

**SPEAKER** : "You shall do no injustice in judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbour."

Leviticus 19 : 15

We shall take up Starred question. No. 1 to be asked by Col. Lalchungnunga Sailo.

**COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c Land Revenue and Settlement Department be pleased to state.

1. Whether Land Settlement Certificate was issued to private individuals on part of the land occupied by the 1st A.R.
2. If so, to how many persons?
3. What is the intention of the Government regarding this matter?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinchhana.

**PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, the answers to starred question No. 1 are as below :

1. The answer to the First question is 'yes'.
2. The answer to the Second question is 129.
3. As for question No. 3, the govt. has not yet made any decision.

**COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO** : Mr. Speaker, supplementary question please. The Hon'ble House Leader had stated that after the Assam Rifles have vacated their occupied land, the same would be utilized for the public and the govt.

**PU LALRINCHHANGA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, let me clarify this point. This matter was already took up for questioning last year. According to the record from the department 23 persons had owned Land Settlement Certificate on the said land. However, when the case was studied further it was found that more than 23 persons have owned LSC.

Hence, the case was set aside for further consideration. Subsequently, notification was issued by the Directorate for the LSC owners to report themselves. Following the notification, 129 persons have reported themselves to the Directorate. Those Land Settlement Certificate shows that the Pass were issued before the year 1996. The government has the principle that after the Assam Rifles had vacated their occupied land it would be reserved for public utilization. Despite their principle, 129 still persons have LSC. As this is the case, the matter will be considered by the Cabinet.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred question No. 2 to be asked by Pu R. Lalzirliana.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask starred question No. 2. Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Land Revenue and Settlement Minister be pleased to state -

1. What is the total number of recipients of compensation on disturbances.
2. Expenditure incurred for compensation on disturbances.
3. The total number of beneficiaries due to receive the compensation and the amount due.
4. The number of Churches destroyed during the insurgency which are due to be compensated.
5. The total amount to be compensated.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu Lalrinchhana.

**PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answers to starred question No. 2 are as below :

1. The total amount already incurred as compensation on insurgency is Rs. 17,54,52,000/-.
2. 29,242 families have received compensation.
3. 5356 families are yet to be given compensation and the amount has come to Rs. 5,21,36,000/-.
4. The answer to question (4) is 451 churches.
5. As for the last question not a single amount has been given out as compensation on damaged churches.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : A supplementary question please. If 51 church buildings was damaged due to the insurgency why is the damaged not compensated?

As for the case of private lands acquired by the armies, compensation was once given to the concerned families. But, the payment was not continued till date. What is the reason for this?

I would also like to request the hon'ble Minister to furnish those churches destroyed during the insurgency.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO** : Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. Has the Central Government made sanction for the required amount?

I would further like to ask whether the number of families due to receive the compensation as furnished by the minister could be accepted as the final figure.

**PU LALRINCHHANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, more and more families are being reported themselves to the government till today. These families are being sent to the concerned Village Council for verification. Presently, the case is prepared to be sent to the state level Committee for final decision.

As for the case of the churches that were destroyed during the insurgency, compensation is not yet released because the government had not received damaged report in the first place. However, in negotiation with the church leaders, the damage is arranged to be compensated when there is fund.

The fund itself was exhausted for the first instalment. Half the sanction was disbursed during the previous ministry. Additional fund is not allowed to be expected before the exhaustion of the previous sanction. When the MNF Ministry formed the government the remaining fund was released to the beneficiaries. As soon as the final report of the list of beneficiaries is completed sanction will be sought from the Central government.

In regard to the land acquired by the armies, after having joint verification compensation was given. Still there are some cases which are not yet being verified. After the completion of joint verification, the report would be submitted to the Revenue Secretariat, after which would be proceeded to the Central Government.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am a native of Tualbung Village and I had witnessed the Village Church completely burnt down by the armies during the insurgency, but the previous government did not compensate the loss. Does this mean that the state government fail to put enough pressure to the Central government as this government also does not make achievement in regard to compensation for the damaged churches during the insurgency.

**PU LALRINCHHANGA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I can provide the list of churches destroyed during the insurgency to the members if demanded.

When the first state government was created in 1987 fund was sought from the Central government for compensation of the insurgency. As a result, the Central government provided fund to the State government and the same so far disbursed was the outcome of the effort made by the first MNF Ministry.

As for the case of Tualbung Church, it may be included in the list to be reported.

As I have stated before, the system for the distribution of compensation will be taken up according to the agreement already made by the authority and the Church leaders.

**S P E A K E R** : Question no. 3 to be asked by Pu J. Lalthangliana.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I ask Starred question No. 3.

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state -

The number of officials who had taken the charge of Director in the department of Soil & Water Conservation during the calendar year of 2000.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, three officials had taken charge as the Director of Soil and Water Conservation Department during 2001. They are Pu Ngurliana Sailo, Pu Thanghnuna and M.M. Omar, respectively.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. Why did different persons have taken charge of the Director post within one year?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, how many Ministers had taken the portfolio of the department of Soil and Water Conservation during the last two years.

Secondly, I would like to ask the number of drivers in the said department who have no charge of a particular vehicle.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, these different officials had taken charge of the Director of Soil and Water Conservation department because it became necessary for the concerned department.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker, the hon'ble Minister may better change the language he is using. The language he used in his reply to the question was insulting for the member.

PU RUALCHHINA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, I was just replying to the question put forward by the members.

As for the question asked by Pu J. Lalthangliana, three different Ministers had already taken the portfolio of the department of Soil & Water Conservation during the last two years.

And for the case of the drivers, I can not furnish the specific number.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, can the hon'ble Minister furnish the specific reason for this irregularity in the department of Soil & Water Conservation.

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Speaker, first, Pu Ngurliana Sailo was put incharge of the Director and then Pu Thanghnuna had suc-

ceeded him and afterwards, M.M. Omar was then acting as a temporary Director. In replying to the question put forward in this regard the hon'ble Minister has stated that it is necessary for the department. What I would like to ask the Minister is why it is necessary.

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to make clarification.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to clarify this matter. The post of Director in the department of Soil & Water Conservation was taken into a court case. In the meantime, Pu Ngurliana Sailo was in charge of the said post. According to the Court decision, Pu Thanghnuna was to be the Director and he was promoted accordingly. After a while, Pu Thanghnuna was gone on retirement. And so, M.M. Omar, the then Joint Secretary was promoted to the post of Director.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred question to be asked by Pu P.B. Rosanga.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask starred question No. 4.

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Finance department be pleased to state :

- (a) When will the government release the revised pay scale for the pensioners under the Government of Mizoram ?
- (b) Whether the government intends to release pension arrears with effect from January 1996.
- (c) If yes, when.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu Lalchamliana Minister i/c Finance to reply.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding the question put forward by the hon'ble Member from Ngopa, an order has already been issued that pensioners under the Government of Mizoram will be given the revised rate of pension w.e.f. 1.5.1999.

Regarding the second question, the government has no intention of releasing arrears to pensioner for the moment.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as asserted by the hon'ble Minister, the government has issued order that pensioners under the government of Mizoram will be given revised pay scale w.e.f. 1.5.1999. But pensioners are still awaiting their new pay scale which is not yet released till date. What is the reason for this and who is responsible, the Minister or the department concerned ?

And for those pensioners who retired before 1996 they get their

pensions according to the consolidated rate. When can they get the new revised scale?

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker, I think the matter I am going to point out is relevant with the subject we are discussing.

Why doesn't the government take decision within two years on the recommendation of the 5th Pay Commission as on 1.1.1996 to 1.5.1999? Lack of interest from the government's side resulted in the greivances of the pensioners. The government should have notified whether the recommendation is to be implemented or not. It is also the obligation of the government to make the decision immediately.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. In the first Session of this Ministry the House was presented with the copy of the letter sent to the Central Government in regard to the financial assistance sought by the government of Mizoram. As shown in the copy the Government of Mizoram has asked for Rs. 193.80 crores for the implementation of the fifth Pay Commission. It seems that Rs. 152 crores has already been sanctioned from the peace bonus. In this regard I would like to ask whether the Central government has released the said amount.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, in replying to the question the Hon'ble Minister had stated that there is a government's order for the implementation of the revised rate of pension w.e.f. 1.5.1999. But, it has not been implemented till today. Pensioners are anxiously awaiting for their new pay scale. Their welfare should be taken as priority. Why can't the government release their dues in cash?

The 11th Finance Commission has allowed to transfer fund laid down for this current year to be utilized for Mizoram. For instance, 117 crores has been transferred from share in Central Sales Tax duties.

Another 322.708 crores was also converted to be utilized for non-plan revenue deficit. Another 182.45 crores was converted for Peace bonus. In spite of all the above, this government is still unable to implement the revised pay scale for pensioners even after it has issued an order to do so. I would like to question the government in this matter. It is evident that Rs. 193.80 crores has been earmarked for pays and arrears alone. But, the government seems to ignore this fact. I have the impression that there is leakage of our fund from the government's treasury.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the members have raised many questions regarding the pays and arrears of the pensioners under the government of Mizoram. First of all, I would like to state that the officers and staff at the concerned department have been working very hard not only during the office hours but also works overtime. The procedure made by the 5th Pay Commission is intricated that it requires hard work as it is a new pattern. The recommendation of the 5th Pay Commission has categorized between pensioners before 1986, pensioners between 1986 - 96, those who are under the 4th Pay Commission and the last one, those pensioners after 1996. These four categories are to be dealt with seperately because different patterns are set for each of them. Currently, the department is dealing with around 6000 pension cases. 16 officers and staff have been working deligently on pension cases alone. In spite of this, all the cases cannot be settled today. About 793 cases was

settled last year and another 1751 cases was revised. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the unsettled case of the pays and arrears of the pensioners are not neglected by the government and even the department. But, our problem is that the work load and our man power are not well balanced. So, rapid progress cannot be expected. As this is the case, the government has made new proposal that fresh pension cases should be settled first as the previous pensioners have already received their pensions. In spite of the efforts rendered by the departments only 2544 out of 6000 cases have been settled and this case demands careful and hard work. Every year there are about 75 fresh pension cases. As these cases requires to be dealt first priority could not be given to the previous ones.

In replying to the question raised by the hon'ble member from Chawngte Constituency, the decision of the government is to make restriction for those pensioners before 1999.

The questions raised by the Opposition leader and the member from Saiha are connected as both relates to the Peace Bonus. When the opposition leader called a Press Conference, he had stated that the government of Mizoram ask the Central government for a peace bonus amounting to Rs. 447 crores which is true. However, only 182.45 crores was granted to us. Rs. 193 crores asked for the implementation of the fifth Pay Commission has also comes to nothing. From the peace bonus given to us 82.45 crores has to be set aside for the financial deficit that occurs from the previous ministry. The remaining Rs. 100 crores is sanctioned for the overdraft we have from ways and means. The above mentioned heads are specifically written by the Central government. But, not a single amount is sanctioned for the implementation of the pay revision.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I presume the Hon'ble Finance Minister is clearly aware that the 11th Finance Commission has transferred fund for the utilization of the new revision of pay. This fact could clearly be seen from the recommendation book. Though the amount released for peace bonus does not cover the implementation of the Fifth Pay, Rs. 322.78 crores is transferred for non - plan revenue deficit. As for the 11th Finance Commission, realising that the amount for peace bonus was too meagre, a higher amount of fund was transferred for non - plan revenue. Another Rs. 107 crores was also transferred for the share in Central stock, seller and duties which could also be utilized for other liabilities and deficits. I think the Hon'ble Finance Minister is aware of this. How can he still say that there is financial difficulties.

**PU P.B. ROSANGA :** Mr. Speaker, pensioners deserved to be given priority. In his reply to the question the Minister had mentioned shortage of man power. Is there a way to solve this problem by deputing experts from other departments?

**PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the replies furnished by the Hon'ble Finance Minister has given me the impression that those pension case before 1996 were to be left as it is, I would like to request the Minister to clarify this point.

**S P E A K E R :** Pu Lalchamlia, Minister to give replies.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker, as I have mentioned before, 1700 pension revision cases are already settled. The concerned department is still working on the remaining cases. We are making efforts for the progress of the remaining cases.

As for the case of the question raised by the member from Chawngte, decision has not yet been made for the case of those pensioners before 1996.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend a few more points on our financial condition. The total expenditure incurred for pension alone is Rs. 33.35 crores for this year which is about 3.39 percent from the State's total budget. Due to the pay and pension revisions introduced by the 5th Pay Commission, the State's financial situation is greatly affected. Even the Chief Minister of the most advanced State in India has stated that, seven years from now the expenditure on pension would be higher than the expenditure incurred for those being on service. This has become burdensome for not only Mizoram but other Indian States as well.

As calculated by the Finance department around Rs. 45 crores is spent for salaries and wages excluding office expenditure and debt servicing. This indicates that the yearly expenditure will be Rs. 540 crores. The 11th Finance Commission did not provide as we demanded. If necessary I can produce a copy, we are compelled to take projects that could make resourceful revenue. Therefore, I would like to repeat that the 11th Finance Commission has not provided us as we demanded.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, beside the date we have set up, we still have around Rs, 243 crores. In addition with the financial assistance received from the 11th Finance Commission and the remaining 243 crores, the government should be able to pay the required salary.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Finance Commission has declared our state owned resources as zero. I can produce the document to back up my statement.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Mr. Speaker, how will the hon'ble Minister explain to the remaining 243 crores ?

**SPEAKER :** We shall now go on to the main question.

**PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO :** Mr. Speaker, on August last, the hon'ble Chief Minister had given a statement that the Central Government has granted peace bonus which was higher than expected. For this reason, the states financial machinery which could not function for some time continued to function again. We have heard the above statement from the Chief Minister.

**PU LALCHAMLIANA MINISTER :** Mr. Speaker, we have approached the Central government for additional financial assistance. But, the financial assistance released by the Central Government do not cover our estimated requirements. When this Ministry commenced to function the



account of Mizoram was opened on deficit. The release of Peace Bonus has relieved the State of its financial burden to a great extent and also reduced the States' fiscal deficit.

**S P E A K E R** : Starred question No. 5 to be asked by Pu C. Thanghluna.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I ask starred question no. 5.

Will the Hon'ble Minister i/c District Council Affairs be pleased to state -

- (a) The exact pay scale of the Chief Executive Member, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Executive Member and the Member of District Council (MDC) of Lai Autonomous District Council.
- (b) Has their salary been given against the existing rules ?
- (c) Previously, the Ex - MDC were given their pension according to "The Lai Autonomous District Council Salary Allowance and Pension of Members Act 1993". Why does the Finance Department terminated this pension ignoring the said Act ?

**PU H. VANLALAUVA** : Mr. Speaker, it appears that the questions are concerned with the Finance Department. However, I will try to furnish replies.

- (a) The pay scale of the CEM, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, EM and Member of the Lai Autonomous District Council are as given below :

(1) C.E.M	-	Rs. 9,000/-
(2) Chairman	-	Rs. 8,800/-
(3) Deputy Chairman	-	Rs. 8,600/-
(4) E.M.	-	Rs. 8,600/-
(5) Member	-	Rs. 4,800/-
- (b) There is no knowledge of their salaries being given against the existing rule.
- (c) The Finance Department does not ignore the existing Act of 1993. It simply does not agree to give pension against the Lai Autonomous District Council Salaries Allowances and Pension of Members Act, 1993.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA** : Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. We have seen the various pay scales as furnished by the Hon'ble Minister. He further stated that the salaries were not given against the existing rules. Nevertheless, the existing Rules has fixed the salaries of the CEM as Rs. 3000/-, Chairman as Rs. 2800/-, EM as Rs. 2600/-. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister to clarify the reason for this increase in their salaries.

**S P E A K E R** : Though question hour is over, the Minister may give his replies.

PU C. THANGHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, I would further like to ask whether there is uniformity in the pay system among the three District Councils.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, it appears that the Executive Committee has discussed and decided their own salary ignoring the existing rule. In this regard, I ask how the government is going to react.

Lastly, I would like to ask under which authorization is the Pension Salary belong, the Executive of the District Council or the State Government?

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker, I have furnished the total emoluments drawn by the Chirman and other members of the District Council. Besides the basic pay, there are other allowances as well.

I would like to repeat that I have no knowledge of the salaries being given against the existing rules.

As for the three District Councils, different norms have been adopted. Recently, the three District Councils have the policy of following uniform system for their salaries and this policy has been processed.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Member, Pu Lalrinzuala has asked for the utilization of zero hour. As demanded by our Rule no. 65 I will now read it out.

To,  
The Hon'ble Speaker,  
Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

Subject :- Utilization of zero hour on 17.1.2001.

Sir,  
On 26.11.2000 an unfavourable circumstances had happened at the Lunglei District Jail in which one person has lost his life. Besides being a recent occurrence this has also been of public importance. One of the convict, Pu Laltanpuia of Farm Veng, Lunglei died suspiciously. This incident makes the atmosphere tense at Lunglei. I feel it important to clarify this incident in the House. For this reason, I ask for the utilization of zero hour for 17.1.2001.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- Lalrinzuala, MLA.

Our Rules no. 61 & 62 provided that a motion for an adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be made with the consent of the Speaker. Further, Rules no 62 and 64 stated that, 'any matter pending before any statutory tribunal or statutory authority performing any judicial or quasi-judicial function or any commission or court of enquiry appointed to enquire into, or investigate any matter may not be moved in the House for discussion'.

This matter has been registered under Section 302 and 202 and 34 IPC of 4.1.2001 and an Enquiry Commission was set up, it cannot be admitted in the House

for discussion as the matter has been under sub judice. I would like to request the member to understand the situation.

We shall go on to the next business. Bill that are passed by the House and already assented by the Governor are - The Mizoram Regulation of Animal Movement Bill, 2000 and The Mizoram Appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2000.

Now, the report of the Bussiness Advisory Committee may be distributed to the members.

As the House is in Session, Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister, who is the Chairman of the Select Committee has submitted the report of 'The Mizoram Tenancy and Government Land Settlement Bill, 2001' to the Chair of the Speaker. I understand that the members are already given the copy.

Now, let us invite Pu H. Rammawi to present the report of the Public Accounts Committee.

**PU H. RAMMAWI** : Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I have presented the 5th & 6th Reports of the Public Accounts Committee.

Though the reports were already presented to the Speaker on the 17th of November, I have presented the same to the House today as prescribed by our regulation.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : MINISTER** Mr. Speaker, in case of the copy of the report already distributed to the Members, it is not necessary to present the same to the House.

**S P E A K E R** : As the copy of the reports presented by Pu Rammawi was not sent to the members earlier, I have invited him to present the same to the House today.

Let us now call upon Pu Lalthan Kunga, Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Committee on Estimates to present the reports.

**PU LALTHAN KUNGA : DEPTUY SPEAKER** Mr. Speaker, with your permission I have present to the House the first Estimates Committee report of the 'Central Workshop' under Transport Department.

**S P E A K E R** : The copy may be distributed, our next business is introduction of Bill by Pu Aichhinga, Minister.

**PU AICHHINGA : MINISTER** With your permission, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Bill, 2001'.

**S P E A K E R** : The copy is distributed to the Members.

The next business is discussion on Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address. If the members agree each member will be allotted 10 minutes each.

PU LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Hon'ble Governor has concluded his address by stating 'I am sure that these issues will be discussed in greater details during the course of this session'.

From the conclusion of his speech the Hon'ble Governor has expected to have a detailed discussion of his Speech. But, we are allotted only 10 minutes each.

SPEAKER : Discussion of the Governor's Speech is supposed to be completed today. Therefore, the members are expected to utilize 10 minutes each.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker Sir, the Governor may not deliver other speech for this year. And as his speech is so important, at least 15 minutes should be allotted to each members.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, 10 minutes is the convention we have.

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA:  
H. PAUTU : Mr. Speaker, let us settle for 10 minutes. But, the House Leader and the Opposition Leader may be allotted an extra five minutes.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker, if the members from the treasury bench are satisfied with 10 minutes, allot them 10 minutes. But, we demand an extra five minutes.

SPEAKER : Let more time be allotted to the Group Leader and the Opposition Leader. 20 minutes will be given to the Opposition Leader, 15 minutes to the Group Leader and 10 minutes to each member.

Now let us call upon Pu C. Sangzuala.

PU C. SANGZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I am grateful to know the Governor mentioning about peace and harmony. He had mentioned about peace and harmony in our State which cannot be left out. Along with this, I am also grateful to know that he had mentioned about the development of the Police Department and other concerned departments that promote peace and harmony. Further, he mentioned that the problem we sometimes faced in this issue like blaming each other comes from outside the State, not from within us. It is also a matter of satisfaction to hear that one additional battalion of the India Reserve Police has been sanctioned and personnel are being

recruited. I am pleased to notice that our dreams has become a reality.

Apart from the above points, another pleasing matter in the Governor's Address is the mention of achieving self-sufficiency in the production of food grains and providing adequate opportunities for more gainful employment through agricultural and horticultural development programmes remains the top priority of the Government. This has indicated that the State government fulfils its paternal duty.

I would like to share with you my heartfelt gratitude to His excellency the Governor for mentioning the programmes laid out by the Central Government to improve our financial status. As we can see, our financial position significantly improved due to the release of Peace Bonus and the Central Government for writing off the U.T. period loan of Rs. 37.93 crores which has been lying outstanding against the Government of Mizoram. This positive decision of the Central Government is a great relief to the State of Mizoram. All these have been achieved as a result of the efforts rendered by our leaders.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Governor's speech though concise demonstrated that this government is trustworthy for the people. It has exposed the true image of this government.

As we have seen in the speech this government has worked in order to have sufficiency in food grains. Its policy for the improvement of agricultural products and its market is all highlighted in the speech.

We have also seen a brief outline on the government's contribution for the fight against social evils.

Rapid steps taken by this government in the field of tourism is also highlighted in the speech which indicates that the government has framed all round development in the State.

Another pleasing matter is that the Address has clearly demonstrated that this government has fulfilled its various commitments. I would like to bring out some points to support this view. Generation of more power supply and rural connectivity, the ongoing works on animal farming center, construction of Referral Hospital at Falkawn, works for the progress of elementary education, the governments' proposal for the promotion of engineering institute have been highlighted in the speech. This government have committed to fulfil the various fields mentioned above. And now, we have seen the result through the Governor's Address.

Another delightful points seen in the speech is that over 2000 families in rural areas are provided with housing assistance. We have also seen the new policy on Information technology. I am also pleased to see that border trade is expected to be accomplished shortly.

Another pleasing matter that deserved mention is the existence of a healthy relationship between The State Government and the three District Councils which is seen on the latter part of the speech.

To conclude my speech, I want the members to have clear observation on the works undertaken by this government, so as to enable us to appreciate it. The Governor have not missed the government official who have contributed a lot for the accomplishment of the governments policies. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we should be grateful to the Governor for his Speech.

PU L.N. TLUANGA : Mr. Speaker, we have listened and studied the Governor's speech. In the second para of his speech, the Governor has stated that it was a matter of satisfaction that the over all law and order situation in the State remains peaceful. How can the governor say this while we have faced problems everywhere such as total bandh and the robbing of rural bank at Lawngtlai. Kidnapping and murder became prevalent within the State. All these created havoc among the people. In spite of this, the Governor still says that attempts made by insurgents operating from neighbouring States to disturb our hard earned peace have been dealt with effectively and efficiently by law enforcement agencies in the State. Doesn't the Governor realise the failure of law and order in the State ?

Contrary to what we have seen in the third paragraph of the Address availability of food grains and other essential commodities in the State have been unsatisfactory. Even the quality of rice supplies is unfit for consumption.

At the same time, improvement of our financial position mentioned in paragraph is very pleasing. Various sources of financial assistance received by this State have been mentioned in the Address, and yet we are facing financial difficulties in the State. The government has been imparting economy to the people due to financial constraint in the State.

Coming to para 7 of the Governor's Address we find that positive results have been achieved in the production of food grains through agriculture. But, the total production of rice in 1999 is very much less than that of the previous year. Actually, the quantity of rice produce is becoming less and less.

Coming to the 14th paragraph I would like to say that we have failed in the fight against the menace of social evil. The implementation of Total Prohibition Act has completely failed. Hence, various non - Government organisations are not very keen to provide active participation to the government.

Thank you.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker Sir, Let me express the point written in the ninth page which is Aizawl - Bualpui Road. As mentioned earlier, I think there is typing mistake in this regard. This road should be written as Aizawl - Saiha - Bualpui. A new Bus service is started from Saiha to Bualpui (Ng). Mr. Speaker Sir, there are many things to express and it will take about 20/30 minutes to express even a single point. But one important thing that I would like to express is the 10th paragraph of page No. 4 that is 'My Government has assigned priority to the Development of Border Trade'. The Estimated money for two Border Trade Centres Tlabung and Zokhawthar are Rupees 184 lakhs and 200 lakhs respectively. This amount of money is said as 'initially providing' and this means pioneering fund. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to point out now that, Mizoram is a land of poor, the people are too poor. The main target for every political party and Ministry is to rescue the poor people from the Valley of poverty. So, today, I am afraid that this Government will try to provide jobs to those poor people to eradicate poverty, because this could not be done by any government. But we receive blessing from God unlike other places. Here in Mizoram we have good climate and fertile land. I am assure that we have not yet explore the natural resources of our State. Although farmers of our Village are good enough, they work very hard, their work is not so fruitful. Their annual income is quite little. In this sphere, our government has some important duties which has not been fulfilled. Efforts made by our government

from the time of U.T. to help the hard working people of rural areas is really inefficient.

For example, those who engage in Orange farming in Thingsai and its adjoining villages have not known how to sell their products till today. The western part of Lawngtlai District, formerly Chhimtuipui District is also banana field. But there is no way to sell the products. If the farmers are not helped by the government hard working is meaningless. So, today, our village farmers have not yet known what and how is to be planted. The only item on which we got support from the government is ginger, the price is quickly risen from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 10/- per kg. Thus in this paragraph No. 10, we can know that this Ministry undertook new policy to dispose away our agricultural products.

If the government helps village farmers to choose the items and if the farmers still work hard we will need no longer time. But it is needed to help them to select what items to be grown and how to sell the products. It is not difficult to increase our per capita income by 20 times. If we engage in rice only there are some people who cannot earn Re. 1/- daily. So, this paragraph No. 10 reveals that our government have an idea in this regard. In the olden days, gingers are carried down from Champhai to Vairengte where they waited for two weeks to weight their goods and they had spent all their benefits. The most important target for the government is to inspire poor farmers. Let us revive the incentive to enthusiastic people.

From Governor's Address, there is provision to dispose away our agricultural products, this type of provision has not been shown in the previous Address. Therefore, I appreciate this speech as I hope an enthusiastic mind would be revived among Village farmers.

I also know that, it is good to have wide publicity to the farmers that they could do their level best in this regard. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I really appreciate this Governor's Speech as there is provision to earn about 4 - 5 lakhs in a year for the poor farmers. I think this would be a good beginning.

Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, if we compare this Governor's speech with the speech of previous year there is contrast in some points. So, let me point out shortly. In the Second Paragraph regarding Law and Order Mizoram is peaceful as he said, but in the next sentences, some underground people from our neighbouring States were resisted by our State Police Force. We often heard about the activities of underground groups of our neighbouring states. In the olden days we have not heard about this and such group of people had not enter our state from Manipur, Nagaland, etc. But nowadays, we had in the centre part of Mizoram. Within this year, an underground group of about 100 people with arms were seen in Rulpuihlim Village. The place is not far from here. Also in Mamit District, the Assam Rifles had done checking too much due to the activities of an underground groups. This made travelling uneasy. Sikhar and in the north western region the life of Civilian is not peaceful, under such circumstances it is not right to announce that our state is peaceful. So, there are many things to be thought why the activities of underground groups are common in our state.

The Press Statement of our House Leader are published in the National Newspaper, he said, "we are the best one to make peace in the North East". But there are so many underground groups who came across Mizoram, kidnapping and murdering also occurred in Mizoram. Therefore, I cannot agree our Governor's speech regarding

Law and Order, our State is not peaceful.

And next, regarding Public Distribution System (P.D.S.) our Governor said that the condition of Rice stock in Mizoram is good enough. But the availability of rice can be expressed in two points. Firstly, Rice stocked by the Government are very bad and the people did not want to eat this and next, the rate used by the Government is higher than black market. Thus, the reason is not great.

In the previous days, in this House we had discussed about bad quality of Rice. Mr. Speaker Sir, if I am not mistaken, our Supply Minister had made assurance that our rice should be good quality. But we cannot see any progress till today. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not see any point to be appreciated in this regard.

Another thing which I would like to point out is that our government paid priority to self sufficiency in food production this can be seen in every Governor's speech and budget speech. But now, two years had already passed and we expect to know how far had we reached in this direction. How many paddy fields had been completed and what is our present position in this regard. So, I request our House Leader to explain this when he wind - up this motion.

I also want to express Education Policy. We are lucky, we are the highest one in literacy percentage due to the efforts of our volunteers. But when we look at our plan Budget, only 6 - 7% of the budget is arranged to promote education. Comparing to Kerala, the highest one, they aranged 34% of the budget for education only. Our House Leader had rightly said that Mizoram had good climatic condition and high literacy percentage so we need good plan. To maintain our position in literacy percentage and to promote education quality we must paid high priority to Education Department. But we cannot give appointment to fill up 120 post of Primary School Teacher which had been notified in 1999, the newly appointed teachers under operation Blackboard were also terminated now, 269 Hindi Teachers appointed as officiating were also terminated on 26th December, 2000. This is our Education policy. But here in Governor's speech, education is paid top priority. Theory is not good enough. So, practical work is more important. Let us use more financial assistance to have better education. But now, in my constituency and in other places also, one teacher looked after 90 - 100 students. This is our present situation. So, favour better plan to promote education is needed.

Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu Nihar Kanti, His chance cannot be 10 minutes long but let him use in full, do we agree? Yes, let us call him.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. In the Governor's Address, it has been found in para 10 that 'my Government has decided to give priority to the development of border trade. Sincere effort have been made to the development of border trade at Tlabung'. It is very welcoming. Even last time, our Chief Minister has spoken regarding border trade. But till now, nothing has come out, no development activities has yet been made. If we see in terms of development and in terms of our share in the budget, I think, if I am not mistaken, our share i.e. Tlabung is the lowest. It is very much regretted to say how in the Governor's address that sincere development activities has taken place at Tlabung. Even the existing one also has been taken away from Tlabung itself. There was a sign board of district S.D.O. but that sign board has also been taken away from Tlabung itself.



So, although it has been written here, in reality, nothing has come out. Nothing has been found out. The S.D.O. at present is in charge, and he has not been given any power. He has no function at all. It is very regretful to say that, the Tlabung sub - Treasury has not yet functioned, although the building has been completed.

We have learnt that there are some officials who have been working in the name of Tlabung sub - Treasury.

This Government has created 5 new DRDA, but Tlabung has not been favoured. Tlabung should be given importance, even during Assam Government, it is considered important business centre after Aizawl and Lunglei.

In the Governor's speech, it was stated, 'My Government is continuing augmentation of the water supplies to cover more habitations'. But here I must point out regarding my village Nunsuri. Sanction is there for water supply in the area but till now the work had not been started.

In my constituency there are many schools without teacher. I have informed the hon'ble Education Minister. There are nineteen schools. The Government has not taken any step to improve primary education in my constituency.

In para 20 of Governor's speech, it is stated that "My Government continued to assist Autonomous District Councils in discharging their vital role in development of the District Councils". I think, if I am not mistaken, that it has done nothing in the District Council areas, except to form M.N.F. Ministry in all the three District Councils.

In para 22, it is stated that "Efforts will be made to improve the public transport system". However, in my constituency the transport buses are very irregular. Recently I was unable to attend House Committee, due to irregularity of bus services.

S P E A K E R : Meeting adjourned.

2 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall continue our business, now Pu K. Vanlalauva.

P U K. V A N L A L A U V A : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you. The Governor's speech lasted for 45 minutes. The only comment, we hear so far is, the Governor's speech is too lengthy. Any way para 3 highlights the sufficiency of food in the state, which I feel is truly right. The long lines that we usually see for cooking gas, is no more there. We are grateful for the glorious effort the hon'ble Chief Minister had made in this regard.

In para 8, it is stated that, the Forest & Environment clearance for Bairabi Hydrel Project is also clear. This is a great achievement. Mr. Speaker Sir, another achievement, which according to me is of tremendous importance is, the Greater Aizawl Water Supply phase - II. With the help of this supply, remote areas of the city will be reached. Above all, Mr. Speaker Sir, I want to thank the hon'ble Governor for highlighting the various achievement of the State.

Thank you.

**PU C. THANGHLUNA :** Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. There are many points to discuss on the Governor's speech. However, since we have limited time, I shall discuss only few points. Mr. Speaker Sir, in the Governor's speech, it was highlighted that, 37.93 crore was written off by the Central Government. Mr. Speaker Sir, I don't see it as a big issue. During the time of the previous Government, the same was done. 30 crore was written off during Congress Ministry.

Then, coming to para 6, it was stated that Planning Commission had approved, the Government's annual plan for 2000 - 2001, which is Rs. 401.26 crore. From the Governor's speech, it is satisfactory for the state annual plan. However, Mr. Speaker Sir, inspite of this, the people are suffering from lack of financial aid from the government. The people of the state are poor. Therefore, I feel that the Governor's speech doesn't imply with the people, the Governor's speech is only Verbal.

Coming to School Education, Mr. Speaker Sir, in para 10 of Governor's speech, the Governor spoke about the construction of Elementary Education building. However, Mr. Speaker Sir, the School Academic session needs to be reorganized, this pattern does not suit our religion. Our religion demands for long vocation during Christmas season. The children are unable to pursue their studies during this season. The former pattern is more suitable for our state.

**COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO :** Mr. Speaker Sir, there are number of points to discuss. First of all, the Governor stated that the Bangladesh and Myanmar border is effectively controlled. However, Mr. Speaker Sir, we know that, BNLF and HPC move freely in and around the border, resulting in the abduction of Neepco Workers. The government, completely failed in dealing with law and order in the State. In the Governor's speech it was stated that, "My Government has been making efforts to strengthen the Law & Order machinery of the State government by providing it with modern and sophisticated equipment". Mr. Speaker Sir, what I would like to highlight is that, it is not only the equipment that is important, but the man behind the rifle. Therefore, the moral of our police personals should be uplifted, as we know that our police personals are morally down.

Coming to para 3 of Governor's speech - The public distribution system of the government is totally partial. Only party people are given priority.

Regarding BPL ration, Mr. Speaker Sir, the quality of the ration is very disappointing. It is a disgrace for the government to distribute such low quality ration. Therefore, the Government should look into this matter.

I would like to mention few points regarding Total Prohibition Act at para 64. The Government by now should know that, it has failed in Total Prohibition Act. How can the Government prohibit the selling of liquor when the department concerned is selling liquor during Christmas season, Mr. Speaker Sir? Therefore, the government needs to rectify its system in order to implement the Total Prohibition Act.

Coming to para 15 - In para 15 Under the new programme of PMGY, around 2098 families are going to receive loans for construction of house. Then 1149 families are receiving loans, for repairing their house. Mr. Speaker Sir, what I would like to say in this regard is that, these families, selected by the government, will only be from the ruling party. Therefore, this project, is only a mean to promote party people.

Thank you.

PU Z.H. ROPUIA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me time to make a speech. We are fortunate to have such a peaceful state. If we look at the National paper, we hear of different incident occurring at our neighbouring state. Unless for one or two incident, there is hardly any untoward incident occurring in our State. Mizoram is really an island of peace. The Governor should have emphasized more, on the peacefulness of our state in his speech.

We should be proud of our police organisation and for the various steps taken in regard to discipline and maintenance of law and order.

Coming to Non-lapsable pool of Central resources fund - From the Governor's speech, we can learn that 400 crore had been allotted to us. We should thank the Finance department for their hard work and ability in maintaining the State finance.

Then, coming to Education - It is good to hear that Central government had released the first installment sanctioned for the construction of school buildings. Therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, we should thank the government for the various steps taken by the government.

Thank you.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, there appeared one important thing in the Hon'ble Governor's speech. It is the Bamboo policy in the 11th point. It is so great and I am happy when I heard that those sitting at the right side had Bamboo Policy from Independent Policy while I think about the Bamboo policy and how to go about here in the 13th point he said about Bamboo Plantation Policy. This means that we have to grow more Bamboos, I had heard our House Leader's speech, he said about Korea Bamboo, Taiwan Bamboo which would cost rupees five hundred to one thousand per piece. I think we have to grow such kind of bamboos. Besides these, I wish to grow other types of bamboo such as Switzerland Bamboo and even UNO Bamboo if available, and I think these good quality of Bamboos would be very great.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, while discussing about bamboo, our culture and bamboo had deep relations. We, the Mizos used bamboo for our houses, for our roof, and for our walls, besides that, we eat the young bamboo shoot for our food. So, it still has deep relation with our life. The present bamboo which we called 'Mautak' (i.e. Real Bamboo) might not be available world wide, this variety is very good quality.

Our bamboos often face mass perish, which we called 'Mautam', at a regular interval of 50 years. When this occasion occurs, the roots of bamboo had decayed underground and become good natural fertilizer. Thus it was followed by lucky year. The last Mautam occurred in 1958/1959, so, our scholars estimated 2007 for the next coming Mautam, so we are ready to face this. We made Rodent Control Committee and now they have been trying to kill the rats as much as possible. Thus, bamboos greatly affect our culture.

When our House Leader visited Thailand to search for peace. One Naga Politician said that MNF was established due to Mautam, so, it was not really due to Nationalism thus they ceased as soon as Mautam had ceased. Thus, bamboo is deeply related to our cultural life, and I said it is quite different to have Bamboo Policy. I thin, there were no other countries who have Bamboo Policy.

Thus, bamboo had affect our culture. Mautam had resulted one organi-

sation called Mautam Famine Front. That occurrence of Famine had created controversy in our society till today.

For example, a new organisation, which was formed due to Mautam, did what thing? They firstly robbed the Bank and which had far reaching effects.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, let him clarify his statement. Did the MINISTER MNF/MFF rob the Banks?

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I did not say that MNF robbed Banks. I said that robbing of Banks occurred due to Mautam (famine) I rather accused bamboo as the prime suspect. Therefore, there occurred robbing of Treasury. So, we prevented the rats only, whereas there are others to be prevented during the period of Mautam. In the olden days we never locked our houses, closing the door with wood pole was enough, killing or murdering were almost non-existence. But Mautam led to famine which further had very very far-reaching effect on our culture. Previously, we, the Mizos, never told lies, but due to the incidence of Mautam, we need to tell lies and this bamboo is the main reason for cheating. Therefore, we must pay attention to this coming Mautam, otherwise somebody will cheat Mizo nation by means of Mautam by fluently speaking about UNO that will be meaningless.

Because of this Mautam, robbing, murdering, political cheating and corruption were prevalent. We took away money from A.O., so, we made corruption inevitable. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, if we are trying to plant bamboo, would there be good qualities? We are now talking about Bamboo Plantation Policy and Processing. One thing that I would like to express is that we have the best processing of bamboo. We made it for hat and others, but the best one is to make Paper Mill because it can be used for other purposes. Although we use it to make hat (Khumbeu) the cost of labour is very expensive. Therefore, if we are trying to take up Bamboo Processing we must be careful. We see that in the Bamboo Policy - II we shall establish Research Institute, and in the 13th research would also be carried on. In this connection I would like to ask our leaders how the processing would be carried on, I eagerly want to see Korea Bamboo and Taiwan Bamboo and its processing. So, for the coming 2007 Mautam, prevention without cheating is important.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker, in No. 3 of Chapter 17, time will be MINISTER scheduled to discuss Governor's Address. If we look further, we have freedom to discuss, but if the members want to discuss that does not include in the Address, shall we not follow the rules? The rule said that they will ask for, if they want to discuss.

S P E A K E R : Anyway, let every member care the rules as cited now, it is good for all of us to abide by the rules. Expressing outside the subject can take away our prestige of our House. Therefore, let us try to discuss the topic.

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, some hon'ble Members had discussed and the motion of thank on Governor's

Address is laid from Treasury Bench. But Mr. Speaker during the last two years, our Governor's speech becomes shorter and shorter. In the previous speech there were 40 points, but now there are only 25 points including his wishes, on the other hand we said that our developmental work is so great. If it is true, I think our Governor's Address will become longer and longer. Therefore, Mr. Speaker I was amazed when I heard there is no progressive work to express during these two years.

It is stated at point 2rd that "I am confident that efforts will be intensified for further accelerated progress in these endeavours for sustained development and poverty alleviation" Mr. Speaker, during this two years our Ministry had no poverty alleviation programme for the rural people. What measures did they take? How long it is, Mr. Speaker.

During the P.C. Ministry, they propounded Garden Colony. Then, MNF called it Jhum Control Policy, they are right. The Congress Ministry propounded New Land Use Policy for the upliftment of rural people. Now, banning the NLUP and not continuing the Jhum Control Policy, this Ministry still goes on for two years without any programme to uplift the rural people. Here in this Governor's speech only "will be" is seen. Nowadays, the bigs become bigger, there is nothing to be hidden, as said by Lawngtlai Constituency Member, our fund is much comparing to population of Mizoram. If they used poverty alleviation programme as their policy No one, there should be fund for this purpose. But we did not care for the poor people, this Ministry cares for those who "haves" only. We are from the rural constituencies, what are our hopes in this government. We discussed very often, NLUP policy is changed and we are still searching for its alternative. But no answer till today. "Will be intensified for sustain development and poverty alternation". This is very serious Mr. Speaker, service but not for the welfare of 60%, 70%, of the rural people is what kind of service? What shall we tell the rural people in the next election, shall we promise for their welfare?

And, Mr. Speaker, other thing that I want to say is our policy for self-sufficiency in economics. It is right, we cannot live without food. But our policy is in the way of Mechanization. Private Bulldozers are hired, for example, the Plain area of Champhai, the arable land from the olden days is chosen, there are other lands and valleys which are not prepared. But, Mr. Speaker, I would not say such thing now. The cost of hiring the Bulldozer did not go to the poor people. This means that the government's fund goes to the rich people. So, I called Mechanization policy as personalisation policy. So, we lost our way. Mr. Speaker, now two years had passed, our agricultural products had decreased in Mizoram. The other thing that I want to say is our Governor's speech on Sports Department. "Efforts will be made to motivate and encourage them to achieve even greater height" he said that, this ministry will take measures for sports promotion. At the same time, do we make programmes for out young people in the rural areas, otherwise, they would become drug addicts. One day, from P.S. to hon'ble Sports Minister we got letter saying no sports goods could be taken due to lack of money. Mr. Speaker, this never happened before, while our Governor said he will make efforts, Ministers and MLAs cannot have any single sports goods. Therefore, their speech is not true.

And, Mr. Speaker, I want to say about Law and Order situation. Other MLAs said that our state is not peaceful. Here, Pu LN Tluanga's starred questions, how many Chakma Foreigners are there in Mizoram? The answer is - "It is not known". Who are the Party who have Chakma Foreigner List in the past days? Are not there the said list because of our Ministry today?

Thank you.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to say much

more. I want to say that our government is not good to make new scheme. Because our Governor pointed out continuation of some of our Congress Ministry's Schemes during this two years. I am very pleased for this. Here in many pages, Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase - II is written. This para 12 is initiated by our Congress Ministry. I am pleased for their continuation. But Mr. Speaker, the original estimate is 32.7 crore. Why is the contract given for 99.07 crore? During our Ministry, we knew very much to make estimate but we couldnot complete it due to some reason. But this Ministry had given the contract work costing thrice of the original estimate. This is greatly felt by the people of Mizoram. Is there something in it? And, Mr. Speaker, State Referral Hospital is also initiated by our Congress Government and I am pleased for the continuation of this, I further thank for Governor's Address on the release of 15 crores by the India Government. Is the work for this referral Hospital completed as the picture is shown in the Mizoram Calendar? And he said about District Council with this statement - "My Government continues to assist the Autonomous District Councils in discharging their vital role in development of the District Council areas".

In the morning, Tlabung Constituency member said that MNF formed three District Council, that is one development, I agree. But they are pityful, they cannot give salaries to government servants. Chakma Council could not give salary for the month of December. Is this the way priority is given?

During this two years, is the Annual plan of three District Council increased and by what percent? I keep the figure of Chakma Council. During 1999 - 2000 the Annual plan is 41.12, in 2000 - 2001 only 9 lakhs is given out. Mizoram Annual plan is increased by 11%. But in District Council it is not increased by even 1%. Whether it is MNF Government or not, give money to them, otherwise there will be no food. It is dangerous that the government servants would organise bandh. During our Ministry, the Cabinet had already approved the plan.

Mr. Speaker, our hon'ble Governor said that five DRDA centres are created. If they didnot create five Districts there will be no five DRDA Centre. Mr. Speaker, this is the norms in India. There should be one DRDA Centre in every district.

If this Ministry did not do this or even if there is PC Ministry, the said centre will be there. The present Ministry have nothing to say. People know everything. Our projects are State Capital Projects Bamboo Policy and Mizoram Regulation Control of Vehicle 2000. But in Aizawl, Traffic congestion is a big problem under this Ministry. Besides, what is their intention? It is only Bills involving money. Traffic Police wears half Jacket with full company advertisement. It is very shameful. There are many things to say in this regard. Lastly, this government did not know how to make scheme for the upliftment of the poor people. If they cannot do it within this year, they will not do it in future.

Thank you.

PU LALRINCHHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, thank you for giving me a chance.  
MINISTER This afternoon, while we are discussing Governor's address some of us shows our particular interest and self personality. Any way, let us consider this matter, here we are looking broadly at the whole of Miozram and we are discussing Governor's speech. Today, I am happy for our Governor's speech that peace is maintained in Mizoram. From the very beginning of this Ministry, we inherited Tuikuk Insurgents, HPC Insurgents and a heavy financial deficit. And the five districts are verbally opened without any proposal for their maintainance. All this problems are faced by this new government. Under such circumstances our Governor announces Mizoram the most peaceful state in India, this is

very great. We have two insurgencies but their position is degrading day by day and now we are in a situation that the influence of insurgents might be no more from next few days. If we look at our neighbouring states, our Governor administered two states - Minipur and Mizoram, when he looks these two states it is inevitable for him to say this. Our neighbouring states are the centres of insurgents, the same could be expected in our State. But, I am happy as there is peace and security and a great progress in our state. So, I know that it is good to move the motion of thanks.

And one thing I would like to point out in this afternoon is that, I had often listened Governor's message, here in this House. I have been sitting for ten years, by the grace of people. In most of Governor's Address, 70 - 80 percent were occupied by the words - "We proposed", "We are trying", and so on, but today Governor's Address is occupied with statements such as - "we had done", "progress is still going on", etc. So, it is a praise worthy message. This state had undergone so many oral projects but without practical, but today our Governor said the progressive measures are practically undertaken, this is very great and it is pleasing to hear that.

Today, for what purpose shall we use development fund? It is not for today's food but rathers for progressive projects and said by our Governor, this makes a great hope for our state. We had known Bairabi Hydel Project since 30 years ago, but there has not been any practical work done.

Today, there are practical progress, we have to start the practical work after passing few steps. Also Tuirial Project, the practical work is being done. Today, Governor's Address reveals the thing that had happened practically. This is a great progress for our state, and it is very important. So, Governor's speech is credible and I am so pleased.

Thank you.

PU F. LALTHANZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, let me express our hon'ble Governor's speech.

First of all, I would like to point out Law and Order situation. In the 2nd paragraph he said 'a matter of satisfaction' but I know that satisfaction is not to be entitled. We know that there are so many insurgency in our neighbouring states and we also know that such insurgency might also happen in our state. Therefore, a 'matter of satisfaction' is not suitable for law and order situation in Mizoram. I know that our state is more peaceful than other states by little step only.

I am happy when I know that a new police force IR Battalion is to be established, but I think how the recruitment is to be done. If the recruitment is not fair, we will create more grievances. It is good to recruit any body who is fit physically and mentally. Many people said that IR Battalion is for MNF only, I wish this ministry to take strong measures to avoid this saying, otherwise, this good thing will be changed into bad thing.

As recruitment is important very much I would like to mention that our MPSC members will go on pension and new member even the Chairman has to be appointed. Unless our authority appoints a qualified person, not on the basis of political party, it will be the beginning of an end to the prestige of our state. Hence, only person fit and qualified should be appointed irrespective of party inclination.

Para 12 indicates that all weather connectivity to the Villages of Mizoram is being undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 20.00 crores during the current year. It is very pleasing for my constituency. Aizawl road is very good. But the road that

connects villages is not good. Even rice transportation is almost impossible. Carrying rate is good but the motor vehicle always suffer and spend lots of money for repairing thus supply goods are left without transportation. Especially, N. Vanlaiphai - Thingsai roads knew nothing about the new Ministry.

Coming to para 18, Education Department - It is pleasing that Primary/Elementary Education is to be given priority. But I feel that it is only a lip service. It appears that we do appreciate Education, but not really give importance to it. It is now provided only 7% of budget for it. In a developed country, Education used to occupy the backbone of the budget. If Education is not good, brilliant and men of quality cannot be produced in the country. That's why, we should really give importance to it. Even computer Education is to be introduced in the state, we will need good teachers for it.

And it is also provided that English will be introduced as a subject in Primary School from the next academic session. But who will teach the English? I think that the present teachers will not be good enough to teach English. Hence, we may become worse in English Education than before. That's why, we should be careful from its recruitment.

Thank you.

DR. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we are now discussing the Governor's Address. The opposition Members said that it was short. It appears that they had spoken comparing to the steps taken by the Government. Really speaking, it is wide enough to speak all the steps taken by the Government. It continues the steps taken by the former Ministry and taken up a number of steps. As we have known that a new IR Battalion is to be established. It appears that it is proposed for more employment and for maintaining peace and harmony in the State. Comparing to the neighbouring states and other states our state is true to be the most peaceful and harmonious State. Even the Governor will have to speak a lot about it. All of us should speak out our gratitude for the peace we have in our State. We should remember that we have peace and harmony because Police Department do its best to maintain peace and harmony.

We had listened about the quantity of rice in the State. If ration is truly supplied rice is plenty in the State. Not only that we should try to export rice from our own products not only trying to achieve self sufficiency in the State.

And regarding scarcity of money in the State, I would like to inform the House that money is used in its own way. If money is used extravagantly, it increases only K.S. and intoxicating drinks.

Today, we have to speak out our gratitude in different ways. Rs. 182.45 crores of peace bonus is received from Central Government. The Government is now taking steps in order to have self - sufficiency in infrastructure like link road, construction of dam and minor irrigation which are the basic needs of our workers. Fund for building up infrastructure has never been received before.

It seems that there has now been some achievements in Agriculture and Horticulture Department. I feel that we should take immediate steps to further achievements. Regarding Hydel power too, Techno - economic clearance is now received.

Border Trade is included in the Peace Accord. Champhai Zokhawthar and Tlabung is selected for the practice of border trade. Even fund seemed to have been sanctioned. This breaks history for Mizoram. Not only that, Computer Training Centre



is to be set up. Success is also at hand from Industry and Rural Development Department. Rural connectivity is to be constructed by R.D. through PWD. It will be an important point for Mizoram history. Not only that Bamboo Plantation Scheme and Establishment of Bamboo Research is now to be set up as said before. This also is a new developmental scheme.

Mr. Speaker Sir, we have now a new education policy like computer education and introduction of English at Primary School level. Primary School Teachers are now Matriculate, I think we will not meet difficulty as said before.

I, therefore, request all the hon'ble Members to cooperate the Government.

Thank you.

PU H. VANLALAUVA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, for sparing me time to  
MINISTER speak about the Governor's Address. The opposition Members have no satisfaction nor give thanks to the Governor's Address because they are just like the nine lepers healed by Jesus Christ. But I request the opposition Members to keep the dignity of this House. As it is said before, this Governor's Address is too concise and incomplete, it does not covers all steps taken by the Government. The 2nd Battalion of IR is to be set up. This will improve the inadequacy of Police Force in the State and it will provide more employment for our youths. It also proved the genuine leadership of Mr. Zoramthanga. Not only that it also shows that the MOU is not after all very bad for the State Government.

Nos. 3 & 7 indicates self - sufficiency in food. Not only that LPG problem is now solved. And the U.T. liability of Rs. 39.93 crores is also written off. We also have techno - economic clearance in regards to Hydel Project, Rs. 15/- crores is also received from the Central Government for the maintenance and improvement of Markets.

And regarding Border Trade, the word becomes the flesh. Government of Mizoram had a site at Zokhawthar for Border Trade. Various steps are also being taken at Tlabung. Not only that but also a step is constructed at the site of 1st A.R. by PWD.

And the construction of Referral Hospital at Falkawn is now carried on. HUDCO Loan is now applicable and available for the employees of the three Autonomous District Council due to steps taken by the present Government. Not only that but also No. 23 revealed the achievements of different Departments. That's why, all of the Governor's speeches are to be appreciated and we should give thanks to it. I, therefore, Mr. Speaker Sir, request this august House to pass motion of thanks moved on the Governor's Address without having longer discussion.

Thank you.

PU P.B. ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, when I studied Governor's Address I  
found that two new policies - that of Bamboo Policy and Information Technology. The rest of them are the standing programme and continuation of Government policy.

Firstly, I want to speak about law and order. As we know, North Eastern States are full of disturbances. Among them, Mizoram is the most peaceful State. But it may not be regarded as "a matter of satisfaction" as written in the Address.

During this one year, there is monthly extortion in different locality especially in my constituency till date. Not only that, but there are different incidents on ground of insurgency group. I speak about this in every session. That's why, law and order in Mizoram cannot be regarded as "a matter of satisfaction". On the other hand, VCPs in my constituency are kidnapped by Myanmar soldiers. This is a serious case even for the Government of India.

And regarding scarcity of money - I would like to say that the State Government may have received large amount of money, but if it does not reach to the poor people, the Government is not regarded to be successful. As 80% of the population in Mizoram is comprising of ordinary farmers even contribution for Christmas celebration is a problem for common people. If we love our State as well as the people, we should give importance to them. The former Government formulated policies for upliftment of the poor workers. But the policies are abandoned by the State Government without formulating new policies. We only encourage passion fruit cultivation without any plan and programme.

And mechanisation of Agriculture is mentioned in the Governor's speech. But it seemed that those are capitalised and the poor cultivators spent large amount of money for their fields. Today, we do not know the place where bulldozers are kept. If we see Agriculture budget, most of the fund in the budget is used for seedlings. Fund allotted for this department is not utilised for upliftment of poor cultivators. That's why, the new policy undertaken by the Government seems to be only Information Technology and Bamboo policy. If we carefully examine Information Technology policy it appears only to be laptop computer policy. While, even in Bamboo policy too, we have lots of natural bamboos. I cannot agreed to import foreign bamboo to uplift Mizoram economy. I feel that an welfare state should do nothing like that but it should find out its utilisation instead of burning away our natural bamboos.

And C.T. Scan seemed to be installed in our hospital for promotion of our health. But I examined the matter and it seemed to be only a vague reality. An old aged dialysis machine is purchased by the Government. It is useless, I am afraid that the CT Scan would be just like the dialysis machine. I, therefore, request the officials responsible to do the needful without caring one's profitability but for the good of all.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will have a recess to have tea and resume our sitting at 4 : 30 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.

Break at 4 : 00 P.M.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will continue our business, Pu K.L. Lianchia.

P U K . L . L I A N C H I A : Mr. Speaker Sir, as the time is limited I will speak shortly point by point.

Firstly, regarding essential commodities the Governor said that it is generally satisfactory. But we, the people of far flung villages regarded as unsatisfactory because K. Oil never reaches villages specially Rianglei village. Not only that, power supply is not regular.

Secondly, at no. 12 there is PWD. In 1999 - 2000 Rs. 3,00,000/- is sanctioned for improvement of Rianglei road under the head of essential places. The work is done in May, 2000. I had a spot visit to the work and I found that the work is unsatisfactory. It appears that they would spent about Rs. 2000/- or Rs. 3000/- only. Mr. Speaker Sir, I think your Honour might have seen it as you visited Rianglei just after my visit.

Thirdly, no. 15 of DRDA - we are grateful that different kind of aids from Central Government are coming of which Chalrang of my constituency received about Rs. 70,000/- for the construction of playground. The work is done departmentally. About Rs. 20,000/- is spent for the construction. When enquired, the sum of money spent was Rs. 70000/-. As such, the address is good but we do not find it to be satisfactory in different aspects.

Fourthly, we have many times expressed our thanks for Bairabi Hydrel Project. But I want to clarify something about the matter. Detailed project report of Bairabi Hydrel Project was submitted to the Central Government in 1984 during the P.C. Ministry. It was regarded to be capable of producing 160 mega watts at that time. It was expected to start in October 1984. But a new Government was formed. The new Government abandoned the project and made a joke of it. But Techno - economic clearance is received in 1988, and Forest and Environment clearance is to be done from the State Government. But the Government of Mizoram did not like to do it and abandoned the project. After 15 years, the Deputy Chief Minister of Mizoram revived the project and it was handed over to Bramaputra Board. But due to initiative taken by Deputy Chief Minister, the project was again taken back from Bramaputra Board which then lies in the hands of the Government of Mizoram. But the Government of India changed its policy and introduced privatisation. At that time, if it is observed from commercial point of view, it is expected to produce only 80 Mega watts. As such, all investigations and estimates were based on that capacity only.

Now, we get Techno - economic clearance. AIR Aizawl said that it was received by the Government with all of its necessities. And now, Forests and Environment clearance is also expected to be received. Such being the case, we need to be more concern with the project.

Anyhow, we should know everything about the project. It is not good to deny the works done by the former Governments. We must remember that the Bairabi Hydrel Project is to ripe fruit as a result of the steps taken by the previous Government in the beginning. In fact, the MNF ran after our investigation team of this Project. Such was the problem we faced at the beginning. Now they realize the importance of having such project and give thanks for the project. I, may then give thanks to them. But I have nothing to give thanks to the Governor's Address.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not satisfied with Agriculture and Horticulture Department especially in my constituency. Last year, I visited Khawbung constituency and their problem was reported to me. That is, they were encouraged to have passion fruit. The field is ready but no seed is supplied to them. I don't know how to solve their problem.

I visited Tlangnuam in August last year, a man of Seling village simply put a truck trip of Banana seeds without consulting the Village Council. As it is a hindrance to the progress of the public in agriculture and horticulture, he promised to pay money for taking the banana seeds. As such, I found no satisfaction in regards to development.

Thank you.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, in our discussion, we give thanks to the Central Government for providing us Rs. 182.45 crores as peace bonus, a loan of Rs. 37.93 crores during U.T. period was written off, Rs. 401.26 crores for the Annual plan 2000 - 2001, and for setting up new I.R. Battalion. We had enjoyed Christmas and Happy New Year which does not appear in the Address, while some villagers have no money for the Christmas and New Year celebration. We are aggrieved by their poverty.

At serial No. 4 of the Address, it is mentioned that fund for improvement under the head of ways and means is being provided. I feel that Government of Mizoram washed its face by means of restraining issue of liabilities to the contractors. We are sure that we are in a tight financial position. No payment can be made for New Pension Salary, carrying bill of rice and no newly recruited teachers of Primary School and Middle School can join their posts. Not only this, the State Government has Rs. 1059.62 crores of liability. Not only that, your honour said that problem was discussed in the cabinet meeting in which financial constraint for 2 or 3 months was advocated unless this was imposed, no Government servants will have salary to draw. Ginger loan cannot be paid to all applicants, 3% of them could be paid. In my constituency, time is up for purchase of Tung and Sugarcane but Government have no money for it. That's why, we have nothing to be grateful for in the Governor's address. We may have a good mark in RBI but if the poor people have no money, we cannot be happy just by having good mark. Having good reputation in RBI does not solve our problems.

Secondly, No. 7, Agriculture and Horticulture. It is stated that priority is given to Agriculture and Horticulture Department for achieving self - sufficiency in food. But no step is taken last year in this regard. If we probe the budget provision in Agriculture and Horticulture, the amount of budget is reduced both in Agriculture and Horticulture. Rs. 10.43 crores in irrigation is reduced to Rs. 3.31 crores in Agriculture and Rs. 8.5 crores in Horticulture is reduced to Rs. 6 crores only. That's why, it is clear that the Government of Mizoram take no step to have self - sufficiency in food.

Thirdly, No. 12 PHE, it is stated that completion of Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase - II is at hand while water is dried up. I want to say that the original estimated amount is Rs. 32.07 crores and the final estimated amount is Rs. 99.07 crores. Its difference is Rs. 67 crores. I ask the Government of Mizoram from where will they make payment? But have you seen any work? Rs. 9.93 crores is given as an advance. For what purpose this fund is used? Nothing is there to be thank for.

Fourthly, para 20, about District Council. It is stated that the three District Councils are being afforded as far as possible. Even HUDCO Loan must be given to their Government Servants. And, the first step to be taken by the Chief Minister is desolution of Chakma District Council. In the Governor's Address, this does not appear neither is there about the desolution but only their upliftment. Which one will be targeted - upliftment or desolution? On the other hand, Government of Mizoram recommended the proposal of the District Council to the Central Government, which is now, ready to be passed in this budget session. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, we do not have to thank for our Governor's Address.

Lastly, regarding law and order, in the beginning of this Ministry, the Government of Mizoram threatened the people by means of a third person body. No one likes such things any more. But today, the Government of Mizoram frightened the people of Zokhawthar by means of JCB and Bulldozer. The houses at the site of Government's land were broken with the said tools. At Hunthar Veng, Aizawl the houses within the Government area were also cut down. In fact, these things frightened

the people where as today, we regarded ourselves to be in the most peaceful state. But, it's not right Sir.

Thank you.

PU J. LAWMZUALA : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. It is said that there is much to thank in the Governor's Address. But the booklet of this Address is too thin comparing with the Address in another year. When I studied the Address, it does not contain some big projects of the former Government. I feel that the Address is to be thicker if there is much to thank. But I am agrieved by the mover of the motion, may be he has something to thank for.

We have a new Bamboo Policy. It is doubtful that there will be success in marketing and price competition. Anyhow let us expect the best as it is a new policy. While the hon'ble Chief Minister dreams of making Mizoram into "Switzerland of the East", no provision is made for it. Not only that, ginger policy is not appeared in the Address of the Governor.

But it is pleasing that sport appears in the Address for promotion and upliftment of youth. But I am surprised as to why 100 bedded Hostel for sport persons sanctioned from SAI and 100 bedded Hostel sanction for Special Area Games at Lunglei are not mentioned in this Governor's Address whereas it appeared in the Governor's Address on March 15, 2000. I want to know why this does not appear in the present address. Not only that, but the Industrial Training Institute to be set up at Lunglei has also not appeared in this Address.

The Address also does not mention about measures taken to attain self-sufficiency in food within three years. In fact, the hon'ble Chief Minister imparts the people in such a way that he assured them to switch to mechanised method on Agriculture. What steps would be taken towards this end within three years? Horticulture Department has also failed. Our Agricultural production decreased year by year and our requirement of rice from outside the State increased year by year.

Regarding road and air communication in rural areas, the Governor of Mizoram on 16th March, 1999 said that Champhai was selected for Aerodrome site and he said that even project report was being prepared. The fund for this purpose is expected from NEC. But now nothing of this project appeared in this Address. It is desirous to know about the step taken by the Civil Aviation Wing in this regard.

And regarding Law and Order, it is said that we are the most peaceful state. In my point of view, it is not correct. Lawngtlai Bank is ransacked and Rs. 5 crores has been stolen. Seven MAP personels were shot dead by insurgency group. There are thirteen incidents caused by insurgency groups between December 1998 up to till date. Now, it increased upto eighteen incidents. That's why, what was stated in the Address cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Not only that Mr. Laltanpuia (18) died while in Jail custody. Do you see any satisfaction in regards to Law and Order? This incident brought forth an un-healthy atmosphere which can be easily escalated. Now, magisterial inquiry is taken instead of Judicial inquiry. If the inquiry is successful, the State may be regarded as peaceful State. That's why, Mr. Speaker Sir, there is much to be retrod in this Governor's Address.

Lastly, regarding Finance, I am very sorry to have peace bonus changed with No. 4. As it is a peace bonus we should receive it without any MOU. There is much to speak about the dark site of the Finance Department. Though I have much to say I would but stop here now.

Thank you.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, It seems that they are not really thankful for this Address. What I mostly fear is to be the mover of this motion of thanks. Even when it is moved, only nine members listened and two of them are sleeping. It seems that they are not interested in it. That's why, time allowed for discussion is fixed at ten minutes only.

In para 23 of priority list of March 15 last year, it is said that many ground work is done in many places. I think we are expected to speak about it. In No. 7, 'Self sufficiency in the production of food' is put for top priority. I usually think as to why it is called "top priority".

If we determine carefully, the amount of crop harvested is deteriorating though financial involvement is increasing. It is said that the government gives top priority to the production of crop but it is regretted that no fruitful result is obtained.

Regarding maintenance of Law & Order, I opine the word 'Satisfactory' is wrongly applied. In my constituency one village is raided by Tuikuk insurgents last year. They were prowling around the village and threatened many lives to obtain their assets. Not only this, 7 policemen lost their lives in the encounter, yet they keep on kidnapping our people. Considering all such problems caused by such insurgents it is difficult to agree to the statement of our governor on this situation as 'satisfactory'. Especially to those victims and their relatives, it is very hard to take this statement for granted.

Mr. Speaker Sir, on the 25th December, radio announced the government's order that the inhabitants of 13 villages should leave their respective villages to other place of their choice within three months. It is shocking to hear that announcement on the day of Christmas when everyone is supposed to celebrate this important event with joy. How can the governor mentioned the situation as 'satisfactory' despite all these hardships? In this relation, I would like to know what measure is taken by the government to rehabilitate those families.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to criticize 3rd para of our governor's statement in connection with supply of essential commodities in our state. I opine it is hard to accept supply as regular as mentioned in the Governor's statement since no such commodities is being received in my constituency.

Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, our Governor also mentioned that our financial condition also is satisfactory. But considering the huge financial debt of the Government I strongly criticize the statement in determining our financial condition.

Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I am much grateful to hear the suggestion of Pu P.B. Rosanga, a Member from Ngopa Constituency about the necessity to prevail careful examination of instruments to be purchased by Health & Family Welfare Department. In this regard, I have to mention that SDAB meeting has been held three times, yet its recommendation is yet to be furnished to the Government later. In those Meetings, instruction was given to prevail careful examination of such instruments. In this connection, it is to be noted that Hemo - Dialysis instrument is not purchased by our Government but the Hon'ble MP Rajya Sabha Mr. Hiphei knowing the needs of this instrument at Civil Hospital for purification of Bloods for kidney patients yet, this instrument has not been actually handed over to the

Department. The question regarding the condition of the instrument whether it is used or new, I have to mention that it is used machine which has been purchased from Chennai.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to make a brief comment on the statement of His Excellency Governor, especially of the 4th paragraph 'There has been improvement in the financial position of the State'. Mr. Speaker Sir, I am not saying that we, the members don't understand the process of the Budget but it seems we are not well-prepared to familiar with our financial position including the deficit. Even if the present Ministry fails to absorb adequate resources from the Central Government, what our Governor meant to express is that there has been improvement at our own level. As far as my opinion is concern, there has been some financial improvement since we haven't heard of Treasury Office being closed down and no shortage of cash in Banks during this Ministry even though large amount of Bill has been transferred outside Mizoram in favour of contractors/suppliers from outside the State.

As already mentioned by various members the government starts to function from zero Budget in the beginning of this ministry, but, somehow managed to maintain the situation thanks to the existence of Peace Bonus. Hence, there has been some improvement from our point of view. Moreover, we are proud to be able to maintain regular payment to the Government Employees even though their pay range had been raised following the Recommendations of the 5th Pay Commission w.e.f. 1st May, 1999. Mr. Speaker Sir, the government run by this Ministry has further managed to pay liabilities which was made in the previous Ministry. For all the said reasons Mr. Speaker Sir, we can proudly say that there has been certain improvement in this Ministry.

Matter concerning unrecovered loans mentioned by our fellow member, it is to be noted that taking loan is our common practice since the time of UT due to lack of alternate resources for the State. Hence, this outstanding balance of our debt has also originated since the previous government. According to the latest report of C & AG of 31st March, 2000, the said outstanding balance was 1113.20 crore rupees. It means that Outstanding Balance on account of loans taken in the previous terms decreased by 53 crore rupees and this achievement shows that the Government of this Ministry works at its level best in financial management.

Regarding the rumour that new IR Batallion to be established as being intended to strengthen MNF - I would like to state that it is totally unreliable, and there is nothing to be afraid of in this regard. It is wise for us not to entertain such rumours which has not been proved to be true.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to point out that this Government is impartial in taking steps towards the development of our State as a whole. In this connection, it is necessary to mention that the Hon'ble Minister for PHE recently inaugurated certain crore rupees plant at Tlungvel and also laid the plant for irrigation for the people of Saitual and the neighbouring villages; the same plant for Sihfa has already been installed. Moreover, Mr. Speaker Sir, PWD also have taken up substantial steps for construction of Roads in the areas of Rulpuihlum, Buarpui and Thingsai. In pursuance of the Government's scheme for Rural connectivity also, plans has been laid for construction of Chhingchhip - Khawhai Road. Such steps taken by this Government shows that impartial decision is made to make further achievement. We, therefore, have no reason to be afraid in that regard.

Matter relating to irregularity of supply of K. Oil in certain areas. I, personally have no reason to doubt our fellow member's complain as there is a possibility that the Hon'ble Minister for Supply might have the opinion to reduce the

supply since regular supply of cooking gas reduces the demands for K. Oil automatically. Moreover, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to express my appreciation in the Governor's Address especially of the Government's schemes for helping the poor by providing Housing materials to 2098 families.

Thank you.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, it is important for us to note from the light of His Excellency Governor's Address that the present Ministry have inherited 400 crore rupees of outstanding debt from the previous Ministry. Despite the fact I am proud to express that this Government certainly have made substantial achievement which is due to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his ambitious and prudent - leadership quality. Again, despite this financial crisis, this Government somehow managed to follow 5th Pay Commission's Recommendation to raise pays of its Employees which came in effect from the 1st May and then places Mizoram as one of the States of highest pay Government's Employees. We, therefore, have every reason to praise this Government for its substantial achievement.

Speaking in regard to the existing financial problem, it is to be noted that this problem is also existed in other States, but we are fortunate that our government managed to make achievement despite this situation.

Regarding the problem of our Police also, we are grateful to learn that this government paves the way for promotion of 50 Sub - Inspectors which has never been achieved in the previous terms. Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, our Government even follows the system of modernisation in regard to maintenance of Traffic Police in order to catch up with the modern world.

It is further pleasing to learn that the Central Government entrusted the State PWD to take up the work of Construction of Road of more than 1000 kms and also construction of Bridge over Colodyne River which has already been completed which happened to be the result of perseverance works of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Still, I have another achievement of our Government to point out like the on going construction of Referral Hospital which is planned to accomodate more than 10 specialist Doctors and Super Specialist Doctors. We will no longer need to rush to famous Hospitals of Vellore or Bombay for our health when this Hospital is opened.

In regard to the plan for Rural connectivity also, we have been expecting to receive certain substantial schemes from the Central Government. In relation, I have to point out that we have submitted proposal of 1738 crore rupees where as our neighbouring state's proposals ranges from 400 crore to 500 crore only. Not only this, the Government even expected to achieve the works of Black Topping and Metalling of roads under Rural connectivity scheme within 7 years thanks to the expert leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister. In determining the solution for wastage of NLUP Fund, the Government further takes step to establish Training Institute for farmers so that the said fund could be used as propose in future. Moreover, 5 new Blocks of DRDA has been opened just within three years of this Government. In regard to IRDP also, Central Ministry of DRDA has approved our demand for 4 new Projects under IRDP by sanctioning 16 crore rupees for the said.

Mr. Speaker Sir, due to the expert leadership of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Central Government approved our demand for Housing for the poor which covers 1,149 families for Housing and 2098 families for repairing. Here, the Government expected to issue the sanction in favour of more than 3000 families within the current financial year. Not only this, the Government has already obtained clearance for



Bairabi Economic Project which will be started immediately.

In regard to University for Mizoram, demands has been made a couple of times in various ways but to no avail. But as soon as this Ministry came into power the Government takes this matter as priority and fortunately we are about to achieve it. It may not be necessary to mention regarding prevalent of regular supply of cooking gas.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to mention that the system of this Government as a whole is satisfactory. The practice of having Devotional Service here in the House and also opening our Session with scintillating Gospel Music composed by our very own Pu Rokungs (L) also is one of the achievements of this Government. Not only this, it is much pleasing to have our own State Emblem for the first time. We are very much fortunate to be able to make outstanding achievement despite numbers of problem since the beginning of this Ministry.

Thank you.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, if we examine the statement of our Governor carefully, I found no reason to appreciate about it. In determining the most important occasion, for our people as a Christian community which will be coming shortly, I supposed he should have evolved at least few points in relation to this Christmas occasion. This negligence indicates the true nature of our fellow members on the Treasury Bench which is much regretted.

Secondly, I opine His Excellency Governor is hesitant to express his exact views on this Government that fails to draw the lines of whether plan or non-plan of the Budget. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is surprising to read the statement of our Chief Minister in Government Press Release No. 1, 300 dated November 2nd, Mr. Speaker Sir. I beg your permission to read this few lines here in the House, 'This Government has been going on without appropriate Principle for almost 8 months'. This statement is not just a fabrication Mr. Speaker Sir.

Moreover, we have now been into the 9th month of this Financial year and it's been only a month since the Government have its own principle. You have been travelling alot outside and abroad Mr. Speaker Sir, have you ever heard about this kind of Government without appropriate principle? In this respect, I doubt our Governor expressed his true opinion on this Government.

Considering the system of this Government, it comes into my mind the kindness of our Almighty God for saving us the Mizos from succumbing into insurgency once again. Moreover, it is degrading for the Government to issue such Press Release.

Secondly, the statement of our Governor pointed out our condition as satisfactory. In this respect, I have to mention that the atmosphere of our state could never be said as satisfactory due to the fact that 7 policemen lost their valuable lives in an encounter with Tuikuk insurgents. Not only this, our Missionary Quarter also had been burnt by the same group recently and also our buses had been ambushed and the passengers were threatened.

In regard to our financial condition, it is said that some improvement has been made as no sanction is utilised in advance since the month of July. It is pleasing to learn that our Treasury Office maintains its function though sad for our contractors and Government employees as their Bills and GPF has been with held in order to maintain our financial situation, could this be on ideal financial management for the Government?

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have asked one question in our last session regarding number of Master Roll Employees who were being terminated, and the answer I have received is 222 and is expected to increase. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is necessary for the Ruling Government to determine of whether it is an ideal financial management to terminate those poor employees so as to improve our financial condition. If our financial condition is improving, I believe it has been benefitted only by the relatives of our Ministers but not by the people as a whole. Mr. Speaker Sir, there is a rumour that the weight of some of our Ministers increases by 8 kgs within 8 months of this Government and as much I do believe their financial condition too is improving.

Point relating to formation of Financial Reforms Committee, I still have to say that in order to reform our financial system, the government should not have terminated the poor Master Roll Employees but instead Bill for DA of Member (i.e.@ 350 per day which shall be given even in non working days like Sunday, Saturday and Office Holiday) should not have been passed. It is so unfeeling from humanitarian point of view to reform our financial condition by restraining poorer section of our community.

Again Mr. Speaker Sir, step taken by the government so as to improve our financial condition needs some reviews. It is much regretted to learn that Check Gate for our very own Agricultural Products such as Cabbage, Sesame, etc. has been made and then collected Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 per full-truck load trip from the owner. On the otherhand, there are organisations that sell lottery, squashes and other items in order to raise fund for their respective organisations and then let some people buy compulsorily. This common practice for Fund raising in our state seriously needs some improvements. If we determine the main reason for this shameful practice, it is the responsibility of the Government and its Ministers as those concerned organisations get prior permission from them.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would also like to speak against the Government Policy to achieve self-sufficiency. I have made one question relating to this matter in our last session i.e. member of Bulldozer available for hire and number of registered-Private Bulldozer and the answer I received is 'one'. Mr. Speaker Sir, it is doubtful that the Government Policy for self sufficiency will be achieved with just one Bulldozer. I opine the Government will be much fortunate if it could maintain the same situation by the end of this term due to the fact that those Bulldozers for hire has been put under the maintenance of Chief Minister's brother and any profit seems to go for personal benefit.

Last but not least, I would like to express my regret over the statement of His Excellency Governor as the problem of drugs has not been emphasized. As we all know, this problem has been one of the most serious problems especially among the youths and as such, the Government is expected to give priority to eradication of this social disease. To some extend, I agree the statement of the Hon'ble Minister for LAD for his impression on Drugs traffickers as the enemy of our society as they bring deadly poison to our youths. But on the contrary, it is regretful to learn that no sure-footing steps has been taken by the Government. For all the said reasons, I opine there is no reason for the people to be gratified in regard to the policies laid down by this Government as no fruitful result is attained.

Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all have to express my appreciation in regard to a number of suggestions raised by my fellow members for improvement of this Government. It may not be necessary to give more comment on the statement of His

Excellency Governor as various members have already made. I, therefore, will start my speech by the point in regard to my concern department - School Education.

After taking long scrutiny by the department for improvement of the system of our Education, it is felt that changing of School session is necessary. It is to be noted that the Government too have given thought in regard to the probability of negative effect on the students due to short span of time in between Christmas festival and time fixed for examination and also for the cold session, but decided what will be best for our students as a whole. In this connection, the Government further decided to increase working days from 90-95 to 100-115 keeping in mind limit of time to finish course for the students.

In this relation, it is also necessary to mention that All India Tournament for the students is usually held in the month of November and December, keeping in mind of this season, it is more convenient for the students as they now have the time to participate in the said tournament. The students could now have the time to prepare for their Christmas as their examination is yet to come only after a month or two and they still have enough time to study even after Christmas.

Not only this, it is also important for our Government to follow National Pattern of Education as the problem of admission and transfer of the students for further studies will be more easier as the session of study will now be the same.

In regard to changing of our Educational Pattern, various members criticized the decision and I, too agrees their points to some extent keeping in mind the existence of our financial problem. But we are fortunate that the Hon'ble Chief Minister feels the need to fulfill additional financial demand of Education department i.e. 12 crore rupees so as to achieve the proposed pattern of our Educational system and insufficiency of fund under non-plan head also is under consideration.

Regarding termination of employees on Master - Roll and officiating basis, the Government issued order for their termination as a result of misinterpretation among the concern officials, yet the Government now considers alternative support for those terminated employees who were employed upto this 15th December whether from Central or State funds. I, therefore, would like to inform each of the member that the Government is now putting its best effort to curb out the problem of education in every constituency to enable us to provide the solution.

Coming to my second point, various members have already mentioned about steps taken by the Government towards improvement of literacy. Yet, it is necessary to point out that the department have now received 14 lakh rupees out of the total sanction of 50 lakh rupees from the Central Government under S.S.A. Scheme. Hence, Chhimituipui District has been selected for the field to start the project and survey for Pre - Project activities has now been prevailed with 3 lakh rupees. Accordingly, there is a decision to allot 10 lakh rupees to Primary School Teachers of each District under the Scheme of Operation Blackboard which has never been done before and again 10 lakhs rupees is proposed to be given to Middle School Teachers of each District Council area. In regard to non-lapsable fund, it is decided to hand over the amount to District Council Authority in bulk with other supply of learning materials for favour of their disposal as necessary. Likewise, any opportunities are made available for the District Councils.

Matter relating to the existing financial insufficiency, various members make allegation against the Government as if the share of our people has not been given as proposed and I expect the Hon'ble Chief Minister would explain the whole situation in detail.

Regarding maintenance of Law and Order situation, it is known to all of us that everything could not be maintained as planned and the people might have encountered various problems in this Ministry too. But to be taken as a whole, the situation we have been through were favourable in compare to what is happening in the neighbouring states. What is important for the members is not to interpret the statement of our Governor out of speculation of any other incidents. For instance, matters such as I.R. Battallion, shifting of Assam Rifles Hqrs. outside Aizawl town, Construction of Dam at Tlawng river, Border Trade, Construction of fencing at the boundaries, construction of Lengpui Airport, Referral Hospital, National Highway, Supply of rice and cooking gas, Peace Accord, Bamboo Policy, Assembly Emblem, those achievement made by the Government during the first year Ministry are difficult to ignore and all these really deserve appreciation from us all, I personally express my gratitude towards this Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister for those achievement which have been attained just within the nine months of this Ministry.

Thank you.

PU AICHHINGA  
MINISTER

: It seems that we, the members here are divided into two groups of those who appreciate the Governor's statement and those who were not. Anyhow, it could be taken this tension for granted as we the members

on the Treasury Bench too have spoken against the Governor's address while we are in the opposite side.

Since the Governor's address highlighted the achievement of this on going Ministry, it could be of a provoking statement for the members on opposition Bench and therefore, it is necessary for those members to speak against the statement of our Governor. In spite of the prevailing rumours against this Government, one thing for sure is that Peace and Prosperity is retained and our very own people could even feel it is true.

Matter relating to our financial condition, it may not be satisfactory yet some improvement has been made which is much appreciated. Regarding our financial debt also, we all know that each of the party blame the other for the cause of that debt. But fortunately we could now turn into a new direction as those debt has already been written - off during the nine months of this Ministry.

Regarding the problem of supply of Electric power also, we are very much fortunate to receive central sanction for improvement of transmission and distribution and also for construction of power generation of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project. Not only this, we have even obtained Techno - Economic clearance to resume Bairabi Hydel Project which has already been started during the previous Ministry of P.C. Party but left unfinished by the Congress Ministry. Not only this, the Department of Veterinary have now undertakes the policy of farming with the amount sanctioned of Rs. 1 crore and also plan for processing fodder with the amount sanctioned of 1 crore rupees.

As already mentioned by various members, construction of University and Referral Hospital is now going in progress. In examining the statement of our Governor as a whole, it contains points full of appreciation.

Regarding supply of rice also, we are fortunate that the supply is available today which is more than enough. But due to lack of ideal storage system, large amount of stocked foodgrain erodes gradually. Yet we are fortunate that scarcity of supply of rice due to bad condition of road is never heard of now. His Excellency Governor rightly mentioned in his statement that the condition of supply of foodgrain

and other essential commodity is generally satisfactory. Regarding the newly harvested Foodgrain, I am proud to mention that it is much increasing in compare to the amount harvested in other years. But as for this year, crop has been largely damaged by unexpected rainfall within the month of April and May and the amount harvested also is coming down. Yet, progress has been made since the effort made by the Government so as to attain self - sufficiency in foodgrain.

Matter relating to unpaid amount of carrying Bill, I must say that the complain is true, yet it is necessary to note that it has already been started since the previous Ministry. Fortunately, Rs. 2.5 crore has been recovered from Peace Bonus during this Ministry. Yet, the Government is determining to recover all such debts gradually.

As already pointed out by various members, various progress has been made in regard to Border trade also. In this connection, it is necessary to mention that Rs. 1.84 crore has already been sanctioned as initial stage of Border Trade at Tlabung and Rs. 2 crore for Zokhawthar. Besides, 5 crore rupees each has been targetted for maintenance.

Speaking in relation to TNT as already mentioned by certain members, it is necessary to point out that the existence of this organisation is to support the well beings of orphans and disabled children on being requested, I accepted their invitation. To act as one of its advisers keeping in mind services to the poors is services to God. To raise fund for their maintenance, this voluntary organisation decided to propose lottery ticket and again, I accepted their request to release the ticket as an advisor. We have even made an appeal to the people and Government employees to buy those ticket so that those poor children could get the benefits. In this regard, it is to be noted that we, the three advicers have no knowledge of their management of fund collected through the lottery. But since financial mismanagement seems to evolve in the management we decided to acquire the service of our Police to prevail investigation in this regard as it could spoil the reputation of the organisation and the concern officials. Investigation is now going on its way to find out the fact.

Thank you.

PU SANGHMINTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all have to  
H. PAUTU express my feeling of appreciation on the statement of  
His Excellency Governor especially of Peace and Har-  
mony being maintained here in our state. It is true that we have experienced various  
hardships in the previous years and we are very much fortunate today to be able to  
experience peaceful atmosphere here in our state.

Not only this, we are fortunate to be able to receive regular supply of essential commodities such as rice, sugar and gas and even poorer section have the chance to acquire such commodities at lower rate.

Speaking in regard to Peace Bonus also, various members speak against this opportunity as a trick to mislead the people but now it has come into reality. Not only this, the Central government consider our financial situation and 37.93 crores rupees of loan has been written - off under this Government.

Moreover, the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture take effective steps for construction of link road in various places and it has now been fulfilled.

Not only this, we are very much fortunate to be able to receive sanction of 10 crore rupees for transmission of electricity within Aizawl town since the

problem of power is arising with the increase in population. Moreover, we have been expecting Environment and Forest clearance for construction of project at Bairabi and Tuivawl rivers.

In regard to DRDA also, we are fortunate to receive various sanctions from the Central Government which has never been known in the previous Government. Likewise, 10.50 crore rupees has also been received for construction of Elementary School. For all these opportunities received by our people during this Ministry, our Hon'ble Ministry deserves the credit.

In addition, it is pleasing to receive financial sanction for upgradation of Technical Education Women Polytechnic and also Mizoram Polytechnic at Lunglei. We, therefore, have the reason to be grateful to this Government headed by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Thank you.

**PU LALHMINGTHANGA :** Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir, the Governor, in para 2 of his speech said that maintenance of Law & Order in our state is satisfactory. I would like to combine Law and Order with Social Welfare as these two go hand in hand. If we review the last one year, there were many unwanted incidents/violent incidents like robbery at Lawngtlai Bank, mob killed one prisoner at Saiha jail, kidnapped by BNLF, 7 policemen killed at an ambush, ambush of MAP water carrier etc. All these are connected with Law & Order hence it is not appropriate to be happy with the Governor's speech.

Recently, 3 persons had died in my constituency due to consumption of adulterated liquor namely Vanlalthanga of Ramhlun Vengthar, Pu Lalrimawia of Kolasib Hmar Veng and P.B. Gurung. At the same time, three had been admitted at Civil Hospital for the same reason. However, when I visited them yesterday they are out of danger. These are also a matter of Law & Order. Besides these, the number of death as recorded by the Department due to drug overdose was 140 of which 11 were women. Considering these cases, the status of law and order and our social life is not to be said satisfactory and I would like to mention that the Government needs to take great efforts to uplift the status of our social life. While talking about Law & Order, its enforcement is in the hands of our police hence it is important that they are well-equipped. There are two big issues in Police Department - One is about the pay scale of ASI and the other one is about the promotion of Havilder to SI. It is not proper to neglect them just because they are restricted to go on strike. I, therefore, would like to urge the Government to consider their cases. I also would like to point out that police ration money, dhobi allowance, kit allowance and rifle allowance including their accomodation are not considered. As the enforcers and the situation of law and order is inter connected, it is not proper to say law and order situation in Mizoram is satisfactory hence it is difficult to be happy with the Governor's speech in this regard.

In regard to power, he mentioned that the Government has techno-economic clearance for Bairabi but truly speaking it is not the achievement of the present Ministry alone. While talking about techno-economic, the estimate had been made in 1984 but price escalation is very high so the estimate had to be revised. The matter had been discussed when we had a meeting with Prime Minister on 18th December 1998 and a committee had been formed who made DPR for Mat and Bairabi. While there is DPR, techno-economic clearance is just a name. As that is the case, it is not to be said as the achievement of this ministry. We also made a request for Tuivai Project when the present NDA Ministry was formed and it was put as 100 days programme but even this matter had not been taken up till today.

Regarding Serlui B project, 20.05 crore rupees had been allocated by MMES and our Government has to make matching contribution for this. However, I would like to mention that if we do not have enough power supply and good infrastructure we can not have real development.

In para 4, 5 & 6 he said there is improvement in finance which is true to some extent. But the most important thing is how we manage the money. I've visited most part of Mizoram and I found that our budget does not reach most of our people. If we go on like this, let the amount be increased, it is of no use for ordinary people. Some members said UT loan had never been written off. If I am not mistaken, UT loan had been written off thrice. Therefore, it is not the ability of the present Chief Minister, it rather is the responsibility of Home Ministry. I also would like to point out that there is nothing to be proud about peace bonus because in 1990 during Congress Ministry we were given 70 crore rupees and in 1992, 30 crore rupees had been sanctioned to reduce our liabilities. While there is a great financial improvement, I would like to mention that there are many unclear bills under the Government. Though treasury had not been closed openly, it is like it's been closed for 2 years for the owner of these uncleared bills.

In para 12 mention had been made about PWD. As I have said earlier, I've visited various parts of Mizoram and what I found is that there is no quality in the works of PWD. If we go on like this, after 3 years all PWD road will not be even jeepable during rainy season. As that is the case, Mr. Speaker Sir, we, the opposition do not find anything to be pleased about in the address of our Governor, so we cannot support this motion.

Thank you.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA : MINISTER** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, it will be good if all members could participate in the discussion of the Governor's speech. If there is anyone who do not want to listen may not listen. There is typing mistake in No. 22 - it should be Aizawl - Bualpui(Ng). Regarding registration of bulldozer, there is no rules under MV Act to register bulldozer. However, one had been registered and we think that the one registered was also done illegally.

Regarding ITI pointed out by the hon'ble member from Lunglei 'S', we received a message yesterday from Delhi. All our project reports are accepted and our Secretary and Director are called by phone to discuss about the steps to be taken. But they will not be able to attend the discussion as the discussion will be held tomorrow and day after tomorrow. Hence the Residence Commissioner is told to attend the discussion.

There are many comments about total prohibition. I would like to urge the members to note that liquor can not be totally prohibited as permit is given to those who use it as medicine and who have special reason.

I would like to mention about the decision to re - group 13 villages in the month of December as it relates with social evils mentioned in no. 14. It is not good to set up a village anywhere without the permission of the Government and sell illegal things. I appreciate the steps taken by the Government in this case.

The hon'ble opposition leader had mentioned that our budget does not reach majority of the people but it is not true. I would like to inform all the members that as the Government floats tenders, the tenders are given to the person within the area in order to have equal distribution. He also said that in the works of PWD there is no

quality. I've visited the area he had mentioned and collected the sample of rocks they are using. The black topping works are also quite satisfactory as repairing works are being done in some places.

The hon'ble opposition member seems to dis - agree with the situation of Law and Order mentioned by the Governor. Truly speaking, Law and Order situation in Mizoram is the best in India. It is not good to propagate/say false information.

Lastly, I wonder why they are not pleased with the achievements of the Government in regard to Hydel Project. It is my opinion that not only in regard to Hydel Project but in general we should pass this motion with appreciation.

Thank you.

**PU TAWNLUIA** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am glad we can have  
**MINISTER** a time to discuss the hon'ble Governor's speech. At the same time, what will be the opinion of the people of Mizoram about our opposition for leaving the House. However, I've noted down the points raised by hon'ble members and I feel bad that they are not here while I clarify their points.

Mr. Speaker Sir, what I would like to say first is about Lucky Ticket Scandal which is meant for TNT Camp. Though the matter is being taken up by court, I feel it is necessary to clarify it. Day before yesterday Riangvaite Hnemtu Pawl had a press conference to explain how they receive money and their purpose. Even the hon'ble Minister Pu Aichhinga said he had submitted to Aizawl Police O/C the explanation about his involvement. Police Department then take immediate action. Finance Department gave permission for 11,000 tickets at the cost of Rs. 100/- per ticket. When the police ask the owner of Hnamte Press who print the tickets, it is found that 50,000 tickets had been ordered first and 20,000 tickets in the latter. They had taken out all these tickets. When the number of tickets they claimed to have sold and the number of printed tickets are not in tally, a case had been registered under Aizawl Police Case no 33 under 240 IPC section on 16th. The responsible persons namely Pu J. Lianzuala Khatla, Pu V.L. Siama Khatla and Pu V.L. Fakawma Bawngkawn were arrested at 1:00 A.M. this morning (Speaker: If the matter is under investigation you should better stop now). Well, I would like to point out that the Government is taking immediate steps when there is such scandal.

Mr. Speaker Sir, in para 2 of the Governor's speech, he expressed his gladness that maintenance of Law & Order is good enough in Mizoram. There is nothing to be dis - hearted. We are very proud of our Police and I feel sad to hear words of dissatisfaction from some of the hon'ble members. However, there are times when things do not go as we desire. In such cases, we remember those who gave their lives for Mizoram, we are very proud and respect them. Even the Government is doing its duty to rehabilitate their families. In regard to the death of a prisoner at Lunglei Jail, besides Departmental Inquiry, Magisterial Inquiry is also to be taken and a police case had also been registered. Police investigation is still being carried on. Regarding adulterated liquor, the hon'ble opposition leader reported that 3 persons died but according to police record it is 2. A case had been registered in this matter. Regarding the police, 8 MPS had been promoted to selection grade, 10 had been upgraded to Additional SP, 8 to SP/JAY. Among the DSP there are 8 to be promoted, 7 SIs had been promoted to Sub - Inspector during our Ministry. As that is the case we feel our police do not have grievances and do their works diligently. The Government is aware of the salary of ASI and even the Government expects that their demand will be met shortly.



I would like to mention that crime rate had fall since 1999. The case registered under IPC had fall by 43 in 1999 and under local & special list it is less by 174 in 1999 which means within one year the number of case registered become less by 217. So, the overall Law and Order situation in Mizoram is peaceful. Therefore, it is a must to express our gratitude. In order to maintain peace and harmony, students, YMA and Churches are operating well with the Government and I do hope this will be maintained in future as it is the priority of this Government.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to make a short clarification alleging that this Government is selling liquor. Prohibition order had been issued by the previous Ministry. However, permissions can be given if prescribed by doctor as such permissions had been given to 20 persons. Meanwhile, Excise Department has a rule to dispose of seized liquor and these permit holders used to buy from Excise Department according to the rules. This arrangement had been made by previous Ministry and we are still following this. I also would like to mention that the Government is taking steps to modernise Police department and the department is having more vehicle, gun and cartridges.

Thank you.

**PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA  
MINISTER**

Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to discuss few points, while I was expecting our opposition Members to pay full attention to the Governor's speech. I was amazed and I did not know the reason why they did not want to listen. Mr. Speaker Sir, there may be verbal work and practical works. We, the MNF follow practical works. So, there are many things for them to praise this Ministry. Our God also wants us to be happy. But today, I know that they can not be made happy. We are trying to complete what they had done, our previous Ministry just declared the establishment of five new districts followed by the end of their Ministry, that verbal declaration was made into reality by this Ministry. So, I expect them to praise this Ministry but they did not do so. Subdivisions are also like that, without any provision. And the newly appointed Police District SP and SDPO were shy as there is not any provision. All these things are being taken up by this new Ministry. In our Governor's speech, Central pay which was a dream not yet fulfilled during the previous ministry. Now we hold the ministry and our government servants enjoy Central pay, this is also good to praise.

Regarding the Central University, our previous ministry had passed the resolution put up by Education Minister, Pu Thansanga in the year 1991 - 1992. But our leader said that they would not establish Central University and he told us to open state University. Now, under this new ministry, our Chief Minister strongly demanded for Central University in accordance with our peace accord, it has been now fulfilled. The Vice - Chancellor post is also to be filled up.

And, Greater Aizawl Water Supply Phase - II was also discussed since a long time, now it has been undertaken practically under this new ministry. It is possible to look at their achievement.

Also the shifting of Assam Rifle the previous MNF Ministry had taken up all necessary documents in 1987 - 88, but the next Congress Ministry could do nothing during 12 years and their leader did not deny that he could not fulfill. Now our hon'ble Chief Minister, within a short period had taken up the matter and a committee is established and it is still going on. And now, the proposed place for Assam Rifle at Zokhawsang is eagerly waiting for designing by BRTF, MEF and Central PWD. Meanwhile, our PWD had started working with bulldozer and rupees 18 crores is sanctioned by the Central Government for this purpose. This is also great achievement.

And National Highway is also discussed many times, now, due to the pressure made by our Chief Minister, two National Highways are being given to us and another two are also recently given to us. While we are thinking about these National Highway(s) to be in the hands of BRTF, they are put under our State PWD. Such Highway(s) are for our connecting link with Tripura and Manipur, we had done upto some km(s) before Manipur and Tripura had done the work. The Black topping work is also of high quality, but the work is done hastily and due to the coming of monsoon rain some part of which might be unsatisfactory, the repairing work is still going on. And now, their dreams of Referral Hospital is also in reality, 51 buildings are still under construction and some of them would be completed after one or two months.

And regarding the roads, the dreams of the previous Ministry but of which they could not complete was now undertaken by spending rupees 500 crores sanctioned by the World Bank due to the pressure made by our leader. The project was for Aizawl - Thenzawl - Lunglei Road.

Likewise, the ideal projects of the previous ministry and the people which had not been taken up were written here in this book, but I was amazed when they did not pay attention to this.

And regarding Bairabi Hydrel Project, our member from Khawhai constituency said VPR and Techno - Economic clearance had been completed but as our member from Kawrthah constituency asked for written document, if there is no such written document it is not good to mention. In the previous days while they, the opposition members held the Ministry they told the villagers that Bairabi - Hydrel Project was on the point of success, but now we know that it was not in reality. So, it was not good to say in this House without a documentary proof. That Bairabi Hydrel Project is now taken up and is nearly started, we have the most difficult task - clearance from Central Government. Clearance is taken after strongly demanded by our Chief Minister which I witnessed. We have been doing what they dreamt. So, I expect them to be pleased but I am amazed that they are not happy. And, Serlui 'B' Project also, the previous Ministry had cancelled after rupees five crore had been spent, but this Ministry revived the project with a sanction of rupees 22 crores. Our Governor pointed out not all our works, he pointed out the main points only. So, I know that the speech is good enough to give thanks. And one thing that makes me sad was some accidental incidents in this peaceful State. Some people from outside our State came in and committed murder and taking this as an issue, our oppositions said that there was no peace and security in the whole state. So, I am afraid that people will think them to be on the point of danger. This is what I want to say, Mr. Speaker Sir.

Besides, regarding PWD "without call of tender". Tender is not the only way to give work, there are many ways without tender, this is very appropriate for the poor so that they may earn some benefits, I know this will be encouraged but they said that they disencouraged such practice and I think this is their mistake. That was what I would like to point out.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Is not there anybody to have speech? If so, let us call upon our House Leader to wind up.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A  
C H I E F M I N I S T E R : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. Today, our opposition members had gone out, so I am sorry for this. Absence due to particular reason is often a normal situation during Session, but mass absence of Opposition from the House must have

genuine reason. I think that the reason why they had gone out was that Pu Lalthmingthanga, Opposition Leader had said and no one should say any more after him, that is I think their main point for walking out from the House. If we walked out in other days, we have genuine reason for that. But today, their case was not genuine. I have sat as opposition member and even the leader in this House for more than ten years by the grace of God and the people. There were times when I delivered speech in the first, in the middle and even in the last. So, this is not genuine and I feel sorry for that.

Back to the record, while I was an opposition leader, I was not given chance to make speech twice in normal sitting hour. But now, our opposition leader had given a long speech and said as much as he likes but he does not understand others speaking after him and that seems to be the reason for walking out of the session hall. I am truly sorry for that and I think that was a child like behaviour.

And what I would like to say next is that I want to keep the dignity of this House. We are Christians and our behaviour in the House is good when many other States behave in unprecedented behaviour in the House which we never see or heard of in Mizoram. I want to maintain this good behaviour as some said that it is like a church service. At the sametime, our opposition members are seen as trying to revive the past insurgent manner. This is very bad. During the period of insurgency there might be hostility between brothers, between father and the son, so, many people lost their lives. If we look for mistakes, we, both the parties will know much more. But we do not want to revive such past time, people also do not want to make the wound bigger and speech relating to this is not good. I rather want to put an end to the past. If we are trying to blame the Ministry, we better think the policy, and the way which was followed is to be studied.

In the sphere of Law and Order, it is great to know that the situation remains peaceful as said by our Governor in his speech. His speech is right, our Governor is also the Governor of Manipur State. One day, he told me that in Manipur, Ministers, even Chief Minister had no more tour to very far rural areas due to the bad condition of Law and Order in their State. And in the financial matter, the Manipur government had not given two months salary to the Governor and being a Governor of Mizoram too he asked for it. Likewise, the government servants could not get salaries and also the contract bill and supply bills are also imposible to draw which effects not only the overground Government but also the underground government as the people have no money to donate.

Also in our neighbouring state, the Chief Minister of Tripura, in the NEC Meeting, said that, in his State, kidnapping is prevalent for an exchange with even Rs. 300/-. We also know the troubles in Assam and Nagaland, they said that there had not been any solution to the prevailing situation. Here in our state, by the grace of God and our people, we can live peacefully. This peaceful atmosphere is praised by those who come from Central India. But we still remember that our state is encircled by some International insurgent groups who take up arms. It is not difficult for them to make incident since we cannot make fencing on all our boundaries. Though some incidents had happened in the past our over all situation is peaceful. So, I am thankful as law and order can be maintained properly.

In the sphere of Finance, our beginning was with much difficulties, there were two kinds of debt such as expenditure liability and debt due to Loans. The later one is the normal situation of every government even the American government but we are busy due to expenditure liabilities which we inherited with the amount of more than hundred crores rupees. Besides, the 10th Finance Commission have completed and the 11th Finance Commission had not been out for another five years as Non - plan

Finance. During this interval period we inherited an empty vessel for our beginning, such condition gave us difficulties. In other Finance Commission, financial assistance were reserved till the end of its 5th year, but this 10th Financial Commission is not like that, the 5th year had no money, so we took up an empty vessel. Thirdly, the most difficult one is that the Fifth Pay Commission passed mass pay increment. We said that, the Central Government threw the Bee and the victims were the State Governments. So the previous 'Congress government agreed to pay increment starting from 1996, they made order verbally and they could not carry on practically, it was inevitable for us since our neighbouring states had already followed. So, we too followed this 5th Pay Commission.

In the past years 1997, 1998, the expenditure for salaries and pension was about 23 crores per month and about 270 crores per annum, but today, this increases to rupees 45 crores per month and 540 crores per annum. The annual increment alone was rupees two billion and seventy crores, this is very great task. This new ministry is being started with these three problems in finance. So, we applied ways and means advance for the coming next months, and we further applied special ways and means advance. For example, it is time for cooking, we have water to boil but no rice, so we ask all our neighbours for rice to borrow, we have been going on like this and we just have rice in our own vessel from August last year. Now we can avoid the credit system from ways and means. We can start the air-lock of our Financial Motor. Accordingly, we still go as normal by paying higher pay, and, we have not heard the 'Payment Stop' order from Reserve Bank of India, which frequently occurred in the previous ministry. It is because of God's blessing and the sacrifice of our workers.

Our financial management system is praised by Union Finance Minister Mr. Jaswant Singh because we can go on without stopping payment. I also do not know how we can go on. Therefore, Mizoram stands first in making proposals. Under such circumstances, Mizoram got Peace Bonus for the life line of our finance, while we expected about rupees 100 or 150 crores, the actual money received was 175 crores. Not only this but rupees 7.45 crores from the Prime Minister and Finance Minister in addition to rupees 175 crores that we did not ask. We feel proud about it. The other states were amazed on how much we get and they did not believe it. But it is right, and we use this amount of money to repair our financial air lock. It is because of peace and security maintained by the people of Mizoram, so it is not nice to slender this.

And, what I would like to express next is the 1999 - 2000 Budget, under the coalition Government of MNF and MPC besides the one year during which plan money was not touched. Now, it is to be started. When they asked as to why we did not undertake development works, our answer is that we have not used fund from new financial year fund. Now, 2000 - 2001 plan came so late due to late formation of Eleventh Finance Commission, our plan was approved too late. It was approved in November and so, we could not give out to be used in December. Therefore, it is not an issue for blaming us. Now, we began to use the 2000 - 2001 plan money.

And my next point is the Bairabi Hydrel Project. Some of our honourable members said that it boast their prestige. So, I think we all have something to propound regarding this project. Since the Mizo Union held the District Council government they had decided to make this project. Like that, MPC and Congress also had decided. But the practical work for a detail Project Report to get Techno - economic clearance is in the hands of this Ministry.

Now we are still trying to get Environment and Forest clearance. All these progressive steps are jointly taken by this Ministry, Congress, Union and MPC. But the real factor for which we could get Techno - economic clearance is this MNF

Ministry.

And, Mr. Speaker Sir, to conclude my speech, from the Governor's speech, different parties claimed themselves as the initiators. But we know one thing, after we hold this Ministry The Assam Rifles are going to be shifted which we thought impossible in the previous Ministry, now the proposed for establishing Secretariat Building and Raj Bhavan are being undertaken. BRTF will start Road project during this coming spring season, they will start their work with rupees one crore.

As we had listened, the Military Engineering Service or Central PWD or BRTF will start the construction, tender is now still going on. So, the initial stage for shifting Assam Rifles is in this Ministry. Besides this, others might claim the State Referral Hospital, I did not deny this, but now more than 50 houses were constructed, another more buildings would be constructed soon. It is this Ministry who initiated the practical work for this Referral Hospital.

And, regarding the rate of ginger, in the previous Ministry it was Rs. 2/- or Rs. 3/- or Rs. 2.50/- per kilogram. They spent more than million rupees and they did not know where to sell it, so they again spent more than hundred thousand rupees to disposed of the rotten gingers. But now the retail rate grows to Rs. 10 - 20 in this Ministry. And as we heard from our honourable members, we were very much worried due to the scarcity of cooking gas and some of our slogans were used as jokes in this House, but now, gas are available in every door step, it is in this Ministry. Besides, new I.R. Battalion is to be established in which more than thousand youth would be recruited and some more people would get promotion chance. And the financial assistance for University and Vice Chancellor came through under this Ministry. Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase - II is also still going on with more than crore rupees. Also in this ministry, programme is set for connecting every rural village with truckable, Black topped road under the Rural Road programme, which is to be accomplished within 7 years, five new DRDA in every district are to be established and new salaries for MR from Rs. 40/- to Rs. 70/- are also under this Ministry. This Ministry also opens gate for poor people to earn money under Agriculture and Horticulture link road project. Therefore, I think it is good to say thanks to our Governor's speech and I support this motion of thanks for passing in this House.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now the House Leader had finished to wind up the Motion of Thanks and let us call upon the mover of this motion to ask for passing the motion.

P U C. S A N G Z U A L A : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, let me express my thanks once more along with my solicitation. Here, our opposition members had fled away and I feel sorry that they did not want to listen to our House Leader's speech to solve their problems and I wish them to make constructive criticism but I think they are not fit to be opposition members. As we discuss our Governor's speech today, I am happy when we praise his good points, and I would like to tell our opposition members to have optimistic view. So, Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg the House to pass our Governor's Address.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The mover of Motion of Thanks on Governor's Address had asked the House to pass the motion. We shall take voice vote. Those who agree to pass the motion will say 'Yes' (Members said

Yes) and those who do not agree will say 'No'. Well, the House unanimously passed the Motion of thanks on Governor's address. (Pu Sangzuala - Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir).

We have finished today's business and we shall resume our sitting tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.