

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.

We will take up questions. Now, let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna to ask Starred Question No. 86.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for Home Department be pleased to state - Whether there is a proposal to make a separate wing/branch under the Police Department to deal with drowning and reserve measures.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Although we want to have a separate wing under the Police Department as Mentioned by Pu H. Rohluna we have not yet made such proposals.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question. We know that drowning occurred very often in various rivers. of Mizoram In such occasion the whole community is busy for many days. I, therefore request the Government to take steps to make a separate wing under the Police Department to deal with such disaster with good quality of equipment. Can the Government take such steps in future?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, we now have Disaster management Department. various Committees are constituted at various levels. As we know, every person in a Community use to get busy and render good service voluntarily where there is drowning or accidental catastrophe. The point raised by the hon'ble Member is very important. Let us hope that the Government would be aware of this matter.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, my question does not seem to be taken due to shortage of time. Let me ask supplementary question now. Will modernisation of Police be going on? Various buildings in Police Headquarters are too old and deteriorated. The internal roads within this area are greatly needed repairing.

S P E A K E R : The supplementary question is different from the original question. If there is no time to answer question No. 98 written answer would be given. Is there anything to say from the hon'ble Minister in this matter?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Police Modernisation will be continued and the internal road pointed out by the hon'ble member is also noted down.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu H. Liansailova to ask starred Question No. 87.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department be pleased to state .

- (a) What amount of money had been spent by Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department for poverty Alleviation scheme under Centralies Sponsored Scheme during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 ?
- (b) If so, can the hon'ble Minister inform its break up utilisation ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to question asked by Pu H Liansailova, hon'ble member from Aizawl N-II Constituency.

- (a) Under Centralies Sponsored scheme Rs. 397.20 lakh is released during 2004-2005 and Rs. 151.09 lakhs during 2005-2006.
- (b) The break up utilisation of the above fund are as the following :-
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| (1) Urban Self Employment Scheme 2005-2006 | : | Rs. 72.80 lakh |
| (2) U W E P. 2004 - 2005 | : | Rs. 250.00 lakh |
| (3) U W E P. 2005 - 2006 | : | Rs. 65.00 lakh |
| (4) Community Structure 2004 - 2005 | : | Rs. 50.00 lakh |
| (5) Community Structure 2005 - 2006 | : | Rs. 13.29 lakh |

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question tions : (1) What works are done under community structure ?

(2) What steps have been taken under self Employment scheme ? (3) It is shown in the paper issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs that Rs. 411.8 lakh had been sanctioned for Development plan for Chaltlang area on 29.12.2004. Chaltlang Village Council and Political Party Leaders do not know how this sanction is used. For what purpose was the said sanction used ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, in the past years, Local Administration Department made sanctions for construction of steps,

sidedrain, etc. in rural and urder. Now, the Government had differentiate Rural and Urban areas. Thus SGRY. is the only hope for the rural areas. Can the Government take steps to make sanctions for the rural areas ?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, funds under Urban Self Employment Programme are used for giving training to labourers and carpenters from BPL. Family. Funds under community structure are used to buy various office Materials, equipments for the leaders of BPL. and for construction of community Kendra and its equipments. Besides the above. daily earning work had also been allotted to BPL. family under Employment Programme.

In regard to Development Fund for Chaltlang area. I am aware that it is taken up by NBCC. and Fund has not been used now. Tender is still being floated.

Replying to Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the Central Government recognised Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha only as urban area. So, Urban Development Fund can be used for Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha only. We therefore, request the Central Government to approve other District Headquarters also for urban areas. We hope that approval from the Central Government would come shortly. If so, Rural Development Department will look after Villages and all District Headquarters will be looked after by Urban Development Department. The concerned Departments are still preparing to do so.

PU H. LIANSILOVA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Is Cement Mistiri (Masonry) included under self Em - ployment programme ? Masonry work seemed to have good potential for BPL Family. If it is not included in the scheme can the Government include it ?

PU S. HIATO : Mr. Speaker Sir, In Saiha District, Daily earning work is made for BPL. Families. The Government does not entrust the Village Council 's as a nodal agency. BPL. Committee is constituted for the nodal agency in which only MNF are the Member. Those who do the said works are MNF only. Is this being awared by the Minister ? If so, what steps will be taken for its justification ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker Sir, the Government of Mizoram had declared 22 towns for Urban areas. Why cannot we use fund for Urban Development for the said 22 towns if fund is not sanctioned for particular towns ? What problem is there ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister had said that more than Rs. 50 lakh

had been spent for buying necessary equipments for BPL. Committee. What are those necessary equipments? To which Village or town does the said fund is sanctioned? Secondly, more than Rs. 400 lakhs had already been released in 2004 for Development fund for Chaltlang area but the said fund had not been used till date. What is the reason for this? Where do we keep that fund now?

**PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Masonry work is also included in the training items. This training is conducted at Aizawl

Building Centre, Zuangtui, Other items are tailoring, driving, Carpentry, han cutting, handloom, etc. In regard to the question asked by Pu S. Hiato, I do not know the formation of BPL. Committee in Saiha District, I will enquire it and take steps if required.

Replying to Pu Lalduhoma, declaration of Urban areas is generally done by Revenue Department according to Census results. It is mainly for possibility of issuing L.S.C. in such towns. So, approval is not there from the Central Government. Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are the only urban areas approved by the Central. Government, Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha are the only urban areas approved by the Central. So, fund for Urban Development cannot be distributed to other Census Towns. Now, we take steps to approve all District Headquarters of Mizoram. Further steps will be taken to approve all other census towns too.

Replying to Pu R. Lalzirliana, fund under Community Structure is mainly given to RCV (Residence Community Volunteers) and C.O. (Community Organisers) who look after BPL. Members. They have separate Office and they need fund to run their offices (Pu R. Lalzirliana : Mr Speaker Sir, to which area does the said fund is given?) Mr Speaker Sir, I was not prepared to point out the names of locality to which fund has been released. So, I will furnish it later before the end of this session. In regard to fund for Chaltlang area. Which had been released in 2004. It is now in the hand of NBCC. and tender is now still being floated.

S P E A K E R

: Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 88.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister for DP & AR. be pleased to reply whether Right to Information Act can be in force or not?

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Right to Information Act is under the Charge of I & PR. Department. Since the question comes to DP & AR let me reply upto what I know of this Act. Being a new subject we need to study R.T.I. Act Carefully so it takes much time. Immediate steps are being taken to implement this. Constitution of Information is now under consideration of Law Department and DP & AR. had examined the proposal and it will be forwarded to Cabinet Meeting shortly as creation of posts is required to Inforce the Act.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R. Khawpuithanga to ask Starred Question No. 89.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Will the hon'ble Minister for Food Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to reply :

- (a) From which states does the Government of Mizoram buy food grains ?
- (b) Can the Government stock sufficient food grains for this coming Monsoon season ?

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the following are the answer to questions asked by Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

- (a) Food grains are bought through F.C.I. 80, we cannot identify the particular state from which food grains are bought.
- (b) Step is still taken to stock sufficient food grains for this coming Monsoon season.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker Sir, will the food grains to be stocked as mentioned be edible for human being?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, according to clause. 13 B of the Tender Notice issued by Supply Department, Rs. 50 lakh should be deposited by tender bidders. Many contractors cannot afford this. Is this an intention to eliminate small contractors and to favour few privileged contractors ? Secondly, In the past years there were contractors who lost consignment letter which seemed to be punishable. Can those who had lost consignment letter bid the tender again ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Are there two different qualities of rice for VIP Quota ? Can immediate enquiry be done on this matter ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, we had mentioned in the previous session that Carrying Bill is not given according to seniority. For example Pi Zothanmawii was given nearly her total Bill of Rs. 28 lakh. Meanwhile, Pu Hmingthantluanga was given Rs. 7 lakh out of Rs. 30 lakh Contractors from MNF party are given much more than contractors from other political parties. Can we abolish such discrimination among contractors ?

Secondly in Chawngte Supply Godown, one IV-Grade staff under Soil Department is employed as Supply Inspector for more than a year. Is this possible? Is it possible to take the charge of Store-Keeper for other persons?

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr. Speaker, recently, Contractors are appointed to construct staff quarters for Food & Civil Supplies in Rural

areas. Can the hon'ble Minister assure us that Construction works would be undertaken as good as possible.

Secondly, low quality of rice that are not fit for human consumption are in abundance in some supply godowns. As Already raised by the member from Buarpui, can the Government supply better quality of rice and dispose the low quality that has been stocked.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, first of all, I will react to the question raised by Pu Zodintluanga regarding rice supply. The

Government is able to stock ample quantity of rice which can last monsoon season every year. step has been taken to stock edequate supply of rice for the current year.

In the case of law quality rice, I would like to say that the same quality of rice was also supplied to all the North east states by the FCI. The FCI. was also approached in this regard. The State Government has been pressing the same to supply better quality of rice and desirable result is being expected.

Pu Andrew Lalherliana mentioned about tampering of rice supplier. We must be all aware of the fact that tampering of rice supplier has been quite prevalent since 1966. Having this in view , a thorough discussion was held with the departmental head to tackle this problem. One instant measure decided to be taken up is to shuffle store keepers as it is found that many of them have liabilities. During the last month, more than 100 transfer orders of storekeepers was issued. Another measure to be taken up to solve tampering of rice supply is made against the carrying contractors. The carrying contractors are demanded to show a fixed deposit of Rs. 50 lakhs so that the Government could make recovery when the contractors fails to deliver the exact quantity of rice.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Does that mean the carrying Contractors are the ones who have tampered the rice suppliers ?

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, the carrying Contractors and employes of the department are found to be in-

involved in tampering. The Government is now making efforts to find a remedy.

Coming to the case of the loss of consignment those who are responsible for the lose of consignment are penalised.

Pu Saikapthianga mentioned the case of supply of rice to VIP's. It has often been reported to me that low quality of rice has sometimes been supplied to VIP's. I have more than once gave instructions to improve this. Anyhow, the matter would be checked and the members are informed to send their complaint if any and I will look into the matter.

Though it has been decided that carrying bill should be given out to contractors on seniority bases, it cannot be fully abided. But, I would like to assert that the Government has not shown any partiality towards the MNF or the Congress. There is a sanction of Rs. 8 Crore to be spent for carrying and retailer charge. This amount has been distributed in a most practicable equality.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

; Mr. Speaker, it is obvious that those who can obtain Minister's chit are usually the first ones who could get carrying bill from the department I would further like to ask if Pi Zothanmawii who is a carrying contractor has safely delivered all the rice supplier to Lawngtlai Godown. Is it true that the Minister has pocketted a small percentage of the carrying bill ?

S P E A K E R

: The Minister may finish his replies.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker, the Minister has no sole authority in the disbursing of carrying bill. However. I would like to say that I have written recommendations for all the contractors who approach me regardless of the party he belongs. In regard to the question of percentage, I am clear from it.

As for the case of Chawngte store, the Government has no knowledge that the store is being looked after by Government employee, other than a Store Keeper. The matter would be investigated.

Pu Liansuama mentioned the case of construction of staff quarters and godowns. The DCSO. are instructed to oversee that the construction work come out satisfactory.

I cannot deny the fact that the rice quotas are sometimes very bad in quality. But, Generally, the FCI. has given us rice quality which is satisfactory. As the rice is not the product of the State we cannot make any option on the quality. However, the department will take positive steps to improve the quality of rice quota.

S P E A K E R

: Today, the House Leader is away to Delhi on business tour. Pu Sainghaka, Pu K. Lianzuala and Pu Aichhinga, Minister are also not present in the House because of ill health.

The House Leader has authesised Pu Tawnluia, the Home Minister to lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram State Lottery 3rd Amendment Rules, 2006" "The Mizoram State Lottery 4th Amendment Rules, 2006".

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, With your permission and recommendation of the House. I lay on the Table "The Mizoram State Lottery 3rd & 4th Amendment Rules, 2006" (The Copy may be distributed).

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, With your permission I present to the House "The 2nd Report of Committee on Government Assurance. 2006 & 2007 (The Copy may be distributed).

S P E A K E R : Now the Supplementary Demands 2005 & 2006. Demand Regularisation 2001, 2002. Which are already introduced by the House Leader will be taken.

Let us now invite Pu Tawnluia, the Home Minister to beg leave of the House to pass Supplementary Demand for the year 2005, 2006, Supplementary Demand for Grant for Excess expenditure for 2001, 2002.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I request this august House to pass Supplementary Demands 2005, 2006, Supplementary Demand for Grant for Excess Expenditure for 2001, 2002.

S P E A K E R : The Home Minister has presented the regularisation of the Demands for passing me shall now allot a short duration for discussion Pu Andrew Lalherliana.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to extend few points on Demand no. 14 and 40 in the Supplementary Demand because it is found that there has been mis management of fund in the Planning Department and Industries Department.

There is a demand of Rs. 456.1 lakhs on Planning Department. The IT. Nodal Agency wing which was formerly under the Industries Department has been shifted to Planning Department Under the IT. and Electronic Wing there is ZENICS Corporation to take care of electronics. Mr Speaker, shifting of IT. wing from Industries department to Planning Department is not an appropriate decision. ZENICS has been set up to perform electronic works and will be a corporation that can be a revenue earning institution by itself. It is also the only Corporation that can be a revenue earning institution our fund sanctioned by the Government for IT. development. Being 9 Corporation, ZENICS has often submitted tenders to set up computer system and E-Governance in various departments. But, the Government refused to allot contract tenders to ZENICS though the Corporation is a Government under Lotery. There are a number of contract works like setting up of E-Governance for Industries department worth Rs. 880 lakhs, the contract tender for computerisation of Education department worth 75 lakhs, and contract tender worth Rs. 30 lakhs for Higher & Technical Education. All the above tender works were applied by ZENICS but the Government gave the contract works to Kolkata based firms Mr Speaker, there are qualified and experienced software and Electronic Engineers and a member of Junior and technicians working in ZENICS. The Government also signed an MOU with Calcutta based HCL Infinity company. If the Contract works more allotted to ZENICS, it would mean that the Corporation earn a revenue of crores for the government of Mizoram. But, there are officials and authority who are anxious to share the profit with non-Mizo contractors.

S P E A K E R : This is not the time for general discussion. The members are allotted 5-minutes each.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, the subject mentioned by Pu Andrew is a serious matter. Therefore, I request you to let him finish.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, I will continue my speech. From Industries department Nodal Agency has been transferred to Planning department. This decision is taken in order to make ZENICS inactive. My question today is "does the Government intend to destroy ZENICS?" Therefore, Mr. Speaker, my desire is to allot ample works to ZENICS So that it can earn a large revenue for Mizoram not to say self sufficient and my last request is to transfer IT agency back to Industries department.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else? the time allotment is reasonable. If there is no one else, we will now call hon'ble Minister

Pu Tawnluia, to beg leave of the House to pass, the Supplementary Demand for the year 2005-2006, and supplementary Demand for Grant of excess expenditure for the year 2001-2002.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, since the House Leader has engagement with the Central Leaders, I have to stand on behalf of the hon'ble members to understand the Circumstance. Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary Demand 2005-2006 and supplementary for 2001-2002 regularization for excess expenditure, needs no clarification, if we read carefully it clarified itself. However, there are one or two points. I would like to clarify. Supplementary demand, as we understand is not just the increment of fund from Budget Estimate to Revised Estimate. But it also carries, the surrendered fund from one head on reprovision to another head. The Annual Plan size of 2005-2006 is 68,500/- lakhs, and the revised sector allocation is - 73,278/-. The reasons for the increment is as follows :-

1) Award for 12th Finance Commission Rs. 1000. lakhs.
2) Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme - Rs. 33,687/-
3) National E-Government Programme Rs. 410/- lakhs. total- 4778/-. There are others like, centrally sponsored scheme, North Eastern council and Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, which are not highlighted in the Revised sectoral allocation 2005-2006.

The following are balance sectoral allocation for the previous financial year -

1) NEC scheme -	Rs. 6660.7 lakhs.	2) NECPR -	Rs. 5580.8 lakhs.
3) CSS -	Rs. 1951.1 lakhs	Others -	Rs. 7785.3 lakhs.
Total -	Rs. 39,372.06. under Non - Plan.		

Supplementary Demand - Rs. 19,314.43. The followings are reasons of Increment

1. From 12th Finance Commission Award on Local Bodies, Grant and relief an natural calamities.
2. Due to Bye-Election heldin two MLA seat.
3. Due to resolution on the payment of L.I.C. loan
4. For the maintenance of electricity and water.
5. Due to Village Council Election and for the payment of Carrier bill for food by Civil Supply department.

Mr Speaker Sir, the total supplementary demand for grants 2005-2006 is - Rs. 75670 lakhs, Where as the Revised estimate is -Rs. 63460.4. And the Adjustment/Surrendered for the provision is Rs. 1,225.51 lakhs. Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass the supplementary demands for Grants 2005-2006, i.e. Rs. 6,67,493. lakhs.

S P E A K E R

: There is supplementary Demand 2001-2002 as well, kindly submit together.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr Speaker Sir, As per the Bulletin, Supplementary Demand for grant of excess expenditure for the year 2001-

2002 is Rs. 273839 lakhs. I beg leave of the House to pass the said demand.

S P E A K E R

: The Minister has submitted supplementary Demand for the year 2005-2006. The total is Rs. 6,67,493,000.

and for 2001, Excess expenditure regularisation, supplementary demand for grant Rs.2,73,000,893/- All those who agree to pass the demand say agree, if there is anyone who disagree say disagree. Now the House has passed supplementary demand for the year 2001-2002, total Rs.2,73,000,893/-

We will now move on to Legislature Business. We will now call Pu Tawnluia to ask the permission of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2006.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, with your permission and the House, I beg the permission of the House to introduce. 'The Mizoram appropriation (No.1) Bill'.

S P E A K E R : Do we permit? If so, let the Minister introduce the bill.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I introduce, "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) bill, 2006", in this August House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. It is an appropriation bill for regularisation of Excess expenditure, therefore discussion is not needed. We will call the Minister to beg leave of the house to pass the bill. It is a mistake, let both the copy be distributed.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I ask the permission of the House to introduce. "The Mizoram appropriation (No. 2) bill, 2006". Mr speaker Sir, I introduce. "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) bill, 2006".

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now call the Minister to beg leave of the House to pass Appropriation (No. 1) Bill and No. 2 Bill.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass, 'The Mizoram appropriation (No. 1) bill 2006, and 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.22) Bill, 2006'.

S P E A K E R

: All those who agree to pass Appropriation bills No.1 and No. 2, say agree, and those who disagree say 'disagree'. Now the house has passed 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1&2) bill, 2006.

We will move on to the next. Business General Discussion on the budget for the year 2006-2007. B.A.C. has decided that General Discussion will be held for two days and as for demand for grants which is usually held for 4 days, has been extended to 5 days. Anyway, the time allotment is still very limited. Last year, each member was given 16 min. shall we practise the same? Alright, each member will be given 15 min. Let us start the discussion. Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA

: Mr Speaker sir, thank you. It is fortunate that we are able to discuss full budget today, we owe it to the Central government. The Central UPA Government was formed recently. We have Prime-Minister, who is a well known economist not only in India, but in the whole world. We also have an economist as par the Prime-Minister himself as, Finance Minister. Under their able guidance, we have a strong planning commission. Due to these reason, we are able to discuss full budget today.

The citizens look forward to the laying of budget. The central government laid the budget, and the rural people were happy with the budget. If we look at our budget today, 80% of our budget is for the government employees and its maintenance. There is hardly any provision for development. I do not know if we can call this a healthy budget.

The hon'ble Chief Minister, declared that, it is a surplus budget. However it is regretting to note that, government employees are unable to withdraw their G.P.F. unless it is a referred case. Pu Speaker, this is the real position of the government. According to the answer given for unstarred question 43 the liability that the government have in the various institutions and the central government is huge and the interest bearing obligation is very huge. Therefore, it is difficult to say that it is a surplus budget.

Since, this MNF. Ministry was formed in 1998. it did not work to-wards the upliftment of the Mizo society. Mr Speaker Sir, instead they add burden to our people by introducing sales tax, then, VAT. The hon'ble Chief Minister, further said that under VAT item will be increased, due to the persuasion of the central government. Mr Speaker Sir, if we look at other state, as they lay their budget, they are finding a mean to decrease the VAT resources. Mr Speaker Sir, the government is not contract with this, therefore, it further raised the electric tariff. In my constituency, there are several houses which are disconnected due to non-payment of bill. Huge fund is invested for the meter box. Mr Speaker, further, it is the same case with water. This government enjoys collecting tax. Mr Speakers, the ruling party, while they were sitting in the opposition bench, their version was different. Horticulture is neglected today inspite of the huge talks about this department. Now, privatization is taken up. The government stated that, if these government Vehicles are privatized, the government will safe huge fund. However, all the Ministers have purchased luxury cars. It is disgraceful as to how we are intending to restrict the expenditure of the government.

Mr Speaker Sir, the fund for Bamboo flowering and famine combat scheme, does not reach the farmers. In my Constituency, Bamboo Vinegar training was given by Horticulture department. The total amount spent for training was Rs. 15,000/- Where as the total fund allocation from the central government for the training was Rs. 50 lakhs. Mr Speaker Sir, such is the case, as to how the BAFFACOS fund is going to be utilised. Therefore, I just wanted to highlight that this budget is not a good budget. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Mr Speaker Sir, thank you. The budget that the Chief Minister laid today is not an improved, financial management budget. I would like to high light certain points.

As per the state area and population, the budget estimate is huge. But the government's liabilities added together is more by 380 crores. This is our real position.

The Annual Plan is 758 Crores, it increased by 10.661. than las year. This is a great improvement.

Mr Speaker Sir, regarding Revenue surplus, it is not an achievement, the people suffer, they are facing hardship. These surplus Revenue, i.e. 135.5 Crores, should be used for the upliftment of the people. The practise of evading tax on the people, due to the high liabilities of the government should be stopped. Calculating from the statistical hand book, the poorest of the people has to submit Rs. 3,487 as tax. Mr Speaker Sir, the system of land Revenue needs revision, human beings need land and food first according to economists. If we view that, with the present fees and tax the department is collecting, the land lords and upper-class will relinquish their house sites and the poorer section. Will be able to obtain land sites. But this is a wrong notion. As the upper-section and the lower section of the society is bound by the same law, the poor section will still have to pay high fees to withdraw their pass. Therefore, the government should find a provision in the budget to review the situation.

The hon'ble Chief Minister spoke about over-draft that, not even one day has been spent on overdraft, but this is because every treasury has a ceiling. Ceiling is made to control overdraft.

In order to maintain healthy transaction, it is necessary to give priority to contractor and suppliers if there is a budget provision to that respect. Fixation of ceiling only causes problem to the concern people. As the statement of our chief Minister to that effect could misguide the public, it may rather be shown in other ways so that it is understadable for the public concern.

Speaking of resources mobilisation, three projects is shown here for the new tax collection in which water metering and poles for road and bridge will be necessitated for any holder of pass of Rise cultivation under minor irrigation. It is further stated that water metering at metropolitan city and municipal areas will also be done. In this regard, I opine it is not appropriate to do this extensively since water is the basic needs. Again, it is inappropriate to make the decision without verifying consumption and the condition of consumers. It is wise to consider the case of families below poverty line and may be concessional rate has to be made.

Moreover, it is stated at para 6 that measures have been taken to resolve an financed crisis in respect of non-filling of posts, abolition of posts and acquisition of posts. The condition of our budget on the otherhand, is improving after acquiring revenue surplus. If so, can we determine to lift off the problems such as filling of posts abotition of posts and acquisition of posts so as to resolve unemployment problem of the youths today.

About the policy of Privatization as stated by leader of the House, it is pleasing to learn that steps has been taken effectively and is almost achieved now. But there are so much criticism in regard to the system. Can we re-examine the system so as to avade loss for the government.

So Mr Speaker Sir, it will be very pleasing. if appropriation bill is made keeping in mind the problem of poorer section of our society and our budget too will be praiseworthy for all concern people.

Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO

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Mr Speaker Sir, If we look into this budget, there are Finance improvement, Revenue Surplus and of our Fiscal

Deficit which is remarkable high. It is also found that Agriculture sector. Veterinary and Horticulture in which the budget allocation is intensively high where as no provision is found for the benefit of our youths today.

Mr Speaker Sir, India is achieving so much progress and with that Mizoram too is having remarkable achievement for which our budget provision too is increasing. In this relation, I would like to extent my thanks to the hon'ble Chief Minister for manning the state's government machinery without making over-draft within this year. In the same way, Central government, Planning Commission and 10th Finance Commission too deserved praises.

If we examine our budget, it is sad that our fiscal deposit is intensively high which seems to be the highest in the country where as the Central government expect us to maintain zero in respect to Revenue Deficit by the year 2008-2009. If we carefully study Budget estimate for 2006-2007, budget provision for development is intensively less which is only 20 or so. Particularly provision to Agriculture sector is hardly sufficient keeping in mind the coming hazardous bamboo flowering. Besides, no provision is made for the benefit of poorer section of our society and our economic condition is extremely bad and it is very sad to think of our future.

Not only this Mr Speaker Sir, it is regretted to learn that Mizoram State Domestic Product is extremely low. In the same way, our Capita income and growth rate too is relatively low.

Mr Speaker Sir, there is sectoral allocation in respect of AH & Vety Department and it is much regretted to learn that it is decreasing by 14 lakh in compare to last year where as farming of chicken and Cow is encomaged by the government as a measure for combatting Bamboo flowering, which is expected to come on 2007.

In respect of Horticulture department too, the budget allocation is lower than expected where as Agriculture is sufficient enough with the provision of MIP. Yet, it is doubtful that this fund is used for the benefit of the concern people.

In regard to provision for BAFFACOS, it is regretted to learn that 100% of the provision is put at the disposal of ruling party MLA and nothing to hope for MLA of the Opposition Party I must say that ever the government could hardly tell of whether this project will be achieved. What is most important for the government is to determine measure to improve the welfare of our Youth today.

Lastly, it will be much appreciated if our budget is appropriately used

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and the discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

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at 1 : 00 PM.

2 : 00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now resume our discussion. I call upon Pu S. Hiato to have his speech.

PU S. HIATO : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, I used to remind myself of the kindness of UPA Government for showing no partiality in regard to allotment. of fund in the state governments and it truly deserves praises.

Our state government is now under the ruling of a party who is using a beautiful slogan "For God and our Country". It is fortunate for the people that the service of the ruling party is far from their slogan. For a supporter of a Party other than MNF, it is very difficult to maintain our livelihood. It is sad to learn that favoritism is extremely popular here in this government and moral of the people are being corrupted with the practice of partiality. It also have a negative effect in our churches and social life. It is a scheme that we the members from the opposition party are being treated more or less equal with certain unit president of MNF party. Mr. Speaker sir, we deserve at least some respect as we all are elected to represent the people of our respective constituencies.

Regarding steps taken by the government particularly under the DRDA, it is hopeless for a contractor to get a contract work unless he supports MNF party and the same goes with distribution of works under PWD. I wonder if the people knew how oppressive this government is. It is time for the ruling party to determine of how to carry on with their policy as an ideal government have to cover the whole people without partiality.

If we carefully study this budget presented by the hon'ble Chief Minister, Budget allocation to certain departments are increasing. But I have to mention that some projects such as MIP, where large amount is involved only encourages the practice of Corruption as fund coming from this project is utilised for personel benefit of the concern officials and the remaining fund which might have been used as purposed being nothing good except moral Corruption to the concern people as it does not cover all the people of Mizoram.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is totally wrong to prevail restriction on selling of grape wine produced from Hnahlan Village where as discussion was held between the government and leaders of Churches and NGO's. to resolve the problem of marketting of that product. If selling of grape wine is restricted, it is widely used in various churches as sacrament and restriction should have been prevailed on them too.

Speaking of the problem with manual labours, the government should immediately arrange convenient place for hard-working produces of vegetables so that their products is sold in time. In this relation, I want to point out that financial assistance given by the department of agriculture to cultivators needs some sort of re-examination as actual owners of cultivation hardly benefitted the said financial aid but by those who are acquainted with the concern officials. Besides, Mr. speaker sir, it is very fortunate for MNF party for having fund of BAFFACOS as it is being utilised to strengthen their party but not for its actual purposes. Under this project, numbers of go-down are being constructed in rural areas but it is sad to learn that most of the contractors are from Aizawl where as there are others who deserved the contract work.

So, Mr. Deputy Speaker sir, it is important to improve itself so that partiality is stopped in dealing with the people as done by UPA government towards the states.

Thank you.

PU LAL THANHAWLA

: Mr Speaker Sir, to examine the budget statement of our Chief Minister, there is no distinctive feature to be

found except imposition, of tax on farmers under Minor irrigation, VAT, and Police activities towards group of people who protest against imposition of new tax. Get, it is pleasing to learn that our Annual Plan size i.e. 758 Crore is increased by 10.66% than that of the previous year. Thanks to the kindness of Central government.

It is also pleasing to learn that we are having Revenue surplus of 135.05 Crores for the year 2006-2007 looking back into the year 2004-2005 for which the actual project was 106 Crore where as estimate amount of Revenue Surplus happened to be 4.77 crore. Yet, it is regretted to learn that the gap of our Fiscal deficit is not reduced. If we look into Annexure II, the revenue expenditure exceeds the total budget by 70% and is very unfortunate.

Our Budget estimate since 2001-2002 to 2005-2006 is 80% and 79.30% for the year 2006-2007 which is mainly for Salary & Allowances, Maintenance and services. If 80% of the budget is used for the said purposes, nothing much will be left for development, infrastructure and fixed capital formation. It may be taken for granted if the government is depending on non-lapsable Fund from Central. Yet, there is nothing much to praise on this budget itself as only few amount is left for development, Capital formation etc. Our Fiscal deposit by the year 2006-

2007 will than be 121 crore and devaluation of tax deficit which may be received from the central too will be reduced as it will be necessary to make adjustment of our outstanding department. Not only this, 128.05 will be spent for repayment of Public debt which happened to be only of its Principle. If so, it will be 206.87 Crore with the interest.

As for this reason Mr Speaker Sir, Our outstanding debt is increasing every year since 1998-1999 at the average of 6-9% By the year 2002-2003, it was 81.56% which happened to be the highest in the Country and then followed by Himachal Pradesh with 63.25% It is sad to learn that Mizoram remains the State with Poorest resource base in the country. Outstanding debt of Himachal Pradesh may be high but still they are having more revenue resources in compare to Mizoram.

Here, the third place is Sikkim who is having more resource base than ours from which our outstanding debt can be estimated as 90% by the end of the year. I must therefore, say that there is nothing to be proud with this budget. The situation indicates that our government needs to put more efforts on expenditure control and various economic measures.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is much appreciated that 12th Finance Commission has given us sufficient amount of budget provision but with certain restrictions to be followed necessarily. Unless the Target is achieved, our future may be very dark and to achieve our target, we have made. 5 suggestions. Firstly, introduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) In this regard, I would like to point out that it is first important to familiar with its application otherwise, it will obviously has negative effect on the government, businessmen and eventually by the ordinary people. It is therefore, important for the government not to introduce immediately but give training to the concern officials and awareness to the public concern.

Secondly, there is a suggestion to impose toll on roads and bridges and we are bound to follow instruction from the Central since we are not holding alternative resources so as to achieve our target. Yet, in view of the economic condition of our people, it is not much applicable.

Thirdly regarding imposition of tax from holders of land of rice field under irrigation, it may be stated to be done so selectively. Here, it is obvious that the burden will be suffered mostly by the poor cultivators and manual Labourers. If so it is necessary for the government to examine the whole situation of the irrigation so as to be able to provide sufficient waters and relatively, to determine the condition of the concern Cultivators of whether they are in a state to give taxes.

Fourthly, Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is unfortunate that we are bound to ignore the grievances of the people relating to the decision of the government to increase water charges as soon as water meter is fixed. In my opinion if our situation is too poor to comply with instruction of the Central government we must dare to put strong pressure so as to relieve the burden of the ordinary people.

Fifthly, in regard to privatisation of Government vehicles, I have no idea the estimate amount to be benefitted from this plan, yet it is learned that there are around 650 Government vehicles. And to a certain extent, introduction of voluntary Retirement scheme (VRS) seems to be of much help to that respect.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, to examine these 5 points, it is obvious that the burden will be suffered mostly by the ordinary people which is much regretted.

Regarding fiscal Service, it is said to learn that most of the budget provision is spent for recovery of our fiscal deficit. It is, therefore necessary for the government to improve its financial management. In the meantime, it is important for the government not to ignore the kindness of Central Government for giving us a sufficient budget provision. Not only this, it is much pleasing to learn that Saiha and Lawngtlai Districts are being selected for the operation of the project under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. But Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, financial sanction has already been made by last December but not a penny is used for the purpose. I would like to know the reason for the delay. It is much desirable if the government utilise any fund without partiality and only for the exact purpose in order to improve its financial management

Thank you.

PU LALTHLEGLIANA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is much pleasing to have our Budget Provision increased by 10.66% in compare to last year and the central Government truly deserved our appreciation for their concern for Mizoram. This further indicates their true confidence in our Chief Minister.

Our financial management on the otherhand, is praiseworthy for making no overdraft within this year as the opening deficit of our budget is 12963.26 where as the closing deficit is 15674.58. It means outstanding balance is reduced. If we could Maintain the same Management, sooner or later we will have a surplus.

One thing I would like to suggest is to show work-scheduled a department wise so that we could understand work programme better.

Speaking in regard to our Financial Management, I am glad that the dealing is done appropriately and no partiality is evolved particularly on construction of roads and other developmental works. In the same way, dealing of works under DRDA, IAY and PMGY it is done without partiality. The people too seems to be satisfied with the dealing of works being done to cover every corner of Mizoram. What we have to do now is to extent our appreciation to the government

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu D. Thangliana.

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, it is pleasing that we are able to discuss full fledged budget today. Having a great economist as the Prime-Minister and an able Chief Minister, who works for the Welfare of the people, we are here discussing the full fledged budget today. It is not worthy of the Planning efficiency for the allocation of the plan - size in time. Therefore, we are oath to give thanks to the central government and the state government.

As the budget on the whole, we can never have a satisfying budget. The past Ministries have laid budget and so thus the present government, but there has never been a budget which satisfied every one. But, Mr Speaker Sir, today's budget is note worthy in various ways. It is very pleasing to note the bamboo flowering and famine combat scheme, by the 12th Finance Commission. With 40 Crores sanction for BAFFACOS. I believe it will bring prosperity to our state. I thank the hon'ble Chief-Minister for all the hard-work he has put in to fight the problems and difficulties that the people may succumb due to the coming famine. The scheme is reassuring for the people of Mizoram

As for the implementation of the scheme, so far the various departments have done to the best of their abilities to implement the programme even if they may not be satisfactory. I would like to thank for their efforts.

Mr Speaker Sir, regarding Revenue receipt which is 85 crores and 41 lakhs, mentioned by the hon'ble Chief Minister it is note worthy, this has never happened before in the passed Ministries. This indicates that the present MNF. Ministry is sound in financial Management, further the allotment of 129 Crores and 69 lakhs for the recoveries of the various loans, is the result of well financial Management. In the 21st century every state has liabilities at the central government. However, priority should be given for recovery.

Mr Deputy Speaker, it is indeed a great achievement, that the developmental fund has moved up to 62.95% from 21 Crores. for the upliftment of the people. It is also note worthy that, the fund allocation for sports has increased tremendously. This proves that the government give high priority to our youth. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, the budget may not be satisfactory, but it is satisfying with our present situation.

Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Vanlalthaliana.

PU H. VANLALTHALIANA : Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, thank you. As mentioned by hon'ble members before, it is fortunate that, we have a great economist as the Prime-Minister. It is due to his dedication and the efficiency of the planning Commission, that we are able to discuss full plansize budget today. Previous years budget was passed by vote on Account, which hinders the developmental programme. Therefore, this indicates that we are moving towards the right direction which makes me glad. I give my appreciation to the Prime-Minister and his team of Planning Commission of India

If we look at Mizoram budget 2006-2007 it is note worthy of the step taken by the hon'ble Chief Minister, for the Welfare of the people and the government. I would like to point out that, it is a great and brave move, for not filling-up the vacancy post. This shows that, the government give priority to the people, while neglecting the prosperity of the party.

Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, as we are aware we lack in road Communication. However, under centrally sponsored scheme like PMGSY, NLCPR and NABARD, rotatable achievements have been made. The top most priority for the development of Mizoram besides the necessary human existence is road Communication. Therefore, it is pleasing that, road is among the special emphasis highlighted in the Finance Minister's speech.

It is a matter of pride to see the various steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Sports in the State.

Coming to Taxation department. I would like to state that lay giving tax to the Government, the people can play direct sale to become owner of the state. I am glad that various taxes have been introduced in the State. By giving tax to the Government, the people can now become aware of how the State's treasury is being managed. If the people know that they contribute to the revenue of the State, it will give them a sense of ownership. However, it is important for the Government to impose tax as light as possible so that it may not cause heavy burden to the people.

I am also proud to note that the budget recommendation for the State by the Finance Commission for the next 5 year plan has been greatly increased. This prove that this Government has done fairly well in its financial management that the Planning Commission is satisfied to recommend for the increase in States plan budget.

Another point I would like to extend is the programmes and policy made by the Government to meet the threat posed by the coming bamboo flowering (Mautam). As we can see, Mizoram has faced 'Mautam' after every 50 years. Under the new scheme known as BAFFACOS. the Government has taken various steps for the people particularly for the rural community. It is hoped that under BAFFACOS the rural people would get livelihood. In this way, this Government has taken various measures to tackle the coming Mautam. And I am happy to see that I find no member from the Opposition strongly criticising the budget. However, we all cannot deny the fact that our budget is not without flow. What I would like to emphasize is that fund in the budget reach the people especially the rural poor.

PU C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER

: Three members have stand up. Let us now call upon Pu Saikapthianga.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA

: Thank you, Mr Speaker, At the out set, I would like to convey my heart felt gratitude to the people who have

Cho- sen me to represent them in the House. By perusing the Governor's Address it is no doubt we have a good budget. To prove this I would like to say that one of humans biggest enemy is crime. The Governor's Speech shows that the crime rate has decreased by 32 this year percent from last year which is very pleasing. At the same time the states budget provision has been increased by 73 Crores. especially by 10.66% in the plan budget.

The members have highly commended on the Central Government which I understand, I think coalition Government can make better administration. The UPA Government is consisted of multi party. Here also the Ministry is consisted of more than a Single party and let us hope that we can also make better administration.

I too, would like to commend on the Central Government. Realising the various difficulties met during the last Mautam, the State Government has made various schemes to meet the threat of Mautam in 2007. It is great to see the Central Government sanctioning a large amount

of fund for this cause. I have highly anticipated the fund wader BAFFACOS would be wisely spent. However, there is one point I would like to suggest. The largest share should go to the people for the supply of rice.

Another point I would like to criticize in the budget is in regard to Travelling Allowances and office expenditure. latter high.

The budget allocation for Medical has been increased from 32 to 36 crores. I would like to suggest that the increasing amount should effect the lower section of the people like BPL family.

We have often mentioned about Village Council election. In this case, we have often heard of the allegation of threats and birbery. I think this should be stopped in the future.

Another point that invites a lot of debate is fisheries under BAFFACO. I would like to admit that fishery is a good trade for Mizoram. I think fishery is one of the best ways to tackle and meet famine. Fishery has various projects to tackle in the coming MAUTAM. It has often been said in the newspaper that Fish pond assistance had been given to those who do not even have fish pond. Here I would like to clarify that the aim of the centre is to give financial assistance for the making of fish pond and not only for the upgradation of the existing ones. My name has also been mentioned in the newspaper and in the Press Release I would like to explain that before the bye-election. I too, develop fish pond. And I am also entitled to receive the financial assistance as I am also a fish farmer.

In regard to Medical department I would like to express my enthusiasm for the sake of the rural poor. It will be highly appreciated if medical suppliers can be increased. The Civil Hospital may also be extended and upgraded to accommodate higher number of patients. It is the need of the people to have a Government, which can be more contributing to the welfare of the people. Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, while we sat on the Treasury Bench we said that the increased annual budget were due to satisfaction of the Central Government on our financial Management. Now, our annual budget is greatly increased this year. Therefore, I opine that the Central Government would be satisfied with this Ministry.

Thank you.

**PU LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER**

: Who will stand now, we have enough time for all of us to deliver speech. Yes, Pu H. Liansailove.

PU H. LIANSAILOVA

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Thank you. I will not take much time. Today, I am happy for we can discuss the whole

budget other than vote on account. We have new Ministry in the Central Government and the financial condition of India becomes better than the past years. so, our annual budget is greatly increased this year. As we know that Mizoram got awards from the twelfth Finance Commission. This is due to the hardworking efforts of the officers and Staff of the Finance Department of Mizoram. Besides. We seemed to have a revenue surplus of Rs. 135 Crores. It is therefore clear

that the Government of Mizoram works very hard in Financial Management. we can say that no over draft is there during this year. However, if we look at deficit account Rs. 154 Crore is still there though we have revenue surplus.

As mentioned by the leader of opposition, we have not yet received a report of comptroller & Auditor General of India. So, we cannot yet ascertain the real financial condition of Mizoram during the year 2005-2006. While surplus budget is presented this year, we have to remember that the people greatly suffered the measures taken by the Government for fiscal Management. Many contractors cannot be paid and Government Servant cannot draw their General Provident Fund. So, I would like to express my thanks to the people for their tolerance. The Government should have better economic Policy which will not cause suffering to the people.

From the speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister, new taxes would be levied on many new items. I wish that the Government will not make taxes a heavy burden for the poor people. We have to make a budget to be benefitted for every people. I opine that all our expenditure whether Plan and non-Plan fund would be designed for the development of every corner of Mizoram.

Thank you.

PU K. VANLALAUVA

: Mr Deputy Speaker Sir, Thank you. I would like to mention few words along with my thanks to the Government.

First of all, let me express my thanks to the Government for providing more fund to KVI Board, under Industry Department. In the past years fund allocated for KVI Board cannot cover the salaries of the staff. But, now our budget is increased from Rs. 190 lakh to 258 lakh. Besides, we are now given a site for office and our staff are permitted to adopt Pension Rules as a regular Government Servants.

Secondly, I am happy as we can discuss and pass the whole annual budget other than Vote on accounts. This is a remarkable achievement. I would like to mention about the position of women in our Society also. I wish Law Department to take steps for upgradation of women's position in the society.

Lastly, I congratulate Mizoram Congress Party, though a tiny and newly organised political party, it can win more than ten Village Council in the last election. This clearly shows that the people of Mizoram have faith in the coordination of M.C.P. and MNF Party.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Our time has not yet over. Will we continue our discussion? Yes, we seemed to be expecting a break for

today. 11 members have delivered speech today. We will have a break now Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting is Adjourned : 5 : 50 P.M.