

S P E A K E R : "Finally, brethren, whatever is true. Whatever is honouable, whatever is just. Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely. whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4 : 8.

We will go to our business Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask starred question no. 18.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker will the Hon'ble Minister Planning and Programme Implementation Department be pleased to state - (a) How would the Government runs Information Technology (I.T.) Enterpreneur Training for Educated unemployed youth ?

(b) How would the Government solve shortage of manpower in Information. Technology (I.T.) owned by various Department ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Hon'ble Chief Minister, Planning and Programme Implementation Department to give answer to the above question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : (a) At least 400 Educated Unemployed youths are proposed to be given training for solving man power problem in Information Technology (I.T) sector.

(b) Information Technology (I.T.) Manpower problem in various Departments is to be solved by conducting various training for educated youths.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask supplementary question.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir Supplementary questions.

Regarding Enterpreneur Training project - We know that Government of Mizoram called Tender. Form replies of Tender is received. It appears that Government of Mizoram calls only one comparative statement i.e. New Horizon, Calcutta to implement the project. No Comparative statement is demanded from the three tenderers. That's why. the Selection system does not seem to be fair. Whether Government of Mizoram will recall Tender without issuing work order to New Horizon, Calcutta ?

Secondly, that computerization of all Department is carried on in the State. It is needed to have Information Technology (I.T.) experts to be successful in E. Governance in each Department. Whether Government of Mizoram can employ Computer expert permanently to each Department without contract basis ?

Next whether Government of Mizoram make Recruitment Rules for Information Technology (I.T.) service in the State to meet the necessity of each Department ?

Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker sir, supplementary question. First of all, whether Government of Mizoram could create post for Informa-technology(I.T.) expert in each Department ?

Secondly, The Hon'ble Chief Minister said that I.T. Entrepreneur Training for Educated unemployed youth will be given for at least 400 youths, but that is not enough for the State. Whether the Government could provide training for more youths. Does the MOU signed includes post creation for I.T. Man power ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker, Sir. It seems that Nodal organization is to be set up for E-Governance Project for this purpose E-Governance Society is selected to carry out E-Governance Project without Selecting ZENICS. I would like to know how many Tender is given to this Society ? From which date this Society functions ? What amount of sanction can be issued by the Member Secretary, one Crore or Rs. 20 lakhs ?

If ZENICS is meaningless to the Government of Mizoram, is not it better to dissolve.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker sir, I.T. is very important. I do not know its usefulness in the offices. It appears that some Officials use for playing various games, while it is highly needed by schools in the Villages. Is it possible to sent such computers to the Schools in the Villages ?

Thank you.

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker. The State Advisory Board decided selection of Contract-

tor for Information Technology (I.T.) Entrepreneur Training Project. CMC. Ltd, Kolkata, NIIT. Kolkata and New Horizon, Kolkata submitted presentation. Their presentations are generally acceptable. After examining various bids, the State Advisory Board selected the lowest bidder, New Horizon, Kolkata. The NEC issued an amount of Rs. 4,09,39,000/- for the project. of which Rs. 1 crore only is released for it Consequently tender is floated. We, also favour DEOACC and ZENIC. We expect that we show them favour in future. Now, the recommendation made by the State Advisory Board is selected.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Why did ZENICS and DOEACC are not requested to supply presentation ?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble speaker Sir, tender was called to supply presentation, the said three companies submit presentation. Anyway, Mr. Speaker sir, it is out of our Knowledge. If there is error, we will see about it.

Regarding Computer operator on Contract basis, we also want to employ them permanently, we expect that they will be employed in permanent in future.

Answer to Pu Sailothanga Supplementary question Computer purchased from a particular office establishment can't be shifted to the Schools in Villages. Anyhow, we are intending to provide them for necessary use 7 those schools.

It appears that I.T. Administration is not good enough in the State. We are now having proposal to confine it to a separate Department having recruitment rules of its own. The proposal is drafted. We expect that the department will be opened in the next financial year.

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, my question does not meant such separate department but about E - Governance Society providing fund of its own. The question is what amount of money is given to E-Governance Society. Mr. Andrew's question is also not answered. The question is whether Government could provide five comparative statement of tenderers.

S P E A K E R : It is very desirable to have answer about the leaders of E-Governance Society in written form to the House. I also want to say that there may be various kinds of tender billings today. There may be cases where those whom they favour do not submit presentation. Hence, it will be right if it is submit in written form.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker sir, regarding answer to Pu Duhoma's question I did not know the amount as it is not so relevant. Anyway, necessary information will be given in the house later on. We have the State Purchase Advisory Board to evaluate. But it may not be appropriate to supply all information about the decision of a committee or a Board.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, if the hon'ble Members want to see the minute and document what will be the problem?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, that can be entertained by means of RTI Act, let it be taken accordingly.

S P E A K E R : Twenty seven minutes has gone. We will take starred question no.19. Let us call upon Mr. Lalhmingthanga to ask the question.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Will the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family welfare Department be pleased to state - Whether Operation Theatre of Lunglei Civil Hospital is Air conditioned?

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

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. The answer in "no".

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, supplementary Questions (a) What is the reason? (b) As per Finance Department letter No. G, 16020/6/104 Rs. 45.76 lakhs is provided for air conditioning of Lunglei Civil Hospital. How this funds we disposed off? I demand that the answer be given in detail.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Member had already spoken in detail. The Speech

delivered by him is time. The fund for this purpose is in the hands of PWD Mizoram for necessary action.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Minister said about it. It is good to start the work around may this year but it is difficult to have confidence in heading over fund to PWD as Rs. 50 lakhs has already gone. Under present condition there is no expectancy to have air condition even in Aizawl Civil Hospital but only in operation Theatre. Whether there can be pressure to do the work as early as possible.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Minister to clarify it.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, even if we doubt the capacity of PWD to take up this work, there is no other agency and Rs. 45.76 lakhs is sanctioned by DONER for construction of Central air condition.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, What I meant is not Contrary to the words spoken by the hon'ble Minister. I am afraid that the break up will cause failure in the construction of air condition at the operation theatre. I therefore demand that an assurance be given by the hon'ble Minister.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Department will see to it as the hon'ble Member demands.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zodintluanga, to ask starred question no 20.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Will the Hon'ble Minister, School Education be pleased to state - whether high literacy Percentage of the State is due to a good educational system from Primary School level ?

S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana Minister to give answer to the starred question.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to the above question-it appears that it is due to high & good educational system from Primary School level while it is also the steps taken by Adult Education wing; Churches and NGO also contributed to it.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the answer is very pleasing while 64 schools have no Hindi Teacher in the Villages. But in Aizawl and its adjoining areas, 94 Schools have two Hindi Teachers each. Hindi is now, a compulsory subject. Whether those Hindi Teacher could be transferred to the Village Schools ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir, only two Supplementary questions - (a) Whether the Hon'ble Minister could take step so that Teachers posted to Villages may stay in their place of posting. (b) Whether appointment order and the termination order usually issued from the table of the Hon'ble Minister could be stopped ?

PU R. KHAWPUTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Supplementary questions - (a) What is the present position of Mizoram State in literacy? (b) How far the Hon'ble Minister as well as the Department take step for improving the educational quality in the state ?

PU LIANSILOVA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. (a) Whether the Hindi Teachers newly appointed did not draw salary? (b) If so, what is the reason ?

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

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, regarding Pu Zira's question, the present Positions of Hindi Teachers are now examined. There will be reshuffle next year as Promotion Examination is at Land.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, if so, how will you treat the result of Hindi subject in the Schools which have no Hindi Teacher?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the matter will be examined by the Department. While some Middle Schools and High Schools have no any Hindi Teacher, 500 Hindi Teachers for Primary School level were appointed a few days back. We are the first state who introduce Hindi in Primary School level. Now, a proposal for the post of 687 Hindi Teacher for Government Primary School is to be sanctioned after a few days.

Regarding transfer of teachers, it cannot be done as we want because there can be an extreme cases like pension case, health etc.

In regards to literacy rate, we have lot of improvement achieving 90.27 %. Kerala the highest literacy rate is 90.90 %. In Primary School level, We have 75% literacy rate while Kerala gets 62 %, among children above 10 years. We are now in top position among 10 small States It is very pleasing to know that India Today gave us highest ranking in India. This good literacy rate is achieved because of our united effort..

To improve education quality, 15 learned men from Cambridge University gave general teaching skill training to 16,000 teachers of Primary School level to Higher Secondary Schools. Consultation is given to the Headmaster from those Schools.

S P E A K E R : Question hour come to an end. Pu K. Lianzuala, Member could not attend the House on ground of ill - health. Well now proceed as list of business. It's a time for laying of papers Now, let us call upon Hon'ble House Leader Pu Zoramthanga to lay three papers – Annual accounts of Mizoram KVI Board for the year 2002 – 2003, Audit Reports on the accounts of the Mizoram KVI Board 2002-2003 and Annual Report of Mizoram KVI Board for the year 2004-2005 to lay on the Table of the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your permission I lay on the Table of the House- 1) Annual Accounts of Mizoram KVI Board for the year 2002-2003, (2) Audit Report on the Accounts of Mizoram KVI Board for the year 2002-2003, (3) Annual Report of Mizoram KVI Board for the year 2004-2005.

S P E A K E R : The copy be laid on the table of the House. Now, let us call upon Pu.K. Sangthuama to lay on the table of the House "The Mizoram State Consumer Welfare Rules, 2005".

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I lay on the Table of the House, "The Mizoram State Consumers Welfare Rules, 2005".

S P E A K E R : The copy be laid on the Tables of the House. Let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Chairman, Subject Committee to present Reports to the House.

PU K. LALRINLIANA : Hon'ble Spcaker Sir, with your kind permission. I present to the House "The First Report relating to Printing & Stationery Department. The Second Report, relating to Power & Electricity Department and Administration Department (Aviation Wing). The Third Report relating to General

S P E A K E R : While the copy is distributed I would like to say about Assembly Committees to the House. It is very pleasing that the Hon'ble Members of various Committees in the House are working in our State. Some Departments Cooperate with them nicely, while some Departments do not Cooperate their properly I would like to request the Hon'ble Ministers to inform each of this Department to Cooperate with the various Committees of the House. The Committees are to be given importance.

Now, Legislative business, we'll call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006".

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I beg to introduce "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006" to the House.

S P E A K E R : If we agree with it, let him introduce the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission I introduce "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget management Bill, 2006" to the House.

S P E A K E R : The copy has been given to the hon'ble Members last week. He has introduced the Bill as permitted. Let us call upon him to move the Bill for consideration of the House

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we are now to discuss "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006". If we see the text, we will know that it is

technical and is very difficult to understand. I will clarify them as far as possible. But it should be remember that even I have difficulty to clarify them. The budgeting is more difficult than the fiscal responsibility.

The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill is made to comply with the management of awarded fund and fund to be given by 11th Finance Commission and 12th Finance Commission. The Central Government had passed this Bill and is applied to all State. It is therefore, moved to comply with such financial management. The condition and guidelines of the Bill is made to comply with the conditions and guidelines of Parliament and some other small States. Financial experts in Finance Department are consulted when this Bill is drafted. It is regarded to be good enough even for the Central Government. The most important provision of this bill is an implementation of the desire of the 11th Finance Commission. i.e. means of solving financial liability problems of the States. The states are informed to increase this incomes and to reduce expenditure. The 11th Finance Commission objected to the sanction of fifty crores but it is drawn at last after much preservation. Other states too in the North East met such problem. It seemed that fiscal responsibility has to be controlled by the Central Government.

In continuation of Fiscal Reform programme, the 12th Finance Commission advised the State to formulate this Bill. The 12th Finance Commission (2005-2010) submitted. Report to the Government of India recommending reduction of State debt which is known as debt consolidation and formulate debt relief programme throughout the whole state of India. Accordingly, this Bill comes into existence for discussion.

The 12th Finance Commission collected state liabilities in 2005. Some of them have Crores of thousands, ten thousand and one lakhs The interest of state liabilities are reduced to 7.5 % in an average. The liabilities are to be recovered within twenty years. If the repayment is good, before 2010, the liabilities might be write off for remittance. Then the amount of liabilities that can be write off will be calculated in accordance with the quantity of revenue deficit reduction. This Fiscal Responsibility Bill will lead us to debt relief facility. Which would be the ways and means of all Indian States. If we pass this Bill, we have to earn Rs. 57,85 crores for repayment of 7.31 % of principal liability. We expect that we may earn up to rupees 67.58 crores.

The most important target is to have zero in revenue account. There should be no deficit by 2010. At least 3 % should be targeted. In order to achieve this, it is needed to take a serious step. Fortunately, we have 135.03 crores revenue surplus. But due to revenue deficit of Rs. 156.75 crores in the opening deficit. We cannot reach the target. We therefore have 27.11 crores of deficit this year But it should he remembered that revenue deficit or surplus did clarify knowledge of financial management. What I meant is that if our financial management is good, we may have revenue surplus. That is what I want to say.

Therefore, "The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget management Bill, 2006" will cover the whole State of Mizoram. It shall be applied from the date of issue

in the official Gazette. The main policy of Government of Mizoram is to stop revenue deficit. For stopping deficit the year 2010 is targeted. Now, we have surplus but not cover opening deficit. As a result of this, we have revenue deficit of Rs. 27.11 crores. We will then try to reduce the fiscal deficits of the State Government. Besides this, regarding non plan revenue recovery and equity, we will formulate Policies. We have to formulate policies to get rid of poverty and for the progress of economic condition of the State. Those are the main objectives of this Bill.

What is now on this Bill is that Medium term policy statement and fiscal policy strategy statement must be presented to the House along with presentation of budget in the Assembly. The medium term policy Statement shall include three things - balance, revenue receipt, revenue expenditure. Capital receipt will include generation of productive assets, pension and pension liabilities for the coming year.

PU LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state the figure of fiscal deficit, just like revenue deficit.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, fiscal deficit is Rs. 27.11 Crores. We have no revenue deficit this year. It cannot yet be classified as fiscal deficit just now. The criteria of percentage is so technical. Rs.27 crores is budget for the coming year. But we have revenue deficit of Rs. 156.75 Crore in the opening of this year. The revenue surplus reduced the opening revenue deficit at Rs.27.11 crore.

The fiscal deficit is 27.11 crores but I cannot give the exact figure of GSDP evaluation. Expenditure review Committee will be constituted comprising of experts from professional. Finance, economic, management planning, administration, accounts & audit and Law. Pu Speaker if the bill is passed, every department will be bound by the rules, which will lead to stability upto a reasonable degree and responsibility in the management of public finance, to this reason that, the central finance ministry has urged the states to pass the bill.

One point regarding what the hon'ble member Pu Duhoma mentioned, in the year 2002-2003, the fiscal deficit was 963.50. 2003-2004, -781.79. 2004-2005, -611.20. And 2005-2006 as R.E 478.09. Then, as per GSDP percentage for 2002-2003, 43.48%, in the year 2003-2004, 31.15 %. 2004-2005 21. 18%. In the year 2005-2006 it is 14.92. Therefore the decrease in fiscal deficit in relation to GSDP during these 4 years is from 43 % to 14 %. If we exercise, we are expected to decrease to 3 % by 2010. Pu Speaker, there is a chance of 67 crore write off of debt relief, and there could be a profit of 67 crore interest.

Pu speaker, nearly all the State have passed this bill, I therefore request the hon'ble members to support. 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006.

Thank you.

- PU LIANSUAMA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, What is the reason for the difference in the closing balance ?
- S P E A K E R** : In the bill there is a definition for fiscal deficit and revenue deficit.
- PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, please may I clarify – I am not sure of now calculation is done in GSDP Context. Like, our budget deficit is 27 crore, but as per GSDP context, it is 14.92, that is all I can say.
- S P E A K E R** : Questions will be closed now. Last year hon'ble member Pu Andrew Lalherliana moved a similar bill. It was discussed the whole day. However, we will start discussion, as it is important for we are the ones to educate the people. Each member will be given 10 min each where as group leaders will be given extra time. Who will start the discussion? Pu Andrew Lalherliana.
- PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. As the hon'ble Chief Minister has mentioned, it is technical, therefore it is a difficult subject. However, since I have moved the bill last year. I would like to participate in the discussion. Pu Speaker, I am grateful for having such an able Chief Minister, but I would like to state that, the hon'ble Chief Minister follows my foot-step. Last year I moved the fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management bill, but was rejected. Then, I later moved the 'Right to information Act' which was rejected as well. But later the central government imposed the 'Right to information Act'. Any way, realizing its necessity. I am grateful that the bill is introduced today.

First of all, I understand fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management bill as a mean to control the increasing liabilities of government. It is a bitter medicine which has to be taken in order to check the rightful implementation of Budget. Our government has to take this bitter medicine as well. As we are all aware, due to mismanagement of fund the liabilities of the government has increased. From the answer given in 2004 July, Assembly Session, unstarred question No. 44, the outstanding liabilities was 2146.65. The interest of the liabilities was 171. The recovery amount was almost the same as the Annual Plan Budget.

The main aim of fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management is to decrease gradually the fiscal deficit and revenue deficit to a target /manageable level. Therefore, various provision is given, such as medium term fiscal policy statement should be included and capital receipt of loan, also. $\frac{3}{4}$ years of government's income. In fiscal Management principles, the expenditure and the chart of the decreasing deficit should be

included, the balance between revenue receipts and revenue expenditures ; the use of capital receipts including borrowings for generating productive assets. In measures for fiscal transparency, there should be transparency in setting the fiscal policy objectives, and in the preparation of budget. If there is no secrecy from transparency, it will eventually prove vital for the state.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a point which upsets me in 'measures to enforce compliance'. In the present bill. Minister in-charge and the committee is entrusted to have review meeting to check the policy strategy, and not the House. In Parliament procedure, there is a provision that, the Finance department and the Minister in-charge will have a quarterly review meeting, there after, the report of the meeting will be scrutinize by the House. Deviation is done by the house, and he Minister is not allowed to make any deviation without the permission of the house. In the present bill, the Finance department and the Minister in-charge are the ultimate authority, the House which is supposed to be the controlling agent is left out. Like, Parliament, the House will review the report of the meeting. In the present state, there is no one to check the Committee, we fail to achieve the main purpose of the bill. The present bill is not a bitter medicine, but a sweet medicine. Therefore, in this measures to enforce compliances the House, which comprise of the representatives of people should be included. The responsibility of the house should be awarded back.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. First of all I would like to thank the hon'ble House Leader for introducing "The Mizoram fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management bill, 2006". If we look at the increasing rate of fiscal deficit and revenue deficit it is unfortunate for states like us with no source of income. I have spoken many a times in the house in regard to the financial liabilities. I am glad that the hon'ble House Leader introduced the bill.

In the central government, we have great economist as Prime-Minister and Finance Minister. The 12th Finance Commission also comprises of great economists therefore, for the stoppage in the increase of budget deficit, financial reform facilities is exhibited by the central government hence, it is due to this financial reform facilities that the present bill existed, Pu Speaker, it is good enough for our state that, the interest rate of loan block facility will be consolidated to 7.5 % from 12 %. Further, if we abide by the act and the revenue deficit policy, it could prove vital and satisfactory for the write-off facility. Therefore I felt the need to pass this bill in a hurry. I give full support to what the hon'ble Chief Minister has just mentioned.

I would like to speak about the bill body. Looking at the bill clause, by clause , Fiscal Management objective section 3 and Fiscal Management Principle section 4, highlighted. Transparency stability, responsibility, which is essential in the financial management. The government usually kept the Annual Plan financing scheme confidential. I have to ask for these scheme every year. But now that there is a provision that, Fiscal policy statement is to be laid before the legislature with this statement the members will not blindly discuss the budget, the members will be provided with the fiscal policy

strategy statement. I appreciate the clause like, 'the balance between revenue receipt and revenue expenditure'. And 'the use of capital receipt including borrowing for the rating product asset', but, from what the hon'ble Chief Minister has stated in regard to revenue deficit and surplus, it clashes with section 6. In section 6, Fiscal Management Targets – In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the fore going provisions, the state Government shall progressively reduce revenue deficit from the financial year 2006-2007, so as to bring it down to zero by 2007-2009 and generate revenue surplus there after, from the hon'ble Chief Minister's statement. What will be the purpose, after surplus in the revenue sector ? If we are to avail the debt write off facilities, will it not be wise to highlight the surplus if any and demand the corresponding facilities benefit ? With effort, by 2008-2009, the revenue deficit will be decreased to zero. After which revenue surplus could be generate if delayed by three years. This facilities remains in one's mind, therefore, I just wanted to highlight the point.

One point I would like to highlight, regarding fiscal deficit –From the progressive achievement, the fiscal deficit at the context of gross state domestic product 2008-2009 will be brought down to 3 % from the progressive achievement of this year's 14.92..

The hon'ble member from Khawzawl has mentioned about provision for compliance. I have moved a resolution in the house previously, which was rejected after day long discussion. In a democratic set – up, the budget belongs to the people and its representatives in the house. Therefore, the review to the subject should be subjected to the acceptance of this August House. Pu Speaker, please give me extra time.

As we have mentioned earlier, the bill is technical, therefore carefull study is needed, beside this, I feel it could be better if we refer it to subject committee for now, so that, we could come up with better policy to urge the central government to reduce the burden of Finance department, and to solve the high rate of financial liabilities of the state. This bill is supposed to make landmark in the financial management and its responsibility. In good spirit, I would like to suggest that bill be referred to select committee for now.

Thank you.

PU H. LIANSILOVA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. It is no doubt that we are discussing a very important bill today, which will prove vital for the State's financial management and revenue

deficit. Therefore, I believe that there will not be any difficulties in passing the bill.

We the representatives of the people, are here in the Assembly to make laws. The people we represent expect us to make laws for the state on their behalf. During my tenure as MLA, bills and resolutions has been introduced in the House for the benefit of the government. But, certain bills have been rejected. Like the present bill, the hon'ble member from Khawzawl has introduced the bill last year, but it was rejected. Today, the same bill is discussed today and it seems we are supporting the bill. The authorities should learn to accept suggestions.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we should be careful in the making of laws. There are act which were passed 4/5 years back, but without rules. Therefore, we should bear in mind that, the enforcement of rules is as important as the passing of bill. We have experienced and experts who could make these rules. Thus, we should stop copying of rules from other state. We should make rules that is applicable for the state, and which could be enforced immediately. Pu Speaker, before any bill is introduced, ruling and opposition should sit and discuss the bill, thereafter, officials should be given instruction for the guide line. This could prove vital and help in the restoration of loop holes and a better administration.

From the preamble itself, this bill is acceptable. But comparing to Pu Andrew Lalherliana's bill, as mentioned earlier, it is less bitter. The need of the hour for financial management is a bitter medicine. From what we could understand, the revenue deficit needs attention, and the authorities should be careful in the capital investment.

Regarding expenditure review and 'measures to enforce compliance', it is the same as the usual practice. This section needs rectification, for better and effective functioning. Lastly, as I have mentioned earlier, the bill if passed should be ready immediately for enforcement.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Morning sitting is over. Meeting will resume at 2:00 P.M.

After noon Session : 2:00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : We will continue discussion. Pu sailothanga Sailo.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. Today, it is grateful that. We are able to discuss 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006'. This government is fortunate in the increasing rate of budget. However, the management of Revenue Account, Capital account, Expenditure and Disbursement is not satisfactory. With the economy of India growing, India is now in the 4th position for purchasing power. In terms of increasing millionaire, India holds 3rd position. Therefore, we are fortunate that, Mizoram is able to gain and grow along with the central government.

Pu Speaker, coming to the bill, the government's aim is to decrease the deficit at 3% by 2008-2009. For the decreased in deficit, from what I observed, does it really enter the state consolidated fund. I would like to suggest that, the government should check carefully.

The government should take careful measures in the fiscal deposit. We are in need of fiscal reformation, that is the reason why the hon'ble Chief Minister has introduced the bill. We have experts in the Finance Department as well as Planning Department, the government should make used of these experts.

Lastly, regarding measure to enforce and compliance, the House should be included as mentioned by members before me.

Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, after receiving the bill copy, I went through the statement of objects and reasons, it is satisfactory, it is a process to decrease the fiscal deficit and revenue deficit. As we have heard earlier, the hon'ble member from Khawzawl Constituency has moved this bill. It so happened that, even in Parliament, private member's bill are often rejected, until the government prepare a well, blanced bill. I appreciate the quality of the English construction of the present bill. The bill on the whole is satisfactory. As I have mentioned earlier, the provision in the fiscal Management objectives are reassuring. In section 3- sub-section 2 it is stated that, pursue policies to raise non-tax revenue with due regard to cost and recovery and equity'. This will equalize the recovery and equity of corporations.

It is pleasing to note that the bill will provide impetus for economic growth, proverty reduction and implement in human welfare. I also long for next year budget if this bill is passed, where there will be transparency, stability and responsibility, so far. Our budget remains confidential until the hon'ble Chief Minister lays the budget. Members an/d Ministers received budget book on the same day, in the present practice, However, after this bill, the Ministers will have to produce the performance of their department along with the budget. I am looking forward to this. In the present precise, technical department produced work schedule, which makes it easy to discuss the provision of department's budget. Therefore, I whole-heartedly appreciate this bill.

From the Finance Minister's speech, the closing deficit next year, will be 27.11 crores. If this act is implement and if we abide by the provisions. I presume that, we could achieve 0 % deficit by next year. As mentioned by hon'ble member from Lunglei. We are entitle to claim the state GSDP which is 3206 crores. If evaluate from this, our deficit is 27.11. It seems it is better than that of 3 % of GSD;P which makes it that, we have somehow managed to achieve this year itself. Therefore, 27 crore deficit will not be much of a problem.

I would like to highlight few points in regard to section -6. section 6 sub-section 1 which stated that, 'progressively reduce revenue deficit from the financial year 2006-2007, so as to bring it down to zero by 2008-2009 and generate revenue surplus thereafter'. We have some what achieved this. Therefore, we could be a proud state if we could maintain to control financial administration and financial control.

Fiscal Transparency under section -7 we have to be sure of the capital Expenditure investment, whether it is productive. Like, I made a question in regard to Accelerated irrigation benefit programme, the government had paid 4600 lakhs for this programme. The members will now have the chance to discuss whether the Expenditure investment is productive. As per section 8. Review committee will review the report. Pu Speaker, there is one point I would like to point out, or should I say, warning to the government. Pensioners should not be recruited for this review committee, it adds

financial burden to the state. Instead, the House should be the one to review, as mentioned by the hon'ble members before me.

Lastly, I would like to request the hon'ble Chief Minister to present the work schedule along with the budget next year. Knowing that the bill aims towards this, I give my full support to this bill. Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the hon'ble member, Pu. Andrew Lalherliana for his effort in introducing 'Right to information bill', and the present 'The Mizoram fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management bill, 2006'. Pu Speaker both these bills were rejected in the House. But due to the central government's binding, the ruling party is forced to introduce the bill today. I thank the central government as well. The Central government has practiced these rules before. Now we are preparing ourselves to have rules of our own. What I would like to suggest is if this bill is passed, the rules must be readied by next year budget session.

We are looking forward to the 0 % deficit as per provision given in section- 6, and the fiscal deficit per GSDP, decreasing to 3 % from 14 % by 2008.

As provision given by section 7, details of borrowings, ways and means availed from the Reserve Bank of India will be disclosed at the time of presentation of the annual budget. We are not against the liabilities, but we must be sure of the investment.

Mr. Speaker Sir, once this bill is passed, the rate will drop to 7.5 %, which means the interest will fall and so does the amount and duration of payment. But, what I would like to mention is, once the duration of payment is prolong, it does not mean that we have cleared our liabilities, therefore we should not neglect. What I dread is that, we will use it as a means to post pone our liabilities than a mean to solve the financial problem.

Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding debt write-off, I do not quite understand the process, I request the hon'ble Finance Minister to clarify.

Coming to section 9. members before me have mentioned about this section. We have the copy of central government's rules. It is unfortunate that, many of vital points have been omitted today, such as, 'The Minister incharged of the department of finance , shall review, after every six months'. Whereas, in the central government, review is done quarterly and after which, it should be laid in the Parliament. Where as in the present bill, the Finance Minister will only review and not lay in the House. Mr. speaker sir, the members should be given the chance to discuss the review statement in the House, as it could prove vital for the development of the state. Therefore, I would suggest that, the bill be referred to subject committee to provide this provision. Further, in the Central government if there is any alleviation, the Finance Minister has to take the approval of the Parliament. Mr. Speaker Sir, this has also been omitted. What is the point if vital points are omitted? therefore, these points should be included. There is no point in having a law which is not sufficient.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not agree will section 14 'Power to remove difficulties', it stated that, 'Provided that no order shall be made under this section after the expiry of three years from the commencement of this Act'. Rules / laws need amendment from time to time. Mr. Speaker sir, if we follow the present practice, we should dissolve 'Transaction of Business Rules'. This rule is a temptation for every Chief-Minister, since such high power is vested in him. Therefore, if we make rules, it should be rules which could be practise for the coming generation. I would therefore, suggest that the bill be referred to sub-committee for better provision.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. speaker sir, thank you. First of all I would like to thank for 'the Mizoram fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management bill, 2006'. The hon'ble Chief Minister

mentioned in 2002 that, we will now move in 1st gear, but, if we recall the Way we are moving in 1st gear, the budget we passed last year is less than the deficit.

From the provision of the bill, the total loan would be consolidated and rescheduled for a fresh term of 20 years and interest rate is re-set at 7.5 %. If we abide by the provision given in the bill, facility in the form of debt write-off is also available, which is very much appreciated. However, we M.L.A's are here to make laws, however we don't abide by the rules and regulations, so is the government. Rules are made regarding Printing/Stationery. But departments like under Home minister, refused to purchase from Printing and Stationery Department, instead prefer to purchase their requirements from private suppliers. Such is the system of the government, instead of generating the government's revenue, department prefers to generate private accounts of suppliers. We make rules and regulations, but, we ignore these rules and regulations ourselves. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is due to these reasons that our state has set-back in development and growth. The hon'ble member have introduced this bill in 2004. We should have passed at that time, so that we could have functioned under this Act by now. We could also be an example to other State.

Mr. Speaker sir, today our leaders looks depressed. I don't quite understand the reason, may be, it could be because of the coming bye-election. It is nice when our leaders have a smile on their face, it is reassuring. Mr. Speaker Sir, we say that, it is peaceful under your guidance in the House, but if there is a reshuffle in the Ministry it could be pleasing if Finance could be taken up by someone who is capable and prove to be efficient in supporting the hon'ble Chief Minister as he is a busy man, that will further prove beneficial for Finance department.

Centrally sponsored schemes come with proper guideline. M.L.A.'s and M.P's are appointed for monitoring and Vigilance committee. However, even in this regard, we do not function according to the guideline. We are blocked for spot Verification at times. We received huge sum under IWDP from the central government, but is there any scheme/Project which is worth mentioning ? so is the case in Power, Tuirial Hydel project flopped because of the hon'ble Chief Minister's family, it is due to this reason that, the hon'ble Chief Minister has changed his tone in saying that, 50 Megawatt. Is sufficient for Mizoram.

Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr. Speaker sir, thank you. Today we are discussing an important bill. However, implementation is more important. We have passed Land Holding Act, 2001,

which was very important, but till today, the rules are not readied. Therefore, having good Act is not sufficient if not implement accordingly. The bill we are discussion today is exceptionally important. If the fund allocation from the central government is implement accordingly, there could be great development in our state. Like, in Horticulture in the past 4 years, it has received Rs. 6939 lakhs, but no development is seen in Horticulture inspite of the huge fund received. It is the same case in Industry department.

If we look at fiscal Management principles it is pleasing to note that there will be transparency in setting the fiscal policy objectives. Further, what pleases me is that, there will be performance statement in the next budget if this bill is passed. This is one reason I would like to pass the bill.

Coming to consolidation and write-off, from the 12th Finance Commission report, we are the lowest in term of repayment of Central loan. Then regarding debt relief to the tune of Rs. 57.85 crore, in 20 years, I do not accept it, may be because I do not know the calculation. However, the provision, the amount of debt write off admissible depends upon the reduction of revenue deficits over years', will guard.

I would like to highlight the various awards given by the 12th Finance commission report. In Minot Irrigation, we cannot compare ourselves with the developed states, but if we compare with the North East States. We are the lowest in Minor Irrigation. This could be due to the fact that, our utilization certificate is not reliable and this further proves in the financial mismanagement. Mr. Speaker sir, if we look at Health & Family Welfare, Municipality, Forest, Maintenance of Building and Roads & Bridges, we are the lowest in the North East States. Therefore, careful step is needed to be taken in the implementation of developmental projects. Therefore, I give my full support for the bill, since the Chief Minister has introduced the bill with good intention.

Thank you.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. We usually pass bill which state is in great need. Today also, we are discussing a very important bill. But I regret to say that,

the official gallery is partly empty. Yesterday we discussed an important bill, Co-operation society bill. Mr. Speaker Sir, it was disappointing that the opposition left while discussing the bill. Hon'ble Minister swear in the name of God that he has never taken compensation in his whole life, it was very convincing. I hope that it will not be repeated in the future by the opposition members. Co-operative Society bill is an important bill as we are all aware, it is unfortunate that we have an opposition Leader who is capable of leaving the House in the midst of such an important bill is being discussed. Anyway it suits the opposition Leader, as he does not mind sitting as opposition Leader, even after being short of numbers. (Interruption) I have seem Members disrepecting the House many times. Today itself, as we are discussing this bill, there are

members who spoke totally out of the context of the bill. Therefore, I may as well speak about Lunglei Greater water supply scheme or Hrangchalkawn scandal, otherwise, the hon'ble Speaker should allot me Zero hour tomorrow.

Coming to the bill, hon'ble member from North II mentioned that, VAT was passed in France in 1988. What I would like to say is, it is wise to copy what is essential and what is important for the development and growth of a country. Today, 11th Finance Commission felt the need for this fiscal management bill. For the growth and development of the states so, we should therefore accept and pass this bill. There may be some provision which needs amendment and amendment can be made from time to time, but as of now we should pass the bill as it is for the growth and development of our country. Last years we were not against Pu Andrew Lalherliana's bill, it was just that, private member's bill need careful review. Therefore, today the government has come-up with this bill, which has been vetted by law, we should all support this bill.

Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Speaker Sir, thank you. I am grateful that, today we are able to discuss this important bill. The House have passed 'Right to Information Act. Which has been implemented. The aims and objectives of Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management is very clear. The hon'ble members gave their view in certain provisions, but according to me, I do not see the need to delay this bill because of these minor problems. Amendment could be made in the coming budget session. The purpose of the bill as we know is, reduction of revenue deficit and increase in the revenue receipt, and non debt capital receipt, which is essential for our states. At present, department take loan without proper investment. Buildings are constructed with these loan, thereby leaving the government with no return. Thus, with the provision in this bill, all these will be under control. After this bill is passed, the people will praise the government and stop criticizing the government. Further most, it is the people who is to benefit if this bill is passed. Therefore, is give my full support to this bill.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. It seems we all support this bill, but there are few points I would like to highlight. It is noteworthy that, we are able to pass important bills every session. Yesterday Co-operative Society bill was passed, and today we are discussing another very important bill for our state.

Mr. speaker Sir, as mentioned by the hon'ble member from Mamit, blessings starts showering in the state, after the M.N.F. Ministry was formed in 1999. One index which proves this was, the raise in the church offerings. Our Finance Minister who is also a Chief Minister used to participate in plan discussion every year, and the

Central could accept our target because our Minister clearly knows the potential of our state and the amount of our liabilities. When a plan fund increases, even the amount of our liabilities increase. This, however, is an implication of development which is growing rapidly in Mizoram.

Coming to the Bill, it is clear from no 3 and 4 that we are going to have clear objectives and fiscal management principles to achieve our objectives. In no 5 (i) it is written- 'The state Government shall in each financial year lay before House of the state Legislature the statements of fiscal along with the annual budget' which means we, the legislators, can control as we desire in Contrast to the apprehension of some of the members. There is none to misappropriate, instead the state Government will try to reduce revenue and fiscal deficits while trying to generate revenue surplus. Now we are having fiscal management target and objective with transparency as we desire for there is still measures and short compliance which will be reviewed by Review Committee consisting of professional expertise. I wonder how can they make such a detail Bill. However, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to make one clarification that is section 12 - Protection of action taken in good faith. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to clarify the extent of good faith here. According to the text 'no suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any officer' which in my opinion needs second thought. Thus, if we go through the Bill we can see that it is very detail as there is power to remove difficulties. It is, therefore, gladsome that no member is opposing the Bill, I myself also would like to express my gratitude for the House is going to pass it.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Before I call the mover of the Bill to wind-up I would like to explain one thing. The hon'ble Group leaders Pu Hminga, Pu Duhoma and the hon'ble member from Aizawl North-II had suggested to refer this Bill to select Committee. But when I go through our Rules to refer a Bill in the select Committee a motion should be submitted in Amendment form. Two clear days before the day on which the Bill is to be considered. As that is the case it is not formal if the motion is not submitted as an amended form as required by the Rules. However, if the mover of the Bill accept the proposal/suggestion of the said members and agree by the House, it can be done as their proposal. So it depends upon the opinion of the mover of the Bill. Now, I will call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister, mover of the Bill to wind-up and make necessary clarification and also to ask the House to pass the Bill.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Thank you, Mr. Speaker sir. Today I am glad that we could discuss The Mizoram fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006. As I had mentioned earlier, there may be some difficulties as it is technical to some extent, But from our discussion it seems that we are clear enough and I am glad that no member is against it instead various suggestions are given.

At the outset, I would like to mention that the hon'ble member Pu Andrew had moved a bill in this regard but in order to pass / Legislate Bill/Rules, the ministry, the legislature, the concern Department and the society as a whole should prepare themselves. As such the year 2004 was the period of 11th Finance Commission and when the 12th Finance Commission started functioning from 2005, we have to wait to know the requirement of Central Government. Accordingly, we consulted other states and the experts at Central Government. In such a manner, this Bill is prepared by the expert of Finance Minister in consultation with the expert from Delhi, Law Department and Central Government hence this will be good enough. I also would like to point out that the Bill is prepared in compliance with the requirements of Central Government, to make Revenue Deficit at zero and to consolidate our loan by 7.5 %. They may also write off our debt if we can decrease by 3 % according to our GSPD (Gross state Domestic Product). However, GSDP calculated by statisticians of our state is not accepted by the Centre, it should be according to the calculation of the expert of Finance Department at Central Government. If we qualify according to their calculation to write-off our debt, they will monitor it, under the Chairmanship of Expenditure Secretary with the presence of State Finance Commissioner and Chief Secretary. So there is nothing to be apprehensive about in this matter as mentioned by some of the hon'ble members. At the same time, we do not claim that this draft is perfect for Mizoram and amendment can be made if the hon'ble members have better proposals or suggestions.

In regard to the question asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma whether they can write-off all the debts of the Departments, the total amount that can be availed under the facility in the form of Debt write-off is limited to Rs.67.85 crore which depends upon the amount by which our revenue deficit is reduced. There is no clause to write-off all our debts- they will have the same ratio to calculate. I, therefore, would like to say that going by the minimum amount, the total admissible amount of debt relief is Rs. 125.70 crore.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. While the Recommendation of 12th Finance Commission as seen in page no 475 for department consolidation is for five year terms. I do not understand our calculation for a fresh term of 20 years. It will be pleasing if this could be explain more specifically.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. speaker sir, as reflected in financial memorandum, our debt relief is supposed to be Rs.57.85 crore out of which Rs. 7.31 crore is in terms of lower repayments and Rs. 50.54 crore as a result of lower interest payments. This calculation is done by the experts of Government of India, I, myself do not understand how they calculated.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, section no 6 of the Bill is fiscal Management Targets- In particular and without prejudice to the generality of

the foregoing provisions, the state Government shall - 1) progressively reduce revenue deficit from the financial year 2006-2007 so as to bring it down to -zero by 2008-2009. The hon'ble Finance Minister, on the other hand in his statement stated that our revenue surplus for the current financial year is Rs. 135 Crore. If that is the case why don't we write 2006-2007 in the Bill we are going to pass instead of writing 2007-2008, 2008-2009. so as to have better advantage and to impress the Centre? If the Minister-in-charge agree to make verbal amendment, let us make it to reflect our present situation so that we can claim the benefit now itself.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, we are going to legislate the Rules in the coming financial year. The fiscal Management Target no 1- 'progressively reduce revenue deficit from the financial year 2006-2007 so as to bring it down to zero by 2008-2009' is being put here as per the instruction of 12th Finance Commission though we already have surplus revenue. However, while we are to reduce fiscal deficit to 3% of the estimated GSDP, we are 14%, so we are not eligible for department write-off. It is worth to mention that our financial progress since 2004 is quite commendable. According to the rough calculation made by finance Department, our GSDP had been reduced from 14,92 to 7 something during the current financial year. We are, therefore, having high hope in this regard for we are taking great efforts in fiscal Management.

In regard to taking loans, I would like to mention that we take only few loans during our ministry. The only loan we had taken by our own willingness is for construction of Car parking while other loans are imposed by Central Government for various schemes stating that these will be state owned resources and also that we can get some percentage as Central Assistance which we can not deny. When these piled up, the amount of our loan is automatically increasing. Another reason why the amount of our liability is increasing is when we submitted a project, we sometimes are compelled to contribute 25 % for development fund. So, the most amount we get from Central under Plan fund is 90 : 10 So, whenever we are allotted 100 crore we are indebted 10 crore automatically. As that is the case, senior states are having more liabilities.

While the Centre urged us to take loan either from NABARD or LIC the interest rate had already been fixed and the amount we have to repay is very high. Since loan interest in market area is low, we asked the Centre to reduce our debt, we are getting Central assistance by 7.5. As such, all states in India are having huge liabilities. On the other hand, as the Central Government does not have its own resources, it depends on the contribution of various states, so, it is important for Central Government to practise fiscal management and find a way for the states to repay their loans including how to write-off.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, as we do not have our own source we need to take loan in order to make our deficit at zero. Can this be accepted as zero deficit? According to this Bill, it seems we are allowed to have outstanding debt upto the double of our estimated receipt.

If our loans are considered as our own source and take huge amount of loan to reduce our deficit amount to claim consolidation of loan and write off of debts, will the amount of our liability be increasing ?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, our state own resources like revenue tax and non-tax revenue we have collected amounts to crore of rupees. Besides this, various taxes given to the

centre by states which had been distributed/allotted to the states are considered as state own resources. However, Central Government is having its own calculation to accept our deficit at zero and as our finance Department knows this calculation they can easily say whether we are at zero deficit or plus. Hence, there various sources are our revenue. Meanwhile, there is another calculation for our debts of various loans.

Another point I would like to explain is in regard to generate revenue surplus we will enact the prescription of 12th Finance Commission. Which is clearly written in financial memorandum -- 'the quantum of right of the payment will be linked to the absolute amount by which the revenue deficit be reduced'. Hence, debt write-off and weaver can be availed in 2005-2006. So, as it written in the concluding paragraph 'however as the first year 2005-2006 has already gone and that debt write-off would depend upon the revenue deficit, actual amount that may be availed may be less than the total admissible amount' the year wise is very important, we have already missed first end i.e, 2005-2006.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

: Mr. speaker Sir, is it good to inform the Centre that we are now in surplus at least by correspondence ?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. speaker sir, it may be good. However as mentioned in the financial memorandum. We have missed one year and we may not reach Rs. 67.85 crore. Though that is

the case we will try our best to claim this as suggested by the hon'ble member Pu Lalhmingthanga

In regard to the questions asked by some of the hon'ble members about the funds we are getting which is not reflected in the budget book. I would like to inform the House that we are getting large amount which is not reflected in the budget book. But this is not according to our willingness. Central Government said there should not be in the budget. This is because when they are in the budget there are many unpaid bill due to the non-availability to release. As that is the case, even PMGSY has separate funding system throughout India. If it is not like this, there will be confusions in the CAG Report.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO

: Mr. speaker sir, if I am not mistaken I think there is a rule to control the funds

released by Central Government as there may be misappropriation without going through Finance Department. If there is such rule is it possible to enforce it?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the funding system is
CHIEF MINISTER that the Central Government just give us
cheque and we have to encash it here.
However, the report should correspond
with CAG report. Though the funding system/channel and usage is different no one can
use Government's funds without the knowledge of Finance Department.

The wording quoted by the hon'ble member Pu Khawpuia in section 12-
'Protection of action taken in good faith' is judicial term.

It is worth mentioning that we have made great efforts in finance
management though it is not up to our satisfaction. However, there is great improvement
due to the introduction of vehicle privatization and new medical re-imburement system-
Which reduced our office expenditure. It is our intention to have specific financial
management in the coming budget. Even our GSDP has been cut down to 7 from 43.

S P E A K E R : The time now is 4 P.M. If we have to
exceed 4 PM. permission of the House is
needed. Do the House agree?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, as I had just mentioned,
CHIEF MINISTER we are going to have specific financial
management in the coming budget. I beg
the House to pass the mizoram fiscal
Responsibility and Budget Management Bill, 2006.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The mover of the Bill who is also the
Chief Minister had asked the House to
pass his Bill. We will pass clause by
clause. Those who agree to pass clause 3
-14 'Main Body of the Bill' may say 'yes'. (Members agreed).

Now those who agree to pass Preamble, Enacting formula and Clause 1,
'short title' Clause 2. 'definition' may say 'yes'. (Members agreed). Now those who agree
The Mizoram fiscal Responsibility and Management Bill, 2006' may say 'yes'. (Members
agreed). So, 'The Mizoram fiscal Responsibility and management Bill, 2006' is passed by
the House.

Our business for today is over. We will resume our sitting tomorrow i.e
19.10.2006 at 10 : 30 PM.

Sitting adjourned at
4.05 PM.