

S P E A K E R

: "He Who has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor"

Proverb 22 : 9.

Today we have two obituary references. As we know that obituary is observed during the question hour. Do we agree to take the two obituary references together to save our time? If so let us call upon the hon'ble Leader of the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, let me read out the biodata of Pu K.R. Narayanan first. Pu K.R. Narayanan, the former President

of India passed away on 8th November, 2005 at 5:45 PM. He died of Pneumonia and kidney failure at Army referral Hospital, Delhi. He is 85 years old.

Pu K.R. Narayanan was born on 27th October, 1920 at Uzhavoor in Kottayam District in Kerala and married Pi Usha Narayanan in June, 1950.

In the sphere of education, he passed M.A. B.S.C. (Eco) from University of Travancore (Kerala), he also studied in London School of Economics. He was a Diplomat, Educationist and Journalist. He had worked for 'The Hindu' and the 'Times of India'. He had become an English teacher in London.

He returned home to India in 1948 and was appointed to Indian Foreign Service. He was posted at Rangoon where he met Pi Usha Narayanan. He was also posted at Tokyo, London, Canberro and Hanoi as an Indian Diplomat.

He also worked as an Indian Ambassador to Thailand during 1967-1969, to Turkey during 1973-1975 and to China during 1976-1978. In 1978 he was appointed to Vice-chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

He entered into Politics in 1980. he was elected to a member of Lok Sabha in 1984. He became a member of Lok Sabha for three consecutive terms and became a Union Minister of state for Planning, External Affairs, Science & Technology, Department of Atomic Energy, Electronics and Ocean Development & Space.

Pu Narayanan was elected to the Vice President of India on 21st August, 1992 and to the office of the President on 25th July, 1997. He occupied this highest office till 24th July, 2002.

After having pneumonia and kidney disease Pu K.R. Narayanan was admitted to Army Research and Referral Hospital, Delhi on 29th October 2005. He was given treatment but unfortunately, he passed away on 8th November, 2005 at 4 : 45 PM. We are sorry for his death I, personally know him very well. As he had experience in Burma he was very interested in the affairs of Mizoram.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the next obituary reference goes to Shri P.M. Sayeed. The following are the biodata of Shri P.M. Sayeed.

Pu P.M. Sayeed, a member of Rajya Sabha and a Union Minister for Power passed away on 18th December, 2005 due to heart attack at Hyundai Hospital, Seoul, S. Korea. He was 64 years.

Pu P.M. Sayeed the son of AB Atta koys Thangal and Umma Bi was born on 10th May, 1941 in Androth Island (Lakshadweep). He married Pi A.B. Rahmath Sayeed on 4th January, 1967 and has one son and seven daughters.

In the field of Education he completed B.Com LLB from Government Arts College Bangalore (Karnataka) and Sidharta College of Law, Bombay (Maharashtra). He was one of the greatest Lawyers, a Political Leader and Social worker.

As soon as he attained ripe age, he entered into politics and was elected as the youngest member of Parliament at the 4th Lok Sabha election of 1967. Since then, he was elected for 10 Terms successively upto the 13th Lok Sabha. He had also been appointed as a member of various important Committees during 1967-1978. In the year 1979, he held the post of Union Minister of State and again, a Minister of Steel & Coal during the year 1979-1980. During 1993-1995 he looked after the Ministry of Home Affairs and then Information and Broadcasting Ministry for the period 1995-1996.

In 1998, he was elected as Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha and held the post upto 26th April, 1999. In the same year on 22nd October, he was elected as Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha for the second time and held this post till 6th February, 2004. Unfortunately, he was defeated in the Lok Sabha election for the first time, shortly after, the Congress Party decided to offer him to fill up the vacant seat of Rajya Sabha and then held the post of Power Minister till his last breathe.

Pu Sayeed is said to be suffering from Joundice since long before and took treatment at Hyundai Hospital, South Korea for 3 times and during his last treatment on 18th December 2005, his life was cut short by Heart Attack.

His body driven New Delhi on 19th December, 2005 and was then brought to Androth, Lakshadweep, his place of birth and was then cremated.

Pu P.M. Sayeed have left his wife, three sons and 7 daughters. His loss will be suffered by the nation and particularly by Mizoram for his valuable idea on Bairabi Hydel Project. Once again Mizoram, India and the world have lost its important Leader.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA

: Mr Speaker sir, It is unfortunate and sad to deliver obituary reference on the death Pu R.K. Narayan, one of the best diplomats,

a Journalist and Educationalist in the Country. as a diplomat, he met Pi Usha at Rangoon, have 2 daughters

While he was the President of India, he encountered various hardships such as unexpected Changing of the machinery of the Government even so, he never had dealings of country's affairs inappropriately but maintained the dignity of the Constitution of India.

Pu R.K.Narayan is one of the most efficient Presidents of the Government of India. His death is one of the greatest losts as an individual and as a nation too.

Mr Speaker, the late Union Power Minister hailed from Lakshadweep. As already mentioned. He was sitting as a member of Lok Sabha for 25 years. We are acquainted with him personally as he visited us 2/3 times. He was dropped when the latest Lok Sabha Election was held. He is regarded as a permanent Member of Lok sabha. He is a very good man. He was regarded as one of the best Deputy speaker for the time being. Although he was dropped in election, the Prime Minister adopted him as Power Minister.

He has great concern for our State to have sufficient supply of power. If he is alive. I think he will be surely helpful for our State. But he has gone now, It is a great loss for our State Government and Central Government.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir. On this day, we are now lamenting on the decease of the two great men of India. Pu K.R. Narayanan, the then President of India. He does not personally know me. But as he is a husband of the daughter of Eastern woman, I visited him once. As such both of them gave importance to us as we are from eastern India. He is the only President who opens door widely for such persons. He is a man who did his best for India to have liberalised Economy. That's why, India made a great achievement during he holds the post of the president of India. He devoted his life to serve the people of India. I would like to express my condolence to the bereaved family. It is a great loss for the great Indian Union.

On the other hand, Pu P.M. Sayeed was also not personally known to me. But we have met him once on ground of steel problem. He is a product of a small state. But he is a return Politician of India. He showed a great example for the Country. He is only 65 years old. We do sympathise his family. I feel that we had lost a great man.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will stand up and keep silence for two minutes to mourn Mr. K.R. Narayanan and Mr. P.M. Sayeed. Now we will take our business. Before this, I would like to make announcement. Normally we use to take 20 starred questions in a day because answers are not readily received. The departments are not only responsible in this regard, but also the Members. And I would like to request your understanding for K. Sangthuama name is written instead of Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister

Let us call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask the first starred question.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker sir, will the Hon'ble Minister, Finance be pleased to State - the amount of fund which can be allotted by various Treasuries of Mizoram, Treasury-wise?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Finance Minister to give the above answer.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr Speaker Sir, the answer to the hon'ble member Pu Sailothanga Sailo's question is as follow :-

(a) The total fund allotted in the various treasuries are as follow :-

- (1) Treasury Aizawl North -50 lakhs per day.
- (2) Treasury Aizawl South - 50 lakhs per day.
- (3) Treasury Lunglei 8 lakhs per day.
- (4) Treasury Lawngtlai -4 lakhs per day.
- (5) Treasury Saiha - 7 lakhs per day.
- (6) Treasury Champhai - 4 lakhs per day.
- (7) Treasury Serchhip 4 lakhs per day.
- (8) Treasury Mamit -4 lakhs per day.
- (9) Treasury Kolasib - 4 lakhs per day.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalhmingthanga.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, My question is - there is daily ceiling in the Treasuries, I therefore. Would like to know if there could be a free Transaction.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zodintluanga

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Speaker, The total fund allotted per day is Rs.135 lakhs. My question is what is the reason for such low allotments. Is it because the Government suppress the department and the suppliers? Next, what is the total pending bill amount in the two Aizawl Treasury?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble members Pu Zodintluanga and Pu Lalhmingthanga are the fund is controlled according to the balance we have in RBI. The ceiling does not include pay, pension and Medical Re-embersement. There are times the tranction crosses the ceiling however the said amount is to regulate the ceiling.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, If the people will benifit from closing the treasury as practised by the per-vious ministry. Why donot the government close the treasury.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Pu Speaker, closing the treasury is not appli-cable. We are doing whatever possible to open the treasury. Therefore, we are regula-ting the transaction and clearing pending bill as far as possible. There are some departments. Which is given direct sanction. There are a number of pending bill, but, I cannot give the exact figure

S P E A K E R : Starred question no. 2. to be asked by Pu Andrew Lalherliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir, My question is -
(a) Whether there is proposal to continue the Construction work of dressing room, pavillion and Toilet at Mualvawm field in Khawzawl.
(b) If so, when will the work be started.
(c) What is the amount already incurred so far.

S P E A K E R : Pu Z.H. Ropuia, the Minister for Sports & Youth Services may be called to furnish his replies.

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr Speaker, the answer to starred question no. 2 as -
(a) Yes.
(b) The Construction work will be continued as soon as there is sanction. (c) Rs. 2,81,560/- for pavillion Rs. 1,13,415/- for Dress- ing room, Rs.61,377 for toilet have already spent.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I have taken the picture of the abandoned work and I will present the Photo as House property. Mr Speaker, from the photo, you can clearly see how poor the construction work is. Also, the project had been done

without proper monitoring. Since the work has been left untouched for -three years the commodes in the toilet and walls in the dressing room are already damaged. Even if there is fresh sanction of fund, the work standard is too poor that it may not be suitable to continue the construction. Hence, I would like to suggest that matter be enquired so that the contractor could be punished and the construction work be started afresh.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker, a supplementary question please my question is in relation to Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. From the Statement given by the hon'ble Minister fund has already been received from the centre for the reconstruction of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. If so, why is the work not yet been started till date. Also, Who is the contractor selected for the same ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, Thank you. Many steps which have been taken by the Government are left without completing them such as Ramhlun Indoor Stadium, Mualvawm field at Khawzawl, etc. When we ask questions in this matter. shortage of fund is seemed to be the main reason. Let me quote the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister when he inaugurated telemedicine Centre. He said that fund is greatly available and there is no financial problem in the Central Government. If so, Can the hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services Department pull out some amount of funds to promote sports in Mizoram ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I appreciate the steps taken by the hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services Department to make Sports Stadium at Chite area in Aizawl. I have visited this site yesterday and I found that the proposed project seemed to be inadequate comparing to the sanction of fund. I, therefore, request him to revise this project.

Last year, When Ghulam Nabi Aizawl, the hon'ble Minister of the Union Government visited Mizoram he said that Keifang playground would be re-constructed. I was happy to know this. Can the hon'ble Minister for Sports Department tell me that Keifang playground would be re-constructed as mentioned by the Union Minister ?

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr Speaker Sir, we know that public money had been misused in the name of Khawzawl playground, you also see the photo of the work. Will the Government punish those who involved in that misappropriation of public money ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department to give answer to the questions.

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I know that the quality of work as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Khawzawl Constituency is very bad. I therefore, informed the contractor to continue his work in black and white. However, there is great problem to continue the said work as the work quality is too bad in the initial stage. It is, therefore very troublesome.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble member from Khawzawl Constituency mentioned that no work is done. It is, therefore, sure that there is great misappropriation of public money even from the speech of the hon'ble Minister, shall we pardon them now ?

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Let him wait for me till I have concluded my speech. The Member from Khawzawl Constituency did not say that no work had been done. He rather said that the quality of work is too bad. I admitted that the work quality is very bad. But, it is our duty to inform the contractor to continue his work. Meanwhile, there is no fund to construct the pavillion. However, due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister I hope that more sanction will be there for this field. I therefore would like to tell the hon'ble member that it will be reconstructed during this year.

In regard to Ramhlun Indoor Stadium we asked quality control Committee to supervise the work quality control Committee to supervise the work quality of this Indoor Stadium. Sanction is made in accordance with the progress of work. Now rupees 80 lakh out of rupees 120 lakh has been released.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr Speaker Sir, my starred Question in September last year was answered that Rs.48 lakh had been spent for Ramhlun Indoor Stadium. Now, the hon'ble Minister mentioned that Rs. 80 lakh had been released. If so, Rs. 32 lakh seemed to be remaining but the construction work has still ceased. If the site is inadequate to construct as the original estimate. Does the engineer know this in the beginning ?

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the member may be confused about what I said. I said that fund is released in accordance with the progress of the work.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I just ask as to that where is the remaining balance of Rs. 32 lakh. and how to utilise this money ?

S P E A K E R : Money will be released when they start the work. It will not be released if the work is not continued.

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, sanction will be coming. But. I wish all of us to know that C.S.S. had been stopped from the Central Government.

Therefore, every sports Department in India has great problem as no sanction is set aside for all approved and on-going projects during 2005-2006 financial year. We, therefore, tell the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission make a new decision that all on-going project will be continued. The reason why we cannot continue the Construction work of Ramhlun Indoor Stadium is mainly due to the alteration of the existing policy in the Central Government.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, We always listen about the availability of maney from the hon'ble Chief Minister. Can we utilise such money to complete all the on-going projects though there is new policy in the Centrally Sponsored Schemes ?

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, fund cannot be diverted easily. It should be released as a project wise. I would like to request the hon'ble member to understand this. In regard to Chite sports Complex, it is taken up by Local Administration Department under the Poverty Alleviation scheme. The proposed site seemed to be small. We have had spot verification with the staff of NBCC, the expert team will be coming shortly. We hope that Chite Sports Complex would be completed with Rs. 10 Crore. In regard to Keifang playground, steps will be taken from NEC. under Rural Playground scheme. The quality of work is monitored as much as we can. Replying to the hon'ble Leader of Opposition, we will try our level best in the matter of Khawzawl Playground.

PU R LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let me raise only one point. Can the Government make standard size of foot ball ground in every village during the coming years ?

S P E A K E R : We will discuss about this soon.

**PU Z.H. ROPUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir. I think he quoted his question from the speech of the Governor. We will discuss about this soon..

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask starred Question No.3

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Labour and Employment Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Has a full fledged District Employment Officer been posted in Champhai, Lawngtlai and Kolasib ?
- (b) If not, when will they be posted ?

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions raised by Pu Lalrinliana Sailo hon'ble member from Khawhai Constituency.

- (a) A full fledged District Employment Officer has not been posted at Lawngtlai and Kolasib Districts.
- (b) They will be posted when we can fill up that created posts.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir supplementary question, if I am not mistaken I am aware that proposal had been made to post District Employment Officer at Champhai, Lawngtlai and Kolasib during the previous Ministry. It was also confirmed by the Chief Minister and the Commissioner on 10th October, last year. But, such proposals have not been fulfilled till date. Creation and filling up of the said posts is very important to give equal opportunity to the people. I, therefore, ask the concerned Minister that can every district has DEO of their own ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. speaker Sir. We know that a sanction to create Employment Exchange for disabled person has not been utilised due to the absence of state matching share. Can the Government take step to make separate cell for disabled persons in the existing Employment Exchange. Without making a separate Exchange ?

Secondly Politics is greatly used to give employment to our relatives. Good academic record has no more importance to get employment. Does the Government want to entrust MPSC in regard to employment upto Group 'C' posts ?

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over, will he answer the supplementary questions? If yes, let him reply them.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, Sir. post cannot be created for District Employment officer for Champhai, Lawngtlai and Kolasib District. However, proposal is made to establish registration office though we cannot creat DEO. posts. We are now given Master Roll Staff for such office. Replying to Pu Lalduhoma, hon'ble member from Ratu

Contituency, we established a separate cell for disable persons in the District Employment cell for disable persons in the District Employment Office. In regard to handing over of recruitment of Government servant upto Group-C staff to MPSC. We are satisfied with our normal system.

Regarding employment it is our desire to make employment through Employment Exchange but Contract basis and M.R. Workers are directly employed to avoid slow and detailed procedure.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, from the speech of the hon'ble Minister, the Government really ignored the compulsory Notification of vacancies Act, 1959. Although the Officers of Employment Department are efficient there is no hope in this Ministry.

S P E A K E R : Let us go to the next business. Today two of our members Pu Sainghaka and Pu K. Vanlalauva cannot attend today's session. Again I would like to request all of us to switch off Mobile phone inside the session Hall. Now, let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the 11th Annual Report of MIFCO Ltd. for 2000-2001 on the Table of the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I lay the 11th Annual Report of MIFCO Ltd. for 2000-2001 on the Table of this House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will go to the next business, which is Presentation of Report from Business Advisory Committee. The Report had already been embodied in Bulletin Part II No. 123 issued on 27 February. Let the copy of BAC Report be distributed now.

This House accepted the Report of BAC. unanimously. Now let us call upon Pu Saikapthianga, Chairman of Petition Committee to present The First Report of the Committee on petition, 2006 in this House.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I, hereby present the 'First Report of the Committee on Petition, 2006 in this august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy of the Report be distributed Now, we will go to the last business of today, which is discussion on motion of

thanks. Pu H. Vanlalthaliana had moved Motion of thanks on Governor's Address yesterday. We will start discussion Now let us call upon Pu H. Vanlalthaliana, MLA, to move his motion of thanks.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. There are many great achievements and steps taken by the Government during the last year in the Address of the Governor which contains only 32 pages. I think that everyone of us will be happy to know such great efforts of the Government. First of all I would like to point out the Presidential Address to this House on 24th September, last year. This is the record of this House. No other President of India had done such before. I was happy for including this very important record of the House in the Governor's Address.

On the first page of the Governor's Address we see that no crime record had been there in 146 Villages during the past five years. This clearly reveals that the Government made great achievement in the maintenance of Law and Order. It is, therefore, important for all of us to try our level best to keep up this peace as well as to make crime free society as mentioned by him. There are many important steps taken by the Government for modernisation of various Jails and proposals for setting up of new Jails in various District Headquarters.

Another progress have also been made in the sphere of Agriculture and Horticulture, Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, we have practised organic farming, which will greatly increase the value of our agricultural products. Besides, 5000 quintals of potato seed had been distributed to the farmers during last year. Many Office Buildings had also been constructed in many places. In my Constituency, we have new DHO. Office Building and Staff quarters. The Government really try to improve Agriculture and Horticulture in Mizoram. Rapid steps had also been taken for the development of Grape and Passion fruit cultivation and for the introduction of Jatropha and Read oil Palm. The Government also lauched many schemes under BAFFACOS to help the people. The steps taken by Fisheries Department are also very great. During last year. More than 55 tons of fish seeds had been distributed to the fish farmers. Fish farming becomes one of the most important occupations in Mizoram.

The Government, with the assistance of various NGO's works very hard for prevention of HIV/AIDS and to control Drug abuse. When I attended North-East Aids Seminar at Guwahati last year. I was told that the rate of HIV positive due to sharing of syringe and needle in Mizoram was greatly reduced. The Governor, in his speech expected that we can make Drugs free society. I, therefore, opine that we will work harder to achieve the Governor's hope in this matter.

Regarding Taxation, our revenue was increased by Rs. 12 crore. This is due to the introduction of VAT in Mizoram. Besides, Taxation Office will be constructed in every District to solve various problems faced by the people. Another important steps taken by the Government are various bamboo processing projects due to the hard working efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister Bamboo is found in every part of Mizoram, we can use it for raw-material of various industries.

S P E A K E R : We do not fix time for the mover of the motion. However, in our usual practice, about 15-20 minutes is used to move a motion.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I will not take too much time. I was pleased to know bamboo projects are included in the Address of the Governor.

The steps taken by the Government for the development of Sericulture is also very great. Sericulture can become a good occupation for the people. In regard to preservation of wild life, Environment & Forest Department takes important steps. Free LPG connection had been given to many people in rural areas. This will help the Department in preserving forest products which were used in the past years for fire wood.

Rapid progress is also seen in Rural Development. Four new R.D. Blocks had been inaugurated during 2005-2006 and one Additional Block was also upgraded to a full fledged Block. Development of rural areas is one of the most important policies of the Central Government. Mizoram makes great progress in this matter. Besides this, 36 Km. of Truckable road and 38 Km. of Jeepable road had been constructed under BADP. Under the same project 1298 houses, 14 Community Halls and 20 playgrounds are also constructed and grant had been given to 49 self Help Groups in Mizoram. Again, I was very pleased that the Government of Mizoram created new Department called Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department to look after various District Headquarters other than by Rural Development Department. In the beginning of this year, election to Village Council was held under peaceful atmosphere, this is also a great achievement.

The Governor mentioned that there is great achievement in Power & Electricity Department, P.H.E. Department and P.W.D. also. During last year 58 Villages had been given drinking water supply by P.H.E. Department. Under PMGSY, 844;34 Km. road had been completed and 18 villages can newly be approached with all weather road. There are many other Road Projects lying under construction with the help of World Bank, NEC. and NLCPR. There is great progress in Tourism Department also, new Tourist Lodge had been completed at Ngopa, Hrangchawkawn, Mamit, Vawmbuk and West Phaileng.

In the sphere of Sports, we see great progress in various disciplines. Jenny R. Lalremliani won Gold medal in Asia level, Miss Lalremkimi won Bronze medal in Asia Junior Taekwondo and Lalrozama competed world level kick boxing Competition. Laldinsanga also became vice captain in India's Junior Basketball team. In the national level competition, Mizoram had won 45 Gold medals, 55 Silver Medals and 77 Bronze Medals. Now, Rs. 250 lakh had been set aside to renovate Lammual playground, this will greatly help us in sports promotion.

Education Department also made great progress, Rs. 327 lakh had been allocated for post-matric Scholarship and new 141 Hindi Teachers are recruited. During last year, Six Mini DIET Building had been constructed in various Districts.

In regard to Health Services various positive steps have been taken by the Government Lengpui PHC. and Thingsulthliah PHC. have now been upgraded to 30 badded Hospital during last year. Accident and Trauma Centre would be created at Serchhip and Kolasib which will be funded by NEC.

It is also much appreciated that Mumbai's Mizoram House had been innaugurated as it will be of much useful to those who are compelled to go to this city for medical treatment.

Not only this, it is much appreciated that our Governot has also pointed out step taken by the government in regard to the victim of natural calamities in the southern part of Mizoram where large Number of Silpaulin was distributed. The government further located Employment Exchange Regulation office at Kolasib and Lawngtlai which obviously happened to be one of the remarkable achievements.

Moreover Mr. Speaker Sir, keeping in mind the need to reduce the problem of pensioners, 1172 GPF Cases has been solved for which the total amount drawn is 1560 lakh Rupees. In respect of 946 pension cases, the total amount drawn is 2995 lakhs and 200 lakh Rupees for 923 GIS cases. It is much appreciated that the Governor highlighted this great achievement of the Government.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : To Continue our discussion on motion of thank. Let me call upon Pu, Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is obvious that there is no new achievement of the Government to point out here today as this is the third time for our Governor Addressing this august House since I was sitting here as one of the members. It is some what ridiculous for the Governor to point out less important matters such as construction of retaining wall as no remarkable asset was made during last year. In relation, I have to request a member from Lawngtlai Constituency to reconsider points he had given at his motion of thanks

Next, I would like to react to the point that "Rawpuichhip - Buarpui road has been taken up and completed at the cost of 3 thousand, one hundred and 79 lakhs from loan from NABARD" which I think is of a serious matter. Mr. Speaker Sir, It is much desirable if the construction is verified on the spot as black topping has not been done to the road Buarpui - Rawpuichhip - Khawlek S. Khawlek which is of 7 Kms. and the rest of the Construction is not worth mentioning since it will not stand a single rainy season. How come our Governor includes this construction in his speech, the Construction of which is hardly completed. This position of the speech may pleased be deleted from the record as it will bring a bad reference to the coming generation.

Coming now to top-priority point given by our Governor in every budget session which is of regarding Law & Order, our Chief Minister repeatedly stated Mizoram as of the most peaceful states in the country. But much to my surprise, our governor had never made his speech in the direction of our Chief Minister's speech and any one could make out the true opinion of our governor towards the government particularly on maintenance of Law & order. It is true that the situation of Mizoram was much more peaceful during the 10 years of Congress Ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla. Congress Ministry approached the Central for maintenance of security related expenditure, the name which had been changed later under the MNF. Ministry as 'Peace Bonus'. The name indicates Mizoram is quite peaceful since the Ministry of Congress Party which has now been ran by MNF Ministry. Mr. speaker Sir, I find no reason why our governor will state Mizoram as a "peaceful state" where as number of houses are being burnt down in the southern part of Mizoram and on the outskirts of Aizawl during the last Assembly election.

It is also necessary to re examine the point that numbers of sophisticated arms as being seized. The department of Information & Public Relation clearly pointed out in the report that the Mizoram Police Force seized III nos of sophisticated arms and 3651 nos of immuniton. This indicates Mizoram is not quite peaceful as being mentioned. What is still more threatening is numbers of such items which has not been seized.

Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, there are various incidents in connection with the activities of a group called MTV. and kidnaping case. Such incidents indicates failure of the government in maintaining Law & Orders.

On the otherhand it is regretted to learn that the Governor does not include in his speech one of the most important projects i.e. Tuirial Hydel Project. How can the governor ignore this problem where as the need is intensive and we can hardly cope with development of the world today, in the abcence of electric power. Besides, it is also pointed out that 96% of the Construction of Referral Hospital as being completed Mr Speaker Sir, I am afraid that the building is used for some other purposes as of now it is being used as Private School with hostel. I therefore, find no reason to give thanks to Governor's speech. It may be appreciated if the mover withdrawn his motion.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, Mizoram is much fortunate for having various strong churches, societies, NGOS, natured wealths and good climate for all seasons which are all important for development.

Considering this favourable situation, it is sad to learn that we are not able to make use of these advantages. It is obvious from the fact that no opportunity is given to the farmers particularly for grape plantation on which subject few sentences is seen in the Governor's speech. Plantation of grape has good prospect if concentration is given. On the otherhand, various NGOS such as MUP, MHIP, YMA and MZP approached the Government to exercise MLTP Act, as it is, in which selling of Grape-wine is included. It is therefore obvious that this Ministry blindly leads the government as intensive pressure is received from every corners.

Mr Speaker Sir, Mizoram is now in its 35 years a separate government in which 3 parties already ran the governments machinery. It is sad to consider that certain major projects such as Garden Colony, NLUP and MIP which had been taken up by those a Ministries have all failed. In the meantime, Horticulture department encourages grape plantation where a selling of such processed items is strictly prohibited by Excise department and the burden is suffered mostly by power sections. It is therefore, highly necessary for the government to consider upliftment of the poorer sections but matter concerning this problem has not been highlighted here in the Governor's Speech.

Despite of this Mr Speaker Sir, the government seems to decrease the bud get for Horticulture, the department on which poorer sections of our society depends upon and is much regretting not only this, it is shameful to learn that a revised estimate for replacement of toilet Van will be applied here in this session. Instead of giving importance to this petty matter, it may be more beneficial if concentration is given to plantation of Anthurium which is having good prospect. It may also be important to determine marketing for Locally produced fishes the problem of which needed to be solved immediately.

Mr Speaker Sir. I would also like to stress the need to give importance to Sports & Youths department. It is worth mentioning that teams from Mizoram has won 6 Championships of Football tournaments at national level much to the pride of the Mizos. Even in the tournament under-16 national Football Championship our team has won three times successively despite the victory of our youths, it is regretted to learn that our Governor did not mention any words of praise or matter concerning the said achievement in his budget speech.

Mr Speaker Sir, I am well aware of the fact that a serious problem is evolving in the department of Sports & Youths Services where as construction of Sports Complex, to be concentrated in different area has been minimalised. A false report was then furnished to the Central authority as if the construction had already been completed. The hon'ble Chief Minister too is well aware of the whole situation. So Mr Speaker Sir, it is sad that Mizoram is heading towards black future.

Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

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Mr Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to express my appreciation of the President of India's address to this House for the first time

in the history of Mizoram when he visited Mizoram on the 24th September last year, various Presidents of India happened to visit Mizoram but no one had ever addressed this House as the Governor too had pointed out this in his speech.

To get to my point, I want to say that the first and foremost need for our state is Peace. Even if certain members mention our state as not being peaceful, it is obvious that our state is quite peaceful by the grace of God. It is true that there are few incidents in few areas but that does not hamper the existing peace in our state.

It is much pleasing to learn that crime rate in Mizoram is falling down. As recorded in 14 villages, no crime is offended during the last 5 years term of MNF Ministry where as in the neighbouring state like Manipur it is difficult to maintain normal life and Police forces on duty are seen here and there. The situation of Law & orders in our state therefore, is worth mentioning.

In the same manner, our handling of funds coming from the central such as PMGSY, NEC, NABARD, EH and NLCPR are worth mentioning as we have made the best use of those funds.

Coming to Education, we have learned that Books are being supplied to more than one lakh students at free of cost and free lunch has also been provided to Primary Schools. Besides,

appointment of 500 Hindi Teachers has also been made thanks to the step taken by the government. Furthermore, Training for teacher at the level of Cambridge University will also be given to 16,000 teachers so as to improve our English. It is therefore, much appreciated that our Governor pointed out this achievement in his address to the House.

Thank you.

PU LIANSILOVA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, there are number of departments, which achievement has not been mentioned in the Governor's address. Various

Members expressed their appreciation of the Governor's address. It is regretted to learn that achievement of the department of Art & Culture that concern the foundation of our Culture & Tradition has not been mentioned. I am afraid it is deliberately missed out and is very sad.

Yet it is pleasing that number of drug addicts in falling down and de-addiction centre is being opened at Home-Guard Training centre at CTI.

It seems that sufficient amount of fund is being received from the 12th Finance Commission as mentioned by our fellow member. For maintenance of local bodies municipality and village council, 200 lakh and 400 lakh respectively is sanctioned to LAD which is of much delight not only this, it is much pleasing to learn that under the scheme of urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Rs. 1,02,000/- is put for the year 2004 - 2006.

Regarding budget allocation of Rs.1,02,400/- lakh for beautification of one city. I want to mention that we seem to ignore the problem of the outskirts of the city. Where no appropriate road is seen.

In regard to poverty alleviation programme. I would like know how much of the sanction will be directed towards poorer section of the society.

There is talk about booking of space at Aizawl Trade centre or Millennium centre by the rich and well-to-do whereas many poor vegetable vendors numbering 200/300 have to stay up the whole night on Friday to get a seat on the next market day. Such pathetic scene makes one think about utilization of fund. I feel that whatever amount we have for development or others, we should utilize there cautiously and purposefully.

Soil and Water Conservation Department is looking after coffee and cardamom farm, about 224 hectare and spent Rs.233 lakh in a year. And Horticulture Department also spent Rs. 400/- lakhs for cultivation of passion fruit of 1025 acre. But supply of passion fruit is rarely found in this market. That's why. I do not find to give thanks to the Governor speech. MIP also takes up cultivation of Jatropha and Red Palm oil which is not provided in its Guideline. I feel that it is not good to take up such Cultivation which is not provided in the Guideline.

Public Works Department has 1000 Km. of road to be maintained. Rs.12 lakhs is marked maintenance of 1 Km. of road. But the roads are so poor that we cannot give thanks to the Governor for the address.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker, What I feel to thank is not written in the address such as his tour of villages and highlights of mistakes committed by the government of Mizoram. Had he not been taking interest in the affairs of Mizoram Particularly of the villages, the position of Mizoram will be very poor.

Regarding tax collection under VAT System, the hon'ble Minister said that tax collected this year is more than last year by Rs. 1225 lakhs. But it is not pleasing because prices of commodities is not lower than before. The Hon'ble Minister said that prices will be lowered if VAT is imposed in the State. It is clear that the taxes are collected from the poor people.

And 36 Km. of Truck Road, 30 Km. of Jeep Road, 14 Community Hall, 20 playground and Retaining walls were constructed under BADP fund. We know the amount of BADP fund we have. I feel that it is not much why did not the figure of amount is not indicated.

Hriphaw to Zamuang road is constructed from NEC fund. But in the beginning of the former Ministry, Saitual - Saichal - North East Bualpui road received financial sanction not less than a crore. But no work is executed till date. The hon'ble Chief Minister too said that the work will be done in alignment. But it is not started till date.

The Governor also said that Rs. 204 Crore is received under PMGSY, but 3% for the Poor, 4% for MNF fund and 10% by PWD. is deducted which means 17% of the fund goes elsewhere. This is a bad practice.

It is said that law and order situation in the state is good. But I would like to say that a house is burnt at Phunchawng. Is the law and order situation controlled in such cases? It is clear that Law and order is not properly observed. That's why, peace and harmony do not prevail in the State. I feel that the Speeches of Governor brought a number of complaints.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, the clock struck 1:00 PM. we will have a recess. But the official gallery is empty. It should be filled up at any time. We will have a recess and resume our business at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we'll resume our business.
Pu Lalhmingthanga

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. It is very pleasing to discuss the speeches of Governor on this day. I admitted that it is the grace of God. The speeches of Governor seemed very good. But it has some defects from ideological point of view.

After declaration of Aizawl as a city, the Central Government and the 12th Finance Commission gave us crores of rupees for its development and upliftment of the poor people living in it. In this connection, I would like to make suggestion for division of such development fund for the development of Lunglei, the second Capital of Mizoram.

And most of the people of Mizoram are cultivators from time immemorial practising shifting cultivation which is not very fruitful. However, I think we should not be dis-heartened while the duty of Government is to achieve sustainable economy. I feel that priority is to be given. Now, the Central Government had given us crore of rupees generously through Non-lapsable pool fund, Centrally sponsored Scheme and NEC. I feel that this funds should be used for setting up of infrastructure. No infrastructure appeared in this speech. It is the shadow of our state budget to be presented by the Finance Minister for the coming year.

And I would like to point out that cultivators and farmers have to benefit various schemes of Government through Horticulture, Sericulture, Soil and Water Conservation Department etc. besides the Agriculture Department. As survey conducted we have more than two lakhs of hectare of potential area. That's why, there schemes are to be encouraged in the state for we may here self-sufficiency in foodstuff.

And Government of Mizoram has set up BAFFACOS for fighting the coming famine on ground up bamboo flowering. It appears that the beneficiaries of the scheme are not victim of famine generally. I feel that it is needed to rearrange such beneficiaries.

I used to say that bamboo flowering should not be countered only to fight famine the wrong way. I feel that we may benefit it, by sowing bamboo seeds in the whole of Mizoram where bamboo are not found. I did not mean new bamboo seeds are not to be sowed. But the natural bamboo are to be encouraged in the State. I think if Government set up a project for division of bamboo seeds in the State it is hopeful that Mizoram will be more blessed with bamboos.

I would like to point out that what 3 had given importance is not included in the Governor's Speech. That is, revenue rate for annual fee, mutation fees, redemption fee etc. are too high. Due to these, many land owners could not deliver this LSC. I feel that Government should know the matter. I Therefore, demand revision of such revenue rates. Governor did not know the matter. That's why the speeches of the Governor is not worthy to thank for voted.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. In the Governor's address, there are good things I want to point out such as his love for Mizoram and his enthusiasm for upliftment of rural areas. It is a pity that he couldnot address the House in local dialect.

In his address however, insurgent groups are claimed to have them under control while emphasizing on the peaceful state of Mizoram. I am sorry that it was wrong information. I collected reports from the Police and as the report, there are six incidents of insurgency groups within six months. Such incidents are kidnapping robbery, firing of police station etc. Besides these, a sumo and its driver are robbed and more than thousand of people are kept and maintained in our

state as a result of insurgent activities in Manipur. Considering all these, I think we should speak the truth. It may also be better to inform of all these to central government so that remedial measures may be taken. And more Police personnel may also be required to control the acts of insurgency groups. Tripura Government demands a large sum of money to the Central Government for the Rieng refugees. But Government of Mizoram concealed the Acts of insurgency groups to the people.

Regarding drugs abuse, the work done by YMA and Excise Department is praised by the Governor. The North East News paper published that the insurgency groups and drugs smugglers made Mizoram as an ideal place for shelter. That's why, the present struggle on drugs and insurgency groups is not enough. We need more forces to suppress such fighting such groups. That's why, I could not support this motion of thanks.

Thank you.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. In this Governor Address the hon'ble Members said that their ideological view in the main discussion. I feel that there is much to be added which is not included.

Hon'ble Member from Ratu Constituency said that no benefit is there from Government especially in the field of Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Department for the farmers and cultivators. I feel that there is much to say about it. Now, MOU is signed with Godrejs Company Limited to look after various spices like, red palm oil, passion fruit, Grape etc. A new system is now adopted in the State. Especially for passion fruit, an industry is set up for processing all productions in the State. Various seeds for winter season are also distributed to the farmers and cultivators freely.

Regarding Law and Order, some Members said that Mizoram is not peaceful as claimed, which I feel is not true. The President of India when he visited Mizoram said that in Mizoram peace and harmony prevails. We have large number of refugees coming from other States. This shows that there is peace and harmony in Mizoram. Any way, comparing with all other States I feel that Mizoram is the most peaceful state in India.

Before MNF. Ministry, Mizoram has only one lifeline which is National Highway No 54. But now, we have National Highway No 154. from Panchgram - Bairabi - Bilkhawthlir, Besides these, Kanhmun - Zamuang - Bairabi is also constructed by NEC fund for connection with other States in the western side. Further, many roads are constructed in different parts of Mizoram under PMGSY. It is pleasing that the Governor highlights construction of roads and highways in his Address. The address is therefore worth support.

Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker. what I want to say is that a famine will break out in the State due to bamboo flowering it seems that bamboo flowering will occur in the urban areas and famine will be there in all villages. What I wonder

is as to why Governor did not point out the per Capita income. It is reduced by 32% Don't we know the people are worried by the flowering of bamboos.

Secondly, what I want to say is that the Central Government reduced the rates of taxes. Will this Government reduce the rate of taxes in the State ?

And it is said that the rate of crime reduced by 32%. It is the reason that YMA. banned intoxicating drinks and drugs.

If 393.98 lakhs of fish seeds are released in the rivers of Mizoram we can expect that our rivers will be abound by such fishes. But nothing is seen in the river.

Regarding VAT, I feel that Government of Mizoram should not be proud of it. We, the opposition Group do not like to impose VAT in the State.

Vety Department produced 2,30,540 chickens during 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 for which Rs 1563 lakhs is spent. It appears that producing chicken is not profitable. No self sufficiency is there in chicken, beef and pork.

Regarding Tourism, Central Government declared that it is an important industry. I feel that the State Tourism Department needs more fund for strengthening of the Department. I encourage the Government to have cooperation with the IPDC. As I know from tourism who were accommodated in the most standard of our Tourist Lodge.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It seems that all members are not happy in this budget Session, with the result of recent MLA. bye election, and the Village Council result. The result proclaimed that, the opposition members no longer have the public mandate. Due to this, the opposition members are unable to give thanks to the Governor's speech.

The Governor highlighted only some of the Government's achievements. It is pleasing to note that 1 lakh student are given free text and free midday meal. It is also pleasing to note the proposal to recruite Primary Hindi teachers. There is great development work in Rural Development Department as well, Market buildings has been constructed in various Rural areas. The hon'ble member from Ratu Constituency mentioned that, even if the state is under President's Rule, development work will still continue, the present government deals only with retaining wall. But, the public are the witness, they will not agree with the hon'ble member's statement. Therefore, we should praise the development work, where it is worth praising. If we look at the developmental work of Public Works Department there is link road connecting inter-Villages through out Mizoram, never like before. We will not be able to name all the roads, but I have the list with me. For example, villages like Rawpuichhip, Khawrihnim and Lungdar are able to have their our Bus. Besides these, we have roads Constructed by NABARD and NEC.

It is pleasing to note the various secretariat buildings that has sprang up and the 200 crores that has been sanctioned for secretariat buildings at Assam Rifle site. Pu Speaker, if we look at Tourism Department, due to the Construction of Modern Village and Typical Mizo Village at

Reiek, the plying of Visitor's bus has increased enormously. The Governor with his wife has also visited Reiek. Every pone has now the desire to visit Reiek.

The great achievement of P.H.E. is also worthy. My Constituency which is normally a dry area is bound to recieve water from P.H.E. pump within March. Therefore, we should learn to be grateful, it could be due to this that we did not win the people's mandate.

Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Pu Speaker, thank you. The hon'ble member from Lawngtlai moved motion of thanks on the Governors speech with grace. Pu Speaker, not that I purposefully try to apposse the Motion of thanks, but I feel that the Governor himself shows lack of enterest in his speech. In this 32 pages of the Governor's speech the smallest details like, two Home guard instructors are despatched for training in disaster management is highlighted. I feel that these small details need not be highlighted in the Governor's speech.

It is pleasing to note that the crime rate has fallen to 32%. But, the credit should be given to NGO's and the Church. Pu Speaker, inspite of the decreased in crime rate, the crime register is still very high. We watched in local T.V. of various incidents that occurs now and then, this proved that the law and order satuation is deteriorating. I therefore, feel that there is nothing to praise about.

Regarding Mizoram Intodelhna project-Why is it not highlighted in the Governor's speech? is it because we have failed with this project? We need to review ourselves in this project. Then, regarding the citrus declimed in Mamit and various other parts of Mizoram it is not highlighted in the speech. This a proof that, the government does not give priority to rural people. It is regretting to note that Town and Country planning is not highlighted in the Governor's speech, inspite of our city being so congested. It seems that the government is not concern with problems which directly deals with the people. Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for Lengpui Airport, the Government should also give credid to Pu Hawla's Ministry for the infrustructure. The Government is earning huge revenue through Lengpui Airport. Therefore, this Government should also focus on asset for the state, revenue earning asset.

Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker.

PU S. HIATO

: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I do not know whether to give thanks to the Governor's speech. The Governor himself was not convinced by his speech. Before I discuss the speech, the hon'ble member from Mamit, alleged that we are unhappy with the Governor's speech because we lost the recent two MLA. by -election and Village Council election. What I would like to state is, the ruling party with all its power and fund won the Village Council election with just 62% where as during the Congress Ministry we won by 80%. And as for the two MLA. by-election, they won the election with the help of the ruling party. The Governor is the Constitutional head, and for the Minority District Council Area, the Governor is the supreme power. The governor constitutes, constitutions and conduct of Bussiness Rules of District Council but the Governor himself Violated rules 22 in the recent election. C.E.M.

is to be elected by only elected members, and not by nominated seat. But we supported the CEM. as Independent, which Violated the rules. Pu Speaker, MDC. Constituency was then increased, we are not happy about it, increasing Constituency with just 600/700 Vote does not make us happy. Therefore, political decision creates problem and Violates the existing rules. The government should give priority to the minority Community and not hurt our sentiment.

Pu Speaker, regarding Relief & Rehabilitation, as we are all aware Saiha Bank caught fire, there is no aid for this Bank from Relief & Rehabilitation, the government should give importance. Fire Brigade should also be up-graded.

Regarding Aizawl water supply scheme Phase-II, it is regretting to note that the Governor did not mention in the speech. I would like to thank Local Administration Department for the development work in Saiha & Tuipang.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA

: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. There are many points to thank about the Governor's speech. First of all regarding Law & Order in the state, it is significant to note that, inspite of our state being boarded by various insurgencies from all corner, we are able to live in peace and harmony. It is a great achievement by our Police Force. The decreased in crime record is worth giving praise. Further, from the record we learned that, 146 rural areas remain nil in crime record, which is a great achievement. But, Pu Speaker, regarding the decreased in drugs, we are solely giving the credit to NGO's and the Church. We should give the credit due to the government as well and the role it plays. It is due to the Co-operation of the Government and these NGO's and Church that we are benefitting fruitful result. This also proved that the Chief Minister is an able Leader, who is easy to Co-operate with.

It is pleasing to note that, the Governor mentioned about Grape in the speech. It is more pleasing to learn that Grape could be cultivated in every part of our state. It could act as means of up-grading the rural population in the future.

The Governor mentioned that emphasis will be given to School Education department and that the government has decided to train teachers in English language and Methods of teaching in collaboration with Cambridge University. This is a huge step, which I personally feel will be a great achievement. It is also fortunate that Environmental Education is made compulsory in School.

S P E A K E R

: We will now call the Opposition Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA

: Pu Speaker, thank you, though the Governor's Speech is lengthy, there is no Government's achievement which is not repeated. However, there are certain points I would like to mention. It is pleasing to hear that, free text book and

mid-day meal programme continued to be implemented, but, it is regretting to note that, before it reaches the beneficiaries, the officials try to hamper their share. The authority is requested to check this matter.

In the case of Law & Order, it is a pity that the Governor is not very confident in the maintenance of tranquility of peace in the state. If the law and order is poor, it is not the fault of the Police force, as they are engaged in private works. It is unfortunate that we are making our state the den of various insurgents, when our desire is to make our state free of insurgencies.

It is true that the Congress party did not do very well in the last Village Council election. At the sametime we also know that the ruling party secured only 60 %, which is won due to threat and inappropriate manner. However I praise the people for giving their mandate.

It is unfortunate that the governor did not highlight the boundary conflict as the people of Mizoram are eager to know how far step has been taken.

The escalation of rate of taxes earned lot of controverses amongst the people. The rate of tax should be raised at times. But, the rate this time is rather high for the majority of the people. It is true that we have unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Taxes on Land Buildings & Assessment Revenue Act, 2004. But there is no mention of the percentage of the rise of tax rate in the Act itself. Therefore, this rate should be reviewed.

Mr Speaker, I would like to inform the House today that Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble member of this House and several Congress Youth Members were apprehended after the Congress Youths had charged Revenue Directorate. In this regard. I would like to say that the police have no authority to arrest member of the House as we are protected by a special rule. The police violated this rule by arresting one Congress MLA. The same happened the another MLA Pu Lalsangzuala when his house was raided by the Police without search warrant and he was further arrested without an arrest warrant. I have mentioned this so that the members of this House could be given their rightful privilege in future. Even if the MLA's are not secured, I am certain that the Common people would never be secured. It is desirable that this kind of incedent never happened in future.

Another point I would like to raise in this regard is that the hon'ble Revenue Minister has admitted his involvement in this case. If so, why has the Government not take action against him? He, too should be apprehended. It seems that there is inequality in the maintenance of law and order.

In the field of Sports and Games, our adventurous Youths and Sportsmen have made us extremely proud by earring innumerable victories in the national and international levels. But, the authorities do not provide enough Support and encouragement to those forward-looking Youths. Their distinguished victories have not been recognised by the Government not to say incentives. It is most regretted that they failed to recognise such achievements.

It is said that there is proposal to install Gas pipe line through Mizoram. If this proposal is fulfilled we are in danger of severe inferno. But, there is not a single sign of reaction from the Government.

Coming to Social Welfare Department. We all cannot deny the fact that drug abuse has caused many deaths amongst one Youths Despite this fact, the Government has not declared polices and priorities to combat and tackle the menace of drug abuse. The only well-fitting programme seems to be the only de-addiction center at Sethawn, whereas NGOs like YMA are supposed to follow the steps taken by the Government. The latter has instead followed the former. The duties and responsibilities to be taken by the Government are in the hands of the YMA. It is necessary to take more vigorous steps and declare the policies and programmer set to be taken by the Government, so that the people of this State could have expectation in the Government

Emphasizing on the raise of tax rate, the Congress Leaders have approached the hon'ble Chief Minister who had invited them to provide specific suggestion for the same. We are very pleased to hear this and instantly Constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Pu Liansailova. The Committee has nearly completed its report. In the meantime, I would like to request to stop collecting land revenue tax according to the new rate.

Prior to the adoption of Value Added Tax (VAT) the Government was asked to review the case before making a decision. But, it was adopted. Today, the ones who are mostly affected by the introduction of VAT is the lower class of the people. In the Governor's Address, the increase of revenue collection is proudly mentioned. But, the State revenue collection has been increased at the cost of the poor people and therefore, there is no reason to be pleased. Therefore, this matter should be reviewed and reconsidered.

It is most regretted to note that significant progress has not been made by the Government towards building up of Capital assets. State Referral Hospital at Falkawn has not yet been made functional till date though tremendous amount is already spent. The so-called Tuirial Hydel Project and Greater Water Supply Phase -II also seemed to have been abandoned. The people are looking forward to the completion of these capital assets but in vain. Therefore, Mr Speaker, the people are eager to hear the programmer and policies of the Government and how far these policies have been taken up. It is time to concentrate on the real thing which concerns the welfare of the people.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Before calling the House Leader, I would like to make clasification regarding the arrest of the hon'ble member by the police. Being Democratic country any person whether an MLA or a Minister if accused of acting against the law can be arrested. Chapter 187 if the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Bussiness has states that 'No arrest shall be made within the precincts of the House without obtaining the permission of the Speaker' But, in the case mentioned by the opposition Leader, the member was arrested outside the House precinet and therefore the case is not the preview of the Speaker.

Let us now call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the House Leader.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you, Mr Speaker Sir. Today is the time to discuss Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Speech. First of all, I would like

to say that, it is not possible to highlight all the performance and points covering all departments. There are many points to be mentioned but, that cannot be done in a single address.

I would first like to speak on raising of tax rate. As a principle, we are not in a position to exempt from revenue. The existing revenue rate was also carefully examined before finalisation. There were increase as well as reduction. Anyhow, the Government will look and review the tax rate when and where necessary. It is the intention of the Government not to cause heavy burden to the people. As stated earlier, the Government is always open to suggestion but that does not indicate that revenue tax would be abolished. As we have no state resources, the only income we have is revenue collection whether tax or Bill, the collection does not go to the Central Government but, it is for the state itself. If the revenue collection is high, it means the state is rich, and the people have large fund to spend for development. Tax collection is the only way we can mobilise the state resource. The Government also plans to impose land tax on progressive increase which will be applicable for checking those who own excessive areas of land.

Similarly in the case of electric tariff, the Government does not hesitate to make modification if and when necessary.

Regarding boundary commission let us presume that extensive discussion would be held later. I would however like to inform the House that it may not be appropriate to put blame on the ruling party alone as it is not the only party responsible for the decision made on boundary during the signing of the peace accord.

Regarding maintenance of peace and tranquility in the State, I would like to say that the state is not completely free from violence.

There are no doubts unfortunate incidents. Cent percent peace cannot be attained in a place like Mizoram which is surrounded by insurgent areas on all sides. Despite this fact, we cannot ignore the fact that we are living in the most peaceful state in India. This is how we are being recognised from the outside.

To conclude my speech, I want to state that the state Government has a good service of fund from the centre. But, we need to feed the Central Government with projects to receive this financial provision. In order to acquire fund from the Centre, we must be efficient and prompt to have projects materialised.

It is believed that nature has made Mizoram a model state as developmental works have been going on at rapid speed. Therefore, the points highlighted in the Governor Address deserved to be mentioned. And I agree with the motion of thanks moved by the hon'ble member.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Let us now invite the mover Pu H. Vanlalthaliana to beg leave of the House to pass his motion of Thanks.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA

: Thank you, Mr Speaker I now invite this august House to pass my motion of thanks on the Address of the Governor.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: We shall now take voice vote on the motion 'That the member of Mizoram Legislative Assembly Assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on 7th March, 2007.

Any member who agree to pass may say 'yes' (Member say 'yes')

The motion has been unanimously passed by the House.

The House will be adjourned till tomorrow, the 9th March, 2006, 10 : 30 AM.

Sitting adjourned 4 : 20 Pm.