, educated and church members are very worry about this. Any big projects not understood by the people should be readied for spot verification. If we do not like to call in CBI in the state I feel that proof should be made by means of Parliamentary Enquiry Commission or Committee etc.

It is said that kidnapping at Suangpuilawn is under investigation by the State Government. But so far, there is no report to see upto this day. It seems that there are matters that cannot be investigated by the Police. It is therefore, needed to set up Parliamentary Enquiry Commission or Committee or outside State Agency before corruption permanently settled in the State so that we may be free from all corruption. I therefore, want to say such things so that this State Government may formulate proposal properly for such things. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, the discussion will be concluded. We'll call upon hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up the discussion.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I also will not speak in detail but only to the point of necessary clarification. First of all,

MIP fund is said not to appeared in the budget. It is provided under page No. 409 sub No. 03.

Regarding carrying charge of rice under food for work programme. The carrying charge is so high that not only we but also other state of North East State are worried about it. But we are now pressing the FCI and seek for the ways and means of carrying it.

And De-Addiction Centre is given importance by the hon'ble Members. After the NGO tried their best for fighting addition we also do our best for construction of De-Addiction Centre. Now, we bestowed a good plot of land for the De-Addiction Centre.

And municipality is given importance by the hon'ble members. We also give it importance. But, priority is presently given to Aizawl Development Authority to look after safety of roads and system of construction of Houses in this Capital. The Cabinet too passed the bill in its sitting. In this session, the Bill may be discussed and passed.

As it has been pointed out by the hon'ble members, our plan fund is Rs. 685 crores in the budget. This is not the result of good fiscal management but the goodness of the Central Government. We were given as we requested the Central. We may be receiving another fund again under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. If so, it will be higher than that figure. It is very high comparing to last year and we are very happy for it.

In regards to preparing budget speech it is said that it is better to prepare budget speech in detail. I also do support this. But the normal procedure is simply followed for may times. I also have an idea to prepare it in detail. Let us expect the new system by the next year.

In the matter of liabilities, some members said that Mizoram has too much liabilities, this seems to be true to some extent. However, this is the fact that 10% of all over Development fund sanctioned from the Central Government is automatically loan. This means that the more we do development works the more we have liabilities. Besides, GPF contributed by the Government servants becomes one of the constituents of our state liabilities. But, this reflected that our Government servants contributed much money. Comparing to other states in North East India the financial condition of Mizoram does not seem to be a problematic situation. There are many states which have liabilities of more than rupees hundred thousand crores. I do not justify or advocate more liabilities I just point out the true nature of liabilities. Further in regard to funding system I

would like to mention that funds had been allocated by the central Government for some purposes which cannot be implemented in our State such as MWS (Million Wells Scheme). Since the said funds cannot be used for other purposes and needs to be supported with state matching share. We often decline such funds. I, therefore, suggested to the members of Planning Commission to allocate funds without specifying its purposes which will be more useful for every state if the allocated fund is less than the fund with specific purposes. They agreed with me and now the Prime Minister has constituted a special committee to look after the funding system of the North East States. The name of this committee is Economic Advisory Council. The Chairman is Dr. C. Rangaranjan, the Chairman of the 12th Finance Commission.

In regard to Development and Infrastructure, we try our best to construct permanent infrastructure without neglecting the immediate requirement of the people. However, we ought to know that much more time will be needed to have permanent infrastructure to achieve our goals. Regarding the nature of the budget, the more amount of the budget automatically demands more revenue of the state. Some members pointed out this. But the State Government cannot have final decision in this matter.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, Sir, when the Central Government demands More revenue from the State Government, does the Hon'ble Chief Minister of ours oppose their demands? He had said in the past years that the people of Mizoram are too poor to afford various taxes. Does he play role to save his people against heavy taxes.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Yes, Mr. Speaker sir, we try our level best to lessen our tax burden. But we neither have other choice nor ability to lessen the amount of the target for state revenue if we want bigger amount of the budget. That is why we have to mobilize resources. We

have to lessen Government expenditure and the rate of various tariffs will be reassessed to be affordable for the people.

Lastly, I do not deny that we might have made various mistakes since each and everyone of us is not a perfect man. Besides, Mizoram is a very young state and we are very poor in various infrastructure. However, the Central Government is satisfied with our financial management, all other states in the North East are lying below Mizoram. This is the blessing from God. Today, I am proud of our opposition members too. I thank God for giving us strong opposition parties. They are veteran Politicians and they work very hard to prevent the government from committing various mistakes. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : 21 Members have delivered speech on the Budget discussion and we have listened Wind up speech from the hon'ble Chief Minister. Our business for today is now over. We shall have a break and meeting will be resumed tomorrow, i.e. 23rd March, 2005 at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting adjourned : 4:45 PM.