

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE  
FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
2<sup>ND</sup> SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2003.**

**PRESENT**

Pu R. Lalawia, Speaker, at the Chair, 20 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 18 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House  
The Mizoram Fisheries Bill, 2002 as returned by the Governor.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

3. **THE SPEAKER** to report to the House the Time Table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the Current Session.
4. **DISCUSSION** on motion of thanks on Governor's Address.  
( to be concluded )

**S P E A K E R**

: "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Matthew 5:11

We shall now take up our business. To start with, I call upon Pu C. Thanghluna to ask Starred Question No. 1.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.1, for favour of answer to be given by hon'ble Minister Animal Husbandry

and Veterinary Department.

**S P E A K E R**

: Mr. Lalrinchhana, the Minister to answer the question.

**PU LALRINCHHANA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, to answer the question of whether there is any determination to procure injection for chicken

flu in rural areas, the Department is taking preventive measure against chicken flu by procuring medicine which will be distributed in various places as demands.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is to be noted that this medicine needs to be preserved with ice to prevent it from immediate expiry. As for this, it is not possible to stock where such storage is not available. The medicine is being stocked in the place where it can be preserved and then be distributed in other areas as demanded.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Model Piggery Farm at Kawikulh had been commissioned previously for which 62

families has been selected in the beginning but only 32 are being finalized. What is the reason ?

Secondly, it is much desirable if this kind of substantial programme is achieved as being planned since it involved enormous amount of fund in order to achieve it, it is necessary to determine whether the selected sites are adaptable and enough supply of water is available.

**S P E A K E R** : Few seconds please. Since your point is not relevant to the main question, you may later make it separately. You may now ask about chicken farming.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have to raise this question because the original size is being reduced to half and is even falling down to only 8 which make it seem that we strayed away from one main policy of M.I.P. what is the reason ?

**S P E A K E R** : The matter may later be discussed in the General Discussion as it is not relevant.

**PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, within Aizawl District 60 families of Kawkulh village are being selected for this scheme. But this village could not accommodate the whole size due to its distance from Aizawl hence it is being reduced to 30 and the rest is allotted to the nearer villages. To start with, only 10 nos. of piglets is being provided to this concern village and the rest will be given as conveniency of the Department... other requirements such as electric power and water supply is also being determined. Yet it is not possible to resolve the problem instantly since it is first necessary to declare that village as a permanent village by LAD Department so as to provide water and electric connection necessary steps are now being taken by the concerned Departments and with their efforts I strongly hope, this programme will be successful.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, as far as I am concerned, I think I know the benefit of breeding chicken and on the other

hand the problem being involved. My question is whether the Government does not encourage breeding of chicken because of those problems? The Department of Veterinary frequently notify the arrival of fodder for pig but never for chicken although it is available regularly from private dealers. Whether fodder for chicken too is available from the Department?

**PU LALRINCHHANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is true that breeding of chicken is benefiting if concentration is given yet not enough due to

the rate of its fodder which could hardly decrease. As for this, single egg may be worth not less than 5/- in order to resolve this problem, the Department is now determining to manufacture fodder and the machinery has already been planted in the area of Ramrikawn and the rate is expected to reduce to Rs.10/-.

It is to be noted that unless it is done on large scale production it will not be much productive. After the achievement of manufacturing plant for the fodder, there will be large demand for corn and soyabean for processing. If we could afford to supply the requirements, I strongly hope the enough supply of fodder will then be available from the Department.

**S P E A K E R**

: Starred question No.2 to be asked by Pu Zakhu Hlychho.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No.2, whether there is any alternative for the government to sanction grant

- in - Aid to the victim of MST Bus accident without waiting for clearance from tribunal.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, If claimance is made without giving information first to the Transport Department, it

is necessary to bring the matter to Court Judgement.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO**

: Supplementary question  
Mr. Speaker Sir, It is a regular practice of the Department and the concern

Minister to visit any victim at the spot where accident is taking place and give financial assistance for emergency use, but in this Ministry it has never been done. For instance, when accident occurred in Arunachal Pradesh, the visiting Minister handed over certain sum of money to those victims as immediate relief fund and the same to those victims of recently train accident in the Central India. But Mr. Speaker Sir, it is surprising to learn that our government do not provide the said Grant - in - Aid without clearance of Tribunal claim first. What is the reason ? It is to be noted that accident claimed through tribunal could not be processed easily and it usually takes more than 2 or 3 years. I, therefore request the government to consider grant - in - aid to provide without necessitating clearance of tribunal claim first.

**PU R. LALRINZUALA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, have the government provided Grant - in - Aid to the two victims of hit and run of the Bus

used by the Ruling Party for picnic between Champhai and Tiau ? Secondly, it is a waste of time and money for the travelers on Maxi Cab between Champhai and Tiau for being frequently halted for checking at the check gate. Mr. Speaker Sir, since we are no longer living under insurgency, the said check gate may be eliminated for the convenience of the public. I am asking whether this check gate has been placed just for personal benefit of the concern police force ?

**S P E A K E R**

: It may require Home Minister to answer your question

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, since this matter is concern with Road Transport and permission for the service of

Maxi Cab. I support your opinion in this regard and my question could be shared by the Department of Home and of Transport. Could both the questions be answered?

**S P E A K E R**

: Pu C. Thanghluna.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, relating to the Question raised by Pu Zakhu Hlychho, I want to ask that one fellow in my Constituency made a claim at Tribunal and the Court too ruled to give sanction but it has not been done till Department of Transport is not allotting fund for this?

**S P E A K E R** : Pu K. Sangthuama to answer the questions.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, grant-in - Aid may also be given without making claim thro' Tribunal and MVI Act 1986 schedule 2 provides the procedure. But the concern person usually claim thro' tribunal without first approaching Transport Department and this compels us to bring the case before court.

The problem is that most of the Buses of the Department has not been insured under the company and the Department have to pay all the necessity whenever accidents happened. But since 2000, all are being insured and the concern company will then bear the expenses. Any case before 2000 are now being processed and the Department have already spent Rs. 10 lakhs for 6 cases between 2002 - 2003. We are now planning to give sanction of Rs.40 Lakh to 24 persons. Judgement has already been issued to 8 persons and they are expected to receive soon. To some extent, it is necessary for the concern persons to understand financial condition of the Department too. Demand has been made to Finance Department for this sanction continuously and we are hoping to clear up all the balance within the next financial year.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, supposing a person lost his life from the accident of MST Bus, how can he report himself to the concern Department? Whether the Minister himself is supposed to know such incident?

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, point raised by Pu Zakhu Hlychho regarding the accident in his Constituency, I want to say that we have given them immediate relief fund for purchase of medicine and I supposed he himself have no knowledge about it Regarding the question of Police

check gate between Champhai and Tiau it is the concern of Home Department. The question raised by Pu C. Thanghluna, I don't exactly know whether the case of one person in his Constituency is included or not yet I do hope it will soon be received. It is regretted that certain cases have taken very long to be processed but as already pointed out, such cases are obviously before the year 2000. We are now trying our best to process any case so that the Demands is received in time of needs and clear up all such cases by the next financial year.

**S P E A K E R** : If the Minister gives immediate Relief fund to any victims of bus accident, he may inform the members.

I now call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana to ask starred question No. 3.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred question No. 3 - Have the quotation for collection of parking fee is being processed in accordance with its terms and conditions ?

**S P E A K E R** : Pu K. Sangthuama, the concern Minister to answer the questions ?

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, my answer to the question is that the government gives importance to the terms and conditions in the selection of collector for Parking fee within Aizawl.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to express my appreciation of your regular practice of reading out Bible verse before starting our discussion. It is much desirable if all the members learn some lessons from your reading. In this relation, the concern Minister is a registered I-Class Contractor and he is supposed to know very well the procedure for this selection and valid or invalidity of quotation which will be rejected or entertained. Even so, it is surprising to learn that some of the invalid quotations are also selected and entertained and the said Rules and Procedures have no meaning in the selection. Besides, nepotism is also prevailed excessively as one of the lowest

bidders have been selected due to pressure from one woman of MNF worker. I, therefore ask whether selection could be conducted again freely and fairly.

Secondly, it is learned that Finance Department have sanctioned for departmental promotion of 2 Grade IV but there is a plan for appointing officiating LDC at the vacant posts. I am asking whether the concern Minister could give his assurance to reject such ? It is much desirable if such posts are filled as it is supposed to be filled.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, supplementary question, whether the Rules and Procedures object to selection of tender quotation of under-aged applicants ? Is it true that under-aged applicant has also been selected for the said ?

**S P E A K E R** : Pu K. Sangthuama the Minister to answer the question.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, instruction is given to the Department to conduct appropriate selection in this regard. I may read out the procedure for the selection to understand the whole process.

Serial No. 1 - Saikhamakawn - Kulikawn - Tlangnuam Road is allotted to the sole applicant Pu, Lalrampara of Salem Veng. Serial No. 2 - Kulikawn - Mission Veng Road is allotted to Pu Zokailiana as there are no applicant for this area. For Serial No. 3 - Mission Veng - Sikulpuikawn - Mission Vengthlang Road, out of the four applicants the highest bidder Pu Lalthansang is being allotted for Serial No. 5 - Sikulpuikawn to Treasury Square via Upper Republic Veng, both the two applications are invalid but since one of them has withdrawn it is allotted to the other Pu Lalthlamuana Ralte of Aizawl Vengtai, whose application is being rejected due to missing of date to fill up in the quotation form for serial No 5 - Sikulpuikawn to Khatla Road, Khatla kawn Nursery, Pu Chawnga Road, one of the two applications being validated and allotted to Roland Vanpuilala. For Serial No. 6 - Khatla to Bungkawn Road, Bungkawn to Nursery ..... it is allotted to Pu, J. Zohmingthanga as there are no applicant for this area and he was once selected but not resumed due to some reasons : For Serial No. 7 - Tennis Court, Khatla Kawn it is allotted to the higher bidder of the two applicants Pu. H.K. Liansawta of Treasury square though his application is not valid but not of a serious case. If you are not willing to listen, I may not continue to read it out.



**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is much disgusting to see nepotism in that selection.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, What the department have done is allotting the work to the highest bidder no matter which party the concern person is supporting. It is to be noted that order of the supreme Court too takes certain petty cases for granted such as missing of date in the application. I, therefore do not find this selection as defective.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is degrading of the House to discuss about this unfair selection of parking fee collector. In - stead our time may be used for the government to tender fresh quotation and the House should not ignore this disgusting selection.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, as already pointed out, missing of date is a minor case and the selection Board too ignores the case. Point raised by Pu Zira regarding promotion of IV Grade the case is now being referred to the Secretariat, it will be done according to the Rules.

**S P E A K E R** : It is very important for every Department to deal any tender carefully .If an application is invalid, it could be ignored if it is irregular case.

I now, call upon Pu J. Lalthangliana to ask starred question No. 4.

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, starred question No.4, whether budget fund for BADP is being equally divided between Bangladesh and Myanmar Border ? If not, how ?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, allocation of BADP fund is made on the basis of criteria provided by Planning Commission. The

first criteria is the length of international Border. In this regard, Indo-Myanmar border is 404 Kilometer length and Indo - Bangladesh border is 318 kilometer and altogether, Mizoram is having a border of 722 Kilometer.

The second criteria is preparation of Border Area Block which is based on 1991 census and accordingly, the population is 2,01,466 in Indo - Myanmar Border and 88506 in Indo - Bangladesh Border.

The third criteria is area of the concern RD Block and allocation of BADP fund which is made on the basis of this area.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is much appreciated that with the effort of the concern Minister 8 crore rupees is

received from BADP fund. My question is - How will the government allocate this fund? If appropriate allocation is not made in this regard, I am afraid that the fund will be wasted as in the previous year. It will be pleasing if the concern Minister gives the detail of work the 8 crore sanctioned is attached to May the copy be given to the members?

Secondly, I want to express my grievances regarding allocation of fund for infrastructure under PMGY such as construction of Retaining Wall and bridges. RD Block of Thingsulthiah as we know is of the largest. In spite of this, only Rs.50,000 is to be allocated whereas 3 or more lakh has to be allotted to other Blocks. Obviously this is because Thingsulthiah RD Block is in the Constituency of the opposition member. I earnestly request the concern Minister to examine the allocation.

**PU VANLALHLANA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, my question is - Is there a way to allocate BADP fund to each and every Blocks of R.D.?

In the previous Ministry this fund had been allocated only in the area of Indo - Bangladesh Border and now in India - Myanmar Border, Only few Blocks remained unallocated. Whether there is a way to allocate the fund so that it covered every Blocks? May the concern Minister approach the Central government to achieve this? My next question is - When will allotment of work for infrastructure under BADP be done? Have the concern authority called tender of work or it is being given by the Ministers to their respective favorites? Is there

any security deposit for the work? The concern Minister may give the detail of the criteria?

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the concern Minister mentioned in the last Budget Session that any fund from BADP will be utilized for the benefit of the people through their respective Village Councils and we feel very happy about that. But as the allotment comes out it is regretted that all has been given by the name of leaders of MNF Party of the concern villages and not by the name of Village Council. In fact the public are cash - starved and they are badly in need of BADP fund, to maintain their livelihood. I, therefore request the concern Minister to clarify the reason for favouring only supporters of MNF Party.

Secondly, as per instruction of DC. Saiha, any applicants of BADP fund from my Constituency produces recommendation of their concern VC. but due to involvement of leaders of MNF units most of the beneficiaries are of the supporter of MNF Party which seems to be against the guideline of PMGY. I request the concern Minister to reexamine the selection.

Thank you.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Rs.2,72,819 has been allocated for the work within my constituency from BADP fund. As per the guideline, construction of road should be of Truckable/Jeepable road whereas in my constituency most of the works are less than 5 feet width and no vehicle could be accommodated. It is desirable if the government generates this fund to some sorts of achievement while providing cash - benefit for the concern public.

**P.B. ROSANGA** : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir, construction of Selam - Lengteng road within my Constituency has also been undertaken with the allocation of 12 lakh rupees for Khuangphah - Lungphunlian. Most of the fund has already been spent but it is regretted that most of the construction are too narrow to accommodate any vehicle. May the concern Minister and his staff prevail spot verification?

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question from BADP fund, retaining wall for extension of playground is being constructed at Siata which is within my Constituency. The problem is the construction encroaches PWD road and it effects the normal life of the public. The concern Minister may take immediate action in this regard.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir, whether BADP fund is meant to be utilized only for the development of border areas ? What is the criteria for demarcation of the area ? Whether the fund will be utilized for the development of the concern people or the area itself ? The concern Minister may explain the detail of the process.

In this connection, I would like to mention that there is a plan for construction of foot-bridge over Tut river between Buarpui and Bungtlang with the sanction of Rs.2,50,000/-. The concern contractor have even drawn 30 % of the sanction but seems to confuse the exact location since Tut river is not in between Buarpui and Bungtlang. I, therefore request the Minister to verify the matter. Will the fund be used for construction of foot-bridge over Tut river between Buarpui and Kawnpui ?

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, BADP fund is supposed to be utilized for the development of the people in the remote corners. My question is - What is the limit of the area where such fund would be utilized ?

Secondly, there is a plan for construction of BADP road within my Constituency, Saithat - Darngawn Road and Rs. 175 lakh is being sanctioned. The contract work is done by brother-in-law of the concern Minister for which only 7 Kms. is completed and is now being abandoned. This road is supposed to cover 90 Km - My question is - whether financial sanction for this construction is fully drawn by the concern contractor ? Have this construction plan being abandoned by the government ?

Lastly, it is important for the government to determine whether this fund is used appropriately. Unless the supervisor properly checked management of the fund, obviously this fund will be wasted without any achievement.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA**

: Supplementary question Mr. Speaker Sir. There is 10 lakh rupees sanctioned for the construction of Malsuri to

Puankhai Jeepable road. But it is regretted that most of the sanction has been spent without doing any work. May the government constitute an inquiry commission under the head of Anti - Corruption Officer to investigate misuse of this fund ? I request the concern Minister to give his assurance to that effect.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA  
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, to start with let me answer the main question. Most of the questions came out of the

matter of fund allocation. Since this programme concerns the development of border area, it may not be possible to change its demarcation as desire. Since it is a development scheme it is supposed to be benefited by everyone but not only of the people in the area. The main purpose of the scheme is to develop border area.

Regarding the question of how to generate this fund for a more useful purpose, I also admit that misuse of fund is there in certain areas and the Department too tried to prevent it and necessary investigation is being prevailed. Matter relating to performance of works, it is regretted that ideal work has not been done in various areas. As for this, the department too noted down a number of works which has not been performed accordingly for necessary action. I request each member to report to the department about the work which has not been performed ideally so that necessary action can be taken immediately.

Regarding the question of limitation of the area it is to be noted that there is no criteria for demarcation. By the way, I received yesterday a letter of sanction from Planning Commission, New Delhi and it is pleasing that 800 lakhs of rupees - additional sanction has been released as 'one time special Central Assistance'. Regarding the allocation, it shall be done by BADP Screening Committee under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner of the concern District and BDO of the concern Border area and other officials. Moreover, representative from the concern Departments such as Social Welfare, Health & Family Welfare, Transport Department, Sericulture and Horticulture also included as members.

In this relation, it is to be noted that only few states in India availed BADP fund - such as Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan West Bengal, Meghalaya and Mizoram. In this regard, we are happy to learn that it is known to the central government that Mizoram performed best with the fund of BADP. Last year addition sanction of 776 lakh rupees was received and this year 800 lakh rupees, which will be utilized appropriately. In this connection, I would like to invite the suggestion of the members to inform the Department the work which may be undertaken from this fund within their respective constituencies and we will try to cooperate with the work scheduled for the next financial year. Regarding PMGY

fund balance allocation might not have been made yet, I want to mention that no partiality is involved. Less amount of fund might have been allocated to RD. Block of the constituency of Pu R. Lalrinliana but it was not so because he is opposition MLA. Yet, the said RD. Block may be favored by the next time.

**S P E A K E R**

: Question hour is over. To some extent, the grievances of certain members could be shared as performance of

works in some areas are very bad and MLA of the concern Constituency have some responsibilities for that, concerning the performance within my Constituency I urge the concern authority that any road constructed should accommodate vehicles upto the extents of the work. It may be wise for other members to put pressure to the concern authority so that work in their concern constituency may be done appropriately and if failed, it may be reported immediately.

We shall now resume our business. I may call upon Pu, Zoramthanga, House Leader to lay the paper in the House, Fisheries Bill 2002 as the Governor relieved the Bill which has already been passed in the previous Session.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, as per Rules 103(2). I now lay the Mizoram Fisheries Bill 2002 which has been returned from the

Governor for further discussion here in the House

**S P E A K E R**

: The copy may be distributed to the members. In the mean time, I hereby placed presentation of the Report,

Business Advisory Committee Report which has been prepared carefully. I supposed we all have received as it is included in the Bulletin Part II SL No. 190 dated 13.3.2002. Have the members agree to pass it? (The members :- Yes) The copy may now be distributed.

Motion of thanks to the Governor's Speech has already been moved yesterday and we will now have a discussion for which 10 minutes each is allotted to each Members. Pu C. Sangzuala, being the mover will be given 15 minutes I now call upon him to have his speech.

As a whole, the Speech of our Governor is quite well and encouraging as it expresses achievement of the government in detail. Regarding the achievement in construction of road as stated by our governor, it might not have

been done ideally but to a certain extent outstanding performance is seen. It is appreciated that construction of 29 road has been completed under PMGY. And 184 Kms. will soon be started. Not only this, construction for 3 (three) National High Ways has been started under the scheme of NABARD and NEC which even included much awaited road of Bawngkawn to Durtlang which to be widened for the safety of the public and those living in the areas around. Much as well, it is appreciated that plan for construction of number of bridges is on its way.

Regarding the achievement of the government for construction of buildings, it is pleasing that there is a plan for construction of substantial Speaker's Bungalow at Tuikhuahtlang, Secretariat building and All India Service Transit accommodation centre at Khatla which certainly will bring outstanding achievement for the government.

Speaking of various programmes for upgradation of Rural areas, extensive steps have been taken from PMGY and JY and 4629 new houses are being constructed. And 246 are being repaired. Still more, there is a plan for construction of 3380 more houses in rural areas by the next year. Not only this Mr. Speaker, it is appreciated that there are numbers of Community Hall, Playground and Primary Schools which has been completed and to be constructed.

Regarding provision of drinking water, it is pleasing that the government put its best effort and 18,800 people had already benefited by the effort, there is a plan to provide drinks water to 180 villages more. Concerning Health Care, it is appreciated that the government determines upgradation of one hospital and construction of 10 health centres in rural areas, has already been completed, not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, it is learned that the department is now planning to set up ICU, OPD and even purchased CT Scan for Civil Hospital which will be one of the achievements of the government

Regarding promotion of School Education, it is pleasing to learn that almost 2000 school buildings have been constructed under this Ministry and 300 nos. of Hindi Teacher are being appointed, not only this, the government gives grants and stipends to various students; 4 private Colleges being upgraded to deficit College; construction of Training Centre is being planned by the government.

Concerning border Trade relation with Myanmar and Bangladesh, progressive steps is now being undertaken; 23 nos. of information centres has also been inaugurated; Housing loan has also been provided to 2416 people and yet a lot more is to be given by the next year.

Under Fisheries Department, it is pleasing to learn that Plan for preservation of fish has also been achieved, and many footpaths are being constructed for the pedestrians

Under Social Welfare Department, effective step is being taken for upgradation of the poors. and disabled, and to that effect, large amount of fund has already been utilized. Furthermore, examination for 20 posts of M.C.S. will be conducted. In regard to promotion of Sports and Youths Services, many youths put

their name at the national level, with the effort of the government various steps has also been taken to drive away abuse of drugs and alcohol through sports.

As a whole, the speech of our Governor covers the whole achievement of the government and he seems to be familiar with the condition of Mizoram, which is much appreciated.

Although it is difficult to assess whether cattle breeding is beneficial, the government puts the best effort to develop so that some families could use for main occupation. Our state will certainly attain some progress if plan of the government is fully achieved.

In the same manner, achievement of the government is seen in the step taken by the government towards Power & Electricity such as achievement of clearance for 80 MW. of Bairabi Hydel Project. Although this plan has not yet been fully achieved it will certainly bring one of the greatest achievements of the government as all the integrated industrial infrastructure depends on supply of power. Furthermore, construction of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is soon to be completed.

Not only this Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, programme for development of rural people are going in progress and the government spends enormous fund for supply of clean water to rural areas which is much appreciated.

Keeping in mind the necessity of road communication for the attainment of all round development, progressive step is being taken at Aizawl - Thenzawl - Buarpui road, Sialsuk, Kawlkulh - Ngopa - Tuivai road, Khawzawl - Biate - Chekkawn - N. Vanlaiphai road, Lungsen - Chawngte road, which are all being constructed from World Bank Fund. Again under the programme for Rural Connectivity, steps are taken in various areas. As a whole, the government is making extensive progress under this Ministry.

Thank you.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW**

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir.  
To begin my speech, I have to state that our Governor in his statement pointed out that

the District Council Affairs Department has also taken a concrete step towards framing appropriate rules and regulation for the three District Council. Uniform conduct of business Rules for the district councils have been completed. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, we have seen in the 6<sup>th</sup> scheduled Amendment Chapter 2, sub clause no. 6, "the Governor shall make rules for the first constitution of District Council and Regional Council in consultation with the executing tribal Council". Again in the 6<sup>th</sup> scheduled Chapter 2; sub clause 7 that "The District Council or the Regional Council may after its first constitution makes rules with the approval of



the Governor". It means that the Governor makes such rules without having the approval of the three district Councils which is an act of discrimination against minorities.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is to be noted that the Governor's authorities or that the discretionary power is not against minorities but to safeguard them. It is regretted power is used for assimilation of minorities. I therefore earnestly request the government to withdraw this aggressive rules made by the Governor for the assimilation of minorities.

Secondly, Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, as we have seen in the 9<sup>th</sup> Para of the governor speech 'the over all availability of food grains and other essential commodities in the state has been satisfactory', I have to point out that during the last rainy season, not a single bag of rice is being stocked at Go-downs within my Constituency. Although certain stocks were being placed at Saiha and Lawngtlai Go-downs, it could not be carried to the remote areas due to poor condition of roads. I therefore, request the government to place adequate stock of rice to those go-downs during this dry season.

Thank you.

**PU K. L. LIANCHIA**

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I first of all want to express my regret for the necessity to inform our needs not to

the concern Ministers due to their habits of absence during the discussion of their respective Departments. In the same way, the hon'ble Speaker may please return to his seat.

For my first point, I would like to mention the speech of our Governor, page 16, 24 Para of steps taken under Health Department. During our Budget Discussion last year, the hon'ble Chief Minister gave his assurance to renew state illness Assistance Fund which had not been continued for certain years. But surprisingly the matter is not being focused in the Governor's speech. What is the reason ? It is expected to appear at least in the Budget speech tomorrow.

Next, there is Mizoram Intodelh Project guideline for this project has already been provided to every member. But the problem is that the guidelines are not being followed - For instance, in my constituency, the concerned VCP. announced to the public that any family who are willing to participate may submit their names to the Secretary of MNF group. But it is learned that one have to enroll his name to MNF Party in order to benefit this project. As for this, many of families enrolled in the MNF Party just to please them but inside they are not changing their mind although the Party organizes a welcoming function for their

enrolment. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, my point is that self sufficiency will never be attained by manipulating those fund for the benefit of a particular political party.

Here in the guideline for this project, we have seen the precedence for formation of Farmer's Association in every village, its OB (Office Bearer) and how to maintain the fund etc. In spite of this, there are number of points to be raised against maintenance of this project in certain areas. I am afraid that this valuable programme will end up to nothing.

Next, we have seen in 10 para of 5 page of the Governor's speech that "the Government by exercising extreme caution has ensured an efficient fiscal management and have never allowed its financial position to determinate to such an extent" which in my opinion is not acceptable as this government has totally failed in its financial management. It is behind that the government somehow managed to make payment to Government employees from the interest of enormous amount of our budget fund being freezed on K. Deposit. This is obvious from the fact that fund being sanctioned for certain projects for the year 2001 - 2002 has not been released till today. It is therefore different to accept this government as having efficient fiscal management where as various projects under BADP are being hampered, enormous amount of workshop bills could not be paid, carrying charge for food grain remains unpaid, outstanding due of Power Tariff is increasing and not to mention TA/DA of the sitting members which is very difficult to pass.

Supposing all the statement of the Governor's speech is true, do we have any reason to be thankful? In this relation, I have to point out the Budget speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister during 2001 - 2001; 'In the next financial year 2000 - 2001, it is proposed to take up the water supply scheme at Mamit, Tlabung, Kawnpui and Hnahthial, as well as composite water supply scheme at Biate under Urban water Supply Programme. Relating to this statement, our Governor focused the matter in his speech at page 13 of para 20 but surprisingly, those areas mentioned by our Chief Minister has not been included. As for these, I find no reason to express my appreciation towards the Governor's speech till it comes to reality.

Thank you.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA**

: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, to start with, I want to mention 2<sup>nd</sup> para of the Governor's speech

concerning law & order situation stated as being peaceful in our state. As far as I know, I find this, hard to accept as Bank at Lawngtlai is being robbed and the same is with Pu J. Lianchungnunga's, heinous murder and at Venghlu, a bomb is blasted within the compound of our Governor's bungalow and AR - 47 is being seized recently.

Not only this Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is shameful to learn that one hundred dollar with credit card of a tourist named Mrs. Allan is being stolen and the bank robbers or thieves and criminals in other mentioned cases are not yet caught till today. In fact, it is totally wrong to say our State as being peaceful.

At para 4, it is stated that our Forensic Science Laboratory is being fully equipped, I would like to point out that demands for 40/50 items has been listed for the Police modernization scheme and were being approved. But that financial sanction was lapsed since no items were purchased. It is therefore totally wrong to say that Forensic Science Laboratory is being fully equipped.

Mr. Speaker Sir, it is also mentioned that supply of essential commodities to rural areas are being sufficient. In this connection it may be important for the government to keep in mind that supply of 1 Kg of rice and ½ Kg. to minor per week does not mean that the over all situation is being satisfactory. I therefore cannot accept the statement of our Government.

At para 9, it is also pointed out that measure is being taken for control of adulteration of Cement and petrol for which 20 sets of machineries are said as being purchased. In my opinion, it is much shameful for the government for failing to control the said adulteration although such machineries are in use. It is learned that Legal & Metrology Wing have frequently received report of selling of under - weighed cement but no action is taken which is much regretted. In the same way consumers of Cooking gas are often receiving under - weighs gas cylinder and adulterated. This should be stopped immediately as it is not safe for the consumers.

At 10 para, the Governor expressed his appreciation of the government for being able to maintain payment of salary to Government servants. In my opinion, the government have no reason to be proud of itself as it is its duty to pay its employees. What is important for the government is to determine payment of outstanding due to carrying charge of rice to certain contractors too. If not, sufficiency in food stuff will never be achieved. What is much shameful in this connection is that the government requests those contractors to understand the problem and stated that if their dues is paid, government employees will not be able to draw their monthly salary. Mr. Speaker Sir, I wonder how can this Ministry be proud of themselves for being able to continue Treasury Office opens despite an amounting outstanding dues to carrying contractors.

At the 12 Para of the Governor's speech, it is also mentioned steps taken by the government for self - sufficiency in food grains. In this connection, I supposed we all remember the statement of the hon'ble Chief Minister in the previous year that self sufficiency in food grain will be achieved within three years. We are now facing the reality and no fruitful outcome is seen even in this last part of this term of Ministry. The concern leaders of this Ministry may recall their past performance with M.I.P. fund, of whether it has been utilized purposely and the

guideline being followed. It is therefore clear that MIP is not a policy to escalate the condition of the poor.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have also seen words of appreciation on clearance for Bairabi Hydel Project. In this connection, it is to be noted that unless re-investigation is being prevailed by the congress Ministry this will never be achieved. In fact, it may also be necessary to express appreciation to the previous Ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla.

In this connection, it may also be important to consider whether the government afford to provide scholarship to Engineer Students. It is learnt that those students at DAV Institute of Faridabad and Chandigarh haven't yet received Scholarship grants till today, what is the reason? It seems that the Governor assured to provide the said grant without consulting the Government beforehand since those institutions are being maintained by somebody's close friend. It is regretted to learn that those students are now in an awkward position anxiously awaiting for their scholarship grant from the Government.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker Sir, our Governor have also stressed the need to preserve our natural forest and wild life. In this regard I must say that it is this Ministry itself that caused damage to our natural forest most. If we look around the forests, from Chalhfilh to Tawitlang which used to be green forests now becomes ravaged lands. If that is the situation, why do we need to import bamboo seeds from foreign country?

Our Governor have also pointed out its concern for physically handicapped persons and the steps being taken by the government to support them. If the department really cares for those people, more educated handicapped should have been employed. Instead, it is sad to learn that not even 1% of the total employment is reserved for handicapped.

As a whole, I find no reason to appreciate the speech of the Governor as the points he mentioned have no reality.

Thank you.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA**

: Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, I would like to begin my speech with 7 para of the Governor's speech. Here

the Governor expressed his appreciation of training advance being given to 100 Home Guards. In this regard, it is to be noted that it only creates grievances to the Government for failing to provide Washing Allowance/Daily Allowance although order has already been issued. As a force, those Home guards too need to be trained and it is of the normal course among the force.

Regarding Lottery, the Governor proudly mentioned that 5 crore rupees has been collected during the last 5 years. But if we look into the report of Comptroller and Auditor General, the statement of the Governor does not match with their findings of assessment of lottery drawn during the last 5 years which is amounting to Rs.4493 crore. According to the guideline of the Central Government the concern agents and distributors have to share the profit after deducting all the expenditure. From the lottery being drawn out of 79011 times within the last 5 years the profit is assessed as 4498 crore rupees which is supposed to be the share of distributors and Agents. Lottery is the best source of revenue in other states but only 5 crore rupees is being collected in Mizoram. As for this, there is no reason to appreciate about it and drawing of lottery have no benefit for the government itself.

Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, the Governor have also praised Transport wing for small amount of income being made. In determining road tax collected from motor vehicles it is supposed to come at least to 192 lakh rupees in a year. In this connection I have made suggestion repeatedly here in the House to collect road tax also to Government Motor vehicle. But the answer I received is that Motor Taxation Act of 95, 96 and 97 do not cover collection of road tax from Government Motor vehicle. Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, if we are really concern with making more income, ways and means should be determined. If tax collected is 192 lakhs rupees in a year we could nearly make 200 lakh rupees if Government vehicles are included. I opine it is not fair to appreciate income made by Transport wing from collection of private Motor vehicles but not from the government.

At 15 para, it is pointed out the importance of Cooperative Department and the concern of the government towards it but no fact and figure is given Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is regretted to learn that the Apex Bank is now facing crucial problem and in order to relieve the problem, the government even assured to give 1000 lakhs rupees every year. But till today we have not found the result.

Due to empty promises given by the government. We are now beginning to face unfavorable reaction from the people and crime rate in our state 100 is increasing each year.

Thank you.

**DEPUTY. SPEAKER**

: The time is now over. We will now have a recess and the meeting will be resumed at 2 : 00 Pm.

**2 : 00 Pm**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The House is not having a requisite quorum. If quorum is not there within 15 minutes from the bell rings, the House is suppose to adjourn. But now we have the quorum we will continue the discussion.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, you should have rang the Bell if quorum is achieved.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I have done it so after 15 minutes.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, what has happened indicates disrespect of the House by the ruling members.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I now call upon Pu H. Laltanpuia to have his speech.

**PU H. LALTANPUIA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir I would like to begin my speech from the last portion of the Governor's speech of

Para 55, it is pointed out that 'The Chhinlung Hill Development Council has now been upgraded by appointment of more Council Members'. In this regard, I want to mention that back in 1994, the then Congress Ministry and HPC signed a Memorandum of settlement which includes various points. But the problem is that importance has not been given to that agreement and the same with the agreement of MNF and the Government of India which indicates the poor status of the Ministry and the House. Not only this Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, this Ministry have signed an agreement with HPC on 5.1.98 including provision of 6<sup>th</sup> scheduled Amendment to the HPC. But since this has not been achieved till today the angry mob organized various movements against the government. If we look into our budget and of the Governor's speech, appropriate project has not been made for this area where as many are found in other areas. As for this reason, the Hmar people feel very sad as their demand is neglected by the Government.

Regarding MIP. I would also like to mention that 20 Crore rupees is being allocated for this programme last year out of which 3 crore and 14 lakh rupees is reportedly already spent. If so, 16 crore and 26 lakh rupees is supposed to remain unspent. As we see, the current financial year is almost over and only 20 days is left. Will this remaining amount be spent up just within these few days left?

Not only this Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, it is learned that additional Central assistance amounting to Rs.1500/- crore has been received under MIP including loan component. Whether Mizoram Intodelhna Project formulated by the State Government is done on loan component? If so, the government should have given awareness to the concern people otherwise it should be the responsibility of the government to repay that loan but not by the beneficiaries. It means that repayment of loan concern the people of Mizoram but not only the beneficiaries but also the government has to bear the burden of repayment. It is, therefore important to inform the people that this loan is having loan component.

Regarding Photo ID card as mentioned at Para 41, I would like to mention that within Tuikhuahtiang V.C. area, only 2 days is given to the public to take their photo. Due to this, those who were not in the station missed the given date. It is therefore necessary to give another day for those who missed the previous appointment.

Regarding 41 Para, I would like to ask why Miss Jenny Lalremliani have represented the state of Andra Pradesh at the Boxing Competition in which she have won Gold Medal? whether this is due to our lack of financial support to her?

Lastly, I expect to see the matter concerning PHC at Phullen as construction has already been completed. I, therefore request the government to determine for immediate function of this PHC.

Thank you.

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA**

: Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, at para 55, page No. 49 the hon'ble Governor mentioned about the District Council

Affairs Department that "The Department of District Council of my Government successfully conducted the Election of Lai Autonomous District Council and the Chakma Autonomous District Council. District Council Affairs Department has also taken a concrete step towards framing appropriate rules and regulations for the three District Councils. Uniform conduct of Business Rules for the three District Councils have been completed. Dy. Speaker Sir in this regard, I would like to mention how the District Council election was conducted.

The District Council election - General Election of the Chakma Autonomous District Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2002 is the 7<sup>th</sup> in the series. The Election we had was not at all free and fair. I had never seen such election in the District Council so far. I would like to inform the House that the Government of Mizoram and the MNF Party and the District Council Executive Committee had rigged the election. I will justify my point.

Just before the election was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, the Autonomous District Council Executive Committee of CADC appointed more than hundred persons in service without advertisement, without sanction for post creation and without interview. We have brought this case to the notice of the Government including His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram. I was happy that the Governor instructed the Government to take severe action but the Government of Mizoram have done nothing so far. It is a matter of great concern. Hon'ble Finance Minister may take notice of this matter, while the Government of Mizoram cannot appoint even one muster roll employee because of financial constrain, how can the CADC Executive committee appoint such a large number of persons without any procedure? Furthermore, mass - promotions were given to the employees of CADC just to get votes. The CEM himself in his constituency appointed more than 30 persons and he won the election with a margin of 27 votes. I have never seen such an election in my life. We have never done this kind of corruption even when we were in the Government. We have never campaigned during CADC election with the Government vehicle. Why the Ministers were coming to the election with flagged cars in the CADC Rest House at the expense of CADC money?

This is a clear violation of established Rules and Procedure of the election. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to appeal each and every Member of the Cabinet, Please do not come to any District Council election as these are local body election. Don't use your power to the District Council. Don't misuse your power as it has never been done. Why this Ministry is doing in this way? we have had several election before, the former Chief Minister Pu Lai Thanhawla never came there with flagged car. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, during the election this Ministry have even intimidated the public that their names will be cancelled from MIP list of beneficiary if they don't vote for MNF. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform the House that I have never seen in my life election of Chairman in CADC when the nomination have to be filed three times and the Rules has also been changed two times under the Mizoram Autonomous District Council construction and Conduct of Business Rule 1974, they had called the election but the Government of Mizoram postponed and changed the Rule and finally brought the new Rule which was not passed in the House of District Council. Why the Government have to do this? I am very sorry that His Excellency, the Governor had mentioned the successful completion of election in District Council. When there is a local body election, please allow them to run their own business. If any Party in the government tries to show their influence, that election is clearly a case of rigging.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would also like to mention that I have gone through the speech of His Excellency, the Governor. What I have seen is the highlighting mostly of the achievement made from the Central schemes such as World Bank Scheme. I am very happy today that the World Bank scheme was



initiated by the previous Congress Government in 1997 and it had come to this stage. There is a mention of construction of Community Health Centre at Chawngte, it is supposed to be of 30 bedded. But I regret to mention that Chawngte Community Health Centre was constructed under BADP with 48 lakh rupees and the contractor is from Lunglei who is not a registered Contractor. How can the government allotted such an amount of contract work to the said unregistered contractor? The work quality also was very bad. Besides, Malsuri to Puankhai road was supposed to be constructed with 10 lakh rupees but no work have been done. Please constitute an enquiry commission as the same practice has also been made in the work of other areas.

Mr. Dy Speaker Sir, I would also like to mention that we had been pleading the government for upgradation of Kamalanagar Private College into deficit. But in the Governor's speech I have not seen any deficit/private Colleges to be upgraded and I am very sorry about that. Education should be balanced, since the people voted for MNF Party and they deserve a reward in turn.

Thank you.

**COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA**

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, our Governor's Speech highlighted number of steps taken by the Government. If those points

raised by the Governor happened to be true, enormous achievement will certainly be there, since it is not true, I find it difficult to appreciate such speech.

At 16 para page No. 23 it is mentioned that "Flyover Project at Khatla is also expected to start very soon". In this regard, I would like to bring to the notice of the House that this project is the most hated matter concerning the people of Khatla area as it will make the main market into congested area. Due to this, the concern people too strongly opposed this plan. It may therefore be wise for the government not to proceed with this project and the provision for this construction should rather be utilized for other programme.

At para 24, there is a mention of Referral Hospital. Although the construction has already been started in the year 1999 it is shameful that it is not being completed till today. As mentioned by the Governor, attempts are on to make a 50 bedded hospital functional. Previously, this hospital is being planned to accommodate 300 beds but after 4 years passed, the number is reduced to 50 beds which is much surprising. It may be wise for the government to make strong effort so as to achieve this hospital as previously planned. It may be better not to continue construction of just 50 bedded hospital. I, therefore, find no reason to appreciate the Governor's speech on this matter.

At Para 38 page 27, there is identity Card. It is proudly pointed out that the government acquired the very professional photo processor ZENIC to take

up the work of processing Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the quality of their photo is very poor. Even for an old and an eye sight like me we could hardly identify the person in the Photo. How can we call the concern photographer a professional one ? I am afraid this will bring some problems if it is used for identification of voters for the coming election. Not only this Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, time given to the public for taking their Photo is too limited and because of this, many in rural area, do not have a chance to be photographed since they were working in the fields during the time given. How will the government deal with their problem ?

At Para 41, there is an appreciation of the achievement of the government in sports. It is true that we all are very happy on the victory of our youths at Subroto Cup which encourages other youths to concentrate on games & sports. But we have to determine the system of our maintenance of the concern Department. The standard of our Sports personnel is not constant because enough incentive is not given. It may therefore be necessary for the government to change its pattern towards maintenance of our talented youths of today. Whether the government is really concern with this matter or not, depends on the allocation of Budget provision to Sports & Youths Services Department.

Thank you.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA**

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, to start with, I would like to mention serial No. 8. para 58. about supply of essential

commodities. We have seen a mention of the Governor - 'uninterrupted supply of essential commodities to the people living in each and every corner of the state'. In this connection, it is to be noted that production of food grain in rural areas during this Ministry is fortunately well - enough and this relieve ration supply to a certain extent but it may not be proper to give all the credit to this government. The problem arises due to the failure of the government to give carrying charge of food grains to the concern contractors and retailer bills amounting to more than 400/- lakh rupees is still in pending. In fact, it is the carrying contractors who deserved the credit most as due to their effort the people received ration supply.

At para 15, it is also mentioned that 'The Department has also continued to provide the service of making essential fuel like Petrol, Diesel and Kerosene oil as well as domestic cooking gas available without interruption to the consumers of Mizoram'. This may be true in certain areas but not in all Mizoram particularly at the southern part. Specially cooking gas is available mostly on black market. Yet rate of that supply, when available is very high. We can get it at the rate of 240/- per cylinder at Lunglei but in Lawngtlai and Saiha it is 300/-. In the same way, rate of supply of other essential commodities too are higher in the south. It may be important for the government to determine solution to this difference.

There is also a mention of forest clearance being received for the construction of Bairabi Hydel Project but it is to be noted that even after receiving that clearance, it will obviously take 2 or more years for completion of the project and we still have to face shortage of electric power until it is finished. Speaking of the problem within my constituency, atleast we receive power from operated diesel engine from Power Grid. But under this Ministry, it is learnt that not a single can of stock of diesel is found. The people spend so much money for purchase of candle and inverters. I, therefore find no reason to appreciate the statement of the Governor.

Lastly, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Governor have also mentioned Housing loan and LIC Loan provided to Government employees. But it may be important for the concern authority to be careful on selection of beneficiary. It is so unfair that a ruling MLA is given the power to give this loan to 110 Government employees where as none is given to opposition MLAs.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu P.B. Rosanga.

**PU PB ROSANGA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, to start with, I would like to mention about Governor's Speech at page 19.

Mentioning about development, in connection with his statement about clearance for Bairabi Hydel Project, it is sad to think that just an environmental clearance is being achieved although project has already been started many years ago. In this connection I would like to mention that on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 1998, the Dy. Chief Minister, on behalf of the hon'ble Chief Minister attended the Meeting on Power supply at New Delhi and since then this Bairabi Hydel Project is being revised, not only this, at the meeting held at Shillong, Bairabi Hydel Project has been put for the share of the Government of Mizoram, because of the idea of the then Dy. Chief Minister and today the Government manages to reach this stage. It is therefore wise for the Governor to give credit to those who deserved in any achievements.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, as we have learned from the Governor's address 85 crore rupees sanction has been received for Thermal Project at Bairabi and is expected to be commissioned on March 2003. If the fund is used as it is supposed to be used, construction of MW 22 would easily be completed. But it is regretted to learn that it has not been completed till today although the sanction has already been spent up.

At Para 4, there is a highlighting of law and order situation in Mizoram. If we look, back from the beginning of this Ministry, number of crimes in Mizoram such as Bank robbing at Lawngtlai, killing of youth at Venghlui by unknown mask man, the case of Pu J. Lianchungnunga and his family and

furthermore, Pu S. Lianzuala being killed during election campaign has not been solved till today. I wonder from which point of view our Governor mentioned Law & order situation in Mizoram as being under control.

There is also a speech on the achievement under Legal Metrology for which instrument for detection of adulterated petroleum is being acquired. But most of the petroleum available within Mizoram are of adulterated. I wonder for what purpose the said instrument is used by the Department.

Regarding achievement under PHE Department, it is pleasing that Public Water Plan has also reached my constituency Hnahlan. In doing the work it is also important for the Department to consider the welfare of Muster Roll and work charge labourers as their wages has not been paid for a couple of months. In this relation, sponsored students and technical students have not received their stipends since last year April. The concern authority may look into the matter for immediate solution.

Coming to the Bamboo Plan Policy, the Governor in his address last year mentioned that Bamboo Processing Plant will be planted at Sairang and be completed by the year 2003 but this has not been completed till today. Besides, bamboo seeds are being imported from outside last year and 203 families were selected to take up plantation work and 27 lakhs has been spent by the Government. But it is regretted that no work is being done in that regard. There is also a mention of Bamboo seedling mention, bath indigenous and exotic species being given to farmers for plantation. Bamboo disease is expected to come by the year 2009. As for this, it is important for the Government to determine which species of bamboo will not be effected by this disease, supposing the species of bamboo we are now having is of an indigenous species, will the seeds be available for further plantation ? The concern Minister may later explain about this.

Thank you.

**PU J. LAWMZUALA**

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Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, in the beginning of this term, our Governor have mentioned in his speech that the

Government is intending to construct Airfield at Lunglei and Champhai. But since then the matter has never been raised. I wonder if the Government have given up this plan.

Secondly, there is a mention in the Governor's speech that Law and Order situation in Mizoram is good enough. As already pointed out by my fellow members, we the members know very well whether the statement of our Governor bears the truth where as various incidence such as Bank Robbery at Lawngtlai,

abduction of officials under NEEPCO, seizure of AR-47. Missing of Arms from Malkhana and many more happened during this Ministry.

In connection with Fiscal Management, the Governor appreciated his Government for maintaining smooth functioning of Treasury Office. In my opinion, this Government totally fails in fiscal management as wages of M.R. employees have not been paid for a couple of months. In the same way, carrying charge to certain contractors has not been paid. It somehow managed to maintain pay of Government from the interest of enormous amount of central assistance fund being put under K. Deposit. It is therefore totally wrong to say that fiscal management of this Government as efficient.

If we look into guidelines of MIP (Mizoram Intodelhna Project), it is regretted that registration of Farmer's Association has not been done accordingly. Not only this, 20 crore rupees is allotted from the Budget out of which expenditure for only 2 crore rupees is seen. It is already a year and expenditure for the remaining sanction, is not shown. For what purpose it is used? It is learned that sanction for MIP is a loan from the Central at the interest of 13.50%. As for this, I would like to know whether the sanction is being distributed to the concern beneficiaries on loan basis or it will be written off?

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is also mentioned that construction of Greater Water Supply is in progress. In this connection, I want to mention that Lunglei Greater Water Supply Project which was commissioned in 1995 is not properly functioning due to failure of pumping engine which causes much problem. Consequently, proposal for overhauling of the engine was submitted but no action is taken till today, which is obviously because of failure of the Government in fiscal management. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is sad for the people of Lunglei that improvement of the said water supply is not being highlighted here in the Governor's speech where as improvement for Aizawl and Saiha is mentioned.

Coming to the matter of Regional Diagnostic Centre at Lunglei it is learned that 300 lakh is being sanctioned, 55 lakh rupees for wastage management, and 58 lakh rupees for emergency management. Date of sanction for the said is 25.9.2001. It is regretted that no work has been done in this regard although financial sanction is already issued. Where is that sanction? In the same manner, financial assistance of 35 crore rupees for World Bank from Polytechnic Institute is being received but no work is done.

Again for Border Trade, financial sanction of 1.13 crore rupees has already been released on 23.3.01, but the whereabouts of the sanction is unknown. Sanction for construction of Custom Office building amounting to 2.48 crore rupees also is unknown. We have to determine whether this Government maintains transparency.

Lastly, I would like to request the Government not to introduce value added tax as the burden will fall mostly on the people living in rural areas. Thank you.

**DY SPEAKER**

: I will now call upon Pu J.Lalthangliana which will be followed by the House Leader to make conclusion.

**PU J. LALTHANGLIANA**

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, to begin my speech I would like to mention para 50 concerning the problem of

Drugs Trafficking. There is a mention of this menace to keep at bay by the next year. I opine this intention is not enough to resolve the problem. We have to go on war footing against drugs related problems.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, it is appreciated that this Government provided Housing Loan / HBA to number of families. Yet, it is unfair not to give power to give HBA / Housing Loan to the opposition members, where as 110 quota is being given to all Ruling members.

At 42 para, the Governor mentioned that celebration of Thalfavang Kut was conducted in traditional manner. In this connection, we have to determine whether we are having Thalfavang Kut traditionally. So far only Chapchar Kut, Mim Kut and Pawl Kut is known. It is regretted that Thalfavang Kut is being expressed as one of the Mizo's Kut.

Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the Governor have also mentioned the achievement of Tourism Department. In this connection, it is important to measure the achievement of any Department from its administration and the concern employees. It is therefore wrong to mention this Department as being improved where as most of the staff are being employed on Muster Roll basis.

It is also pointed out that Mizoram Central University Complex at Tanhril is taking shape at a very fast phase. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I wonder if the Governor have ever visited this complex to witness poor condition of the approach road. It is therefore, important to determine improvement of this particular road. The most remarkable thing about the Governor's speech is not mentioning the achievement of Horticulture and plan for production of Blue Diamond Passion Fruits which is likely being given up by the Government.

Thank you.

**DY SPEAKER**

: The time now is 4:00 PM. There is no time to entertain more speech from the member.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, one minute please. Since the Governor is the constitutional head, every member is willing to express his/her opinion in regard to his speech. I therefore request you to extent our time beyond 4:00.

**DY SPEAKER** : Do we agree? If so I may now call upon the next member.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, Thank you. To begin my speech I want to mention that the address of our Governor usually comprises of 40 or more paragraphs. But this speech is of 58 paras may be because we are closing to the last part of this term.

As, I have gone through this speech. I have found 2 points which may be appreciative. Firstly, regarding clearance for construction of Bairabi Hydel Project. Secondly achievement of appropriate working plan for timber operation and I even determine whether the address of our Governor as a whole is reliable.

At para 39 there is a mention that the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms has successfully conducted the prestigious Mizoram Civil Service Examination. Have the Department of DP & AR conducted that examination? A minute ago I have enquired MPSC Official regarding this matter and they informed me that the examination was conducted by MPSC. Not only this Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the examination was not conducted ideally. It is surprising to learn that the question has been brought to the examination hall without sealed envelope. It was not known when or where the envelope was opened. The concern candidates should have witnessed while sealed enveloped was opened. It therefore creates suspicion among the candidates. Besides, there are certain confusions regarding the setting of the questions. Henceforth, it is important for the concern officials to take careful conduct of the examination.

At para 2, the Governor mentioned that the law & order in Mizoram State continues to remain peaceful. What does the Governor mean by saying 'Peaceful'. How can he called Mizoram a peaceful state where as curfew is being proclaimed in certain areas, and even the sound of gunshot is being heard. Not only this, heinous crimes are being committed in a number of areas although there is a mention of the government as having put the best effort to bring peace in Mizoram. Number of vehicles coming from the central too for security purpose has not been fully allotted to the Police Force. I, therefore doubt peace prevailed in this way.

Regarding para 6, I would also like to mention about war - veteran the matter which has often been highlighted in most of the Governor's Address. After along period of time, pension grants is being released to some of them, yet 100 - 200 cases remains un-attended. It is desirable if their cases could also be settled.

In connection with 24 Para, there is highlighting of Medical Gas Pipe line (MGPL) in the Budget speech of the Chief Minister of 2001. It is further learned that selection has already been made to take up the work. But due to some reasons, the plan is being cancelled. I, therefore feel that it is no longer necessary to highlight this matter since it is the on-going plan of the previous year.

Regarding Industrial Growth Centre, it is also seen again in the Governor's address. I would like to mention that no peculiar charge is found in this centre and there is no reason to appreciate it.

We have also learned from the Governor's speech about the recommendation of the committee for identification of vehicle for disposed, which has already been admitted by the Government. As we have seen here, 1000 Government vehicles are under disposal which means the attached drivers are supposed to retire and Special Voluntary Retirement scheme is proposed to be provided. For the same, the Central Government further sanctioned 70 crore rupees. I opine this is of a big issue. In order to maintain transparency of this Government, I request the concern Minister to explain the whole situation of this plan.

Regarding MIP, I am confusing with the procedure and its component. And who will be responsible for the repayment, the Government or the beneficiaries ?

Thank you.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO**

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would like to begin my speech with Para 24 & 25 regarding Health Department. This

Department is very important as it concerns the life and death of persons. Despite of its importance it is sad to learn that many have lost their life due to blood transfusion and wrong prescription. It is further learned that piece of gauze have been left while doing surgery to one patient which is of a serious case. I opine this is all because of negligence on the part of the Government. It may be taken for granted if the concern Minister admits it as his responsibility. But what we have heard is only their explanation of his innocence of the case which is much regretted. The Governor should have mentioned in his speech his concern for this case.

Regarding law & order I could hardly accept the Governor's speech as the situation of our state is not peaceful. From which points of view the Governor



said that peace is maintained in Mizoram, where sound of explosive bomb was heard in his compound and 12 of our Police Force had been killed by the rebel group. Not only this, number of officials under NEC had been kidnapped from the field of their work.

**DY SPEAKER** : I may interrupt your speech a moment. If we have to invite all those who have not made speech, it may be more convenient to have a recess now.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I opine it is best to give chance to every member who are willing to speak.

**PU TAWNLUIA  
MINISTER** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, In my opinion it is better to give the chance only to the opposition leader and included, as we already have had discussed the whole day.

**PU LALRINZUALA** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I would be very glad if you could give me the chance as I also have many thing to say in this regard.

**DY. SPEAKER** : I now call upon opposition group leader to resume his speech and then be followed by the Leader of the House we will then wind up the discussion.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, due to delay of payment of ex-gratia to those who lost their life in the hands of rebels, question was raised in the House. It's been almost a year since then but it has not yet been fulfilled. Regarding law & order situation in Mizoram. I opine it is

not to be mentioned as satisfactory as insurgent groups around us are ill-behaving towards us.

During the election campaign, the MNF party confesses its manifesto that the Budget will be directed towards upliftment of the poor section of the people. But as we have seen the outcome today, gaps between rich and poor are wider. The burden of tax is increasing which is mostly suffered by the poorer section. It is true that enormous amount of fund is being received yet, we have to determine the amount that has been utilized for upliftment of the poor.

It may not be true to lay the blame entirely on the Governor as it is the Ministry that compels our Governor to mis-use his power towards the District Councils. Since the officials of the concern District Councils, objected Rules and Procedures which has been processed, it is regretted that pay sanction for employees under District Council remains unreleased. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, the leader of this Ministry are so unkind for taking their revenge in this way and it is necessary to examine themselves and the system of the Government.

Thank you.

**DY. SPEAKER**

: I now call on leader of the opposition to have his speech and then the House Leader to wind up the discussion.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA**

: Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, I first of all have to express my appreciation for extending the time so that every willing

members can participate in the discussion.

As I have gone through Governor's speech, I found number of points to appreciate and not to appreciate. Starting with my appreciation, I want to mention that there is a highlighting of Bairabi Hydel Project which is one of the most substantial plans being initiated by MPC Party during our Ministry. It is pointed out that the Government is intending to take up affective efforts towards the achievement of 80 MW Bairabi Hydel Project with environmental clearance already being received. Besides Thermal Project of 22.92 MW is expected to be commissioned on October 2003. In regard to those point. I am extending my thanks with my fellow members and of Legislature Party

Back in December 6<sup>th</sup> 1979, aerial identification of this project was prevailed with the help of NEEPCO team during the P.C Party Ministry. Detail Project Report was completed in 1984. In November, 1985 permission of 120 Mega Watts was received from MHPC during the Congress Ministry. The problem is that the said Ministry did not give importance to the project during their long 13 years

of their Ministry on political ground. As the MNF/MPC Ministry succeeded the then Congress, I attended the meeting of the Chief Ministers as a Dy. Chief Minister of Mizoram on 18 December 1998 and on the request of the Chief Minister. On the request of the Chief Minister on that meeting I have given the report of Bairabi Hydel Project, Chhimtuipui Stage -I project, Mat project and Kolodyne Stage II project.

Consequently, at the conference of North Eastern State Power Ministers held at Shillong on 19. January, appropriate decision was made to that effect. Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, here is authenticated copy of that sitting minute which may kindly be distributed to the members. It is mentioned that the State Government will execute the project, the fund will have to be provided out of the Central Plan system. Attachment of Bairabi Project under Bramaputra Board was then retained by the Government of Mizoram. Besides, a decision was made to execute the work of Chhimtuipui and Mat projects so as to produce 400 mw by a joint-venture of the government of Mizoram and NEEPCO. The meeting further decided that the Ministry of Power will constitute a meeting consisting of CEA/CWC Bramaputra Board and State representative for fixing of time schedule for completion of project under survey. After investigation the state will give the report to the Ministry within March, 1999. So Mr. Dy. Speaker sir, I beg your permission to distribute the copy to the members. The project report was then almost completed and DPR had also been prepared to be submitted on 2<sup>nd</sup> December which was during my tenure as Dy. Chief Minister.

In this regard, I would like to remind the concerned authority of this project that the decision made by the central Government and of the State covers not only Bairabi project but also Kolodyne Stage-I. We have even received information that project report of Kolodyne Stage-II will be completed by December 2001 and then be handed over to the Government of Mizoram. I, therefore request the government to pursue this matter as necessary.

Besides, Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, during my tenure as a Finance Minister under Congress/MPC Government, I have approached the Central Government in connection with Serlui 'B' Hydel Project of 9 mw and as a result, 17 crore rupees was sanctioned. But after leaving my office of Finance Minister, the project had been abandoned by the then Congress Ministry after spending 5 crores rupees. I have made suggestion to the MNF Ministry to review this matter and then found that the fund was mis-managed. I strongly hope this project will be achieved with the effort of this Government. In the same way, this Government deserves appreciation for the work progress on the construction of thermal Project.

Regarding vehicle privatization scheme, I admired this Government for being able to initiate the Plan inspite our financial strain. This will certainly relieve the non-plan fund of the Government. Not only this Mr. Dy. Speaker Sir, we have found a scheme of provision of settlement for retired drivers, handymen and despatch riders as soon as vehicle privatization scheme comes into effect. In this regard, I would like to request the Government to take immediate action as the State Bank of India has already credited 70 Crore rupees to the State Account. If the fund is

diverted for other, I am afraid it will create problem to those drivers and handymen who are willing to retire on voluntary pension.

Coming now to our grievances towards the Government, it is regretted that this Government gives little share to the public although the Ministry is ran by the party who even went underground for the love of the people. All the programmes of the Government turn into party programme and power is given to Party unit but not to statutory Agency and Constitutional Body such as DC and MLAs which is of a serious case. If we examine the speech of the Governor, enormous amount of fund is evolved, yet only few amount is directed for the benefit of the public. Programme for upliftment of the condition of the poor too is coming from the new Agriculture policy of the Central Government. Although the programme is for the public it has not been implemented for the benefit of the public as already pointed out by other members. As we have learned from the Governor's speech, 20 crore rupees is allotted for MIP for this year. From the total allotment of 3 crore, 74 lakh, 64 thousand has already been spent which means 16 crore and some lakh of rupees remains unspent. Besides, 15 crore rupees of additional special assistance fund has also been received. Obviously all the remaining fund is being utilized on pays of Government employees but not for the purpose of upliftment of the poors which is deeply regretted.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R**

: I now call on Pu Zoramthanga hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up the discussion.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all would like to express my appreciation on your impartial judgement

through out the discussion.

Hon'ble Members are aware of the fact that almost all the States of the Indian union are facing extreme pressure on their state exchequer, particularly on their revenue account. Such pressure, in many cases, have resulted in sliding of their position to the brink of withholding salaries of their employees. It is a matter of satisfaction that we have had a fairly uneventful financial year due to the efficient financial management of our State as compare to other N.E States who had to resort to various drastic economic measures.

The Government has been taking concerted efforts to solve water problem. To that effect it is also intended to privatize Teirei and Aizawl water supply scheme.

In regard to Industry, Bamboo processing plant will be implanted as soon as necessary clearance is obtained. Keeping in mind of the demand of supply of Agarbati stick in India, step has also been taken for setting up Agarbati Cottage Industry which will open optimistic door for employment generation in Mizoram.

It is a pleasing matter that remarkable achievement have been made in the fields of Education and of Health. The Government is able to provide various facilities to schools and procure new equipment for Health Department. Recently, the Central Government has released 12 crore rupees under PMGY for the supply of materials and purchase of new equipments. Furthermore, the Government plans to procure mobile hospital and mobile toilet.

Coming to Labour & Employment Department, the Government imparts training on jobs seekers and provides career guidance. It is hopeful that large number of educated unemployed could be provided with jobs. Labour & Employment Department have even set up a committee for which Budget provision is made. The Government also provides personnel loan through Bank for the assistance of educated unemployed.

Coming now to law & order situation, though the police forces have done their level best for maintenance of law and order, certain criminal cases come unsuccessful in detection mainly because of lack of modern equipments. Yet they deserve appreciation. In spite of the prevalence of insurgencies in our neighboring states, Mizoram could attain peace and tranquility for which Peace Bonus is awarded to us.

Regarding the case of MCS examination, it is true that it was conducted by MPSC but initiated by DP & AR.

The matter relating to Privatisation of Government vehicle, recommendations of the Committee for identification of Government vehicles for disposal has also been accepted by the Government and is now readied for execution. The state Government already has 70 crore rupees to be spent for voluntary retirement scheme.

The hon'ble opposition leader has mentioned the effort taken during the MPC Ministry regarding Bairabi Hydrel Project. I am not denying this fact. Yet, all the Legislative parties had contribution for the success of this project. We have a long way to go so as to obtain all the necessary clearance for which our collective effort is needed.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is mentioned in the Governor's address that with the approval of the

recommendations of the Committee for identification of Government vehicles for disposal, the Government will be able to dispense not less than 1000 vehicles. But according to option 1600 vehicles is to be auctioned. Which of the three options is approved by the cabinet?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, In the case of Bairabi Thermal Plant, the main generator has already been sent from

Kolkata and is due to arrive soon.

The rural economy predominantly depends on Agro-forest. For the transportation of agricultural product, proper connectivity is necessary. Development cannot be achieved without proper communication. We are fortunate that tender PMGY rural connectivity is introduced with the objectives of strengthening rural infrastructure of constructing Truck/Jeep roads.

Another achievement of the Government is the Central's approval of a new project known as 'Bamboo Potential collectivity for which 12 crore rupees has already been sanctioned for development of Bamboo Plant within the State.

Therefore Mr. Speaker Sir, the central appreciates our performance and financial management which resulted in the release of large amount of funds. The House have many reasons to be grateful for.

**S P E A K E R**

: Let us now call on the Mover of the Motion to beg leave of the House to pass the same.

**PU C. SANGZUALA**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, it is pleasing that various Members participate in the debate.

Now, I beg leave of the House to pass my motion of thanks on Governor's address.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Can the motion be passed  
without taking vote ?

The motion of thanks on Governor's address passed unanimously.

The House is adjourned till 10 : 00 AM tomorrow the 20.3.2003.

Sitting Adjourned at 5 : 10 PM.