

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIRST SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIRST SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 16th DECEMBER, 2013
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OATH/AFFIRMATION

1. Members to take/subscribe Oath/Affirmation.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

2. Members to elect Speaker.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

Pu R. LALRINAWMA, PROTEM SPEAKER : But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream.

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Today, all members of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram assembled here for the first time and I am very thankful for this opportunity. We have two businesses to attend today; the first one is Oath taking and another one; election of the Speaker.

First, we will invite the hon'ble Chief Minister also the House Leader to take oath on behalf of Serchhip and Hrangturzo constituency. We will call in constituency wise and each member may collect the form for oath taking from me. The form contains two words such as 'swear in the name of God' and 'solemnly affirm'; we may use whichever we like. Any member, on his turn may approach the Speaker's chair from my right side and leave from the left. After that, each will give his signature in the Roll of Members from the Secretary desk. Now, I invite our Secretary to make a call in order of constituency.

SECRETARY : To start with, may I call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla to take Oath of Affirmation on behalf of Constituency No.26, Serchhip and Constituency No.28, Hrangturzo. The next in line will be in order of number of constituency.

Constituency Nos.	Members
1	Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte
2	Pu Lalrobiaka
3	Pu John Rotluangliana
4	Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte
5	Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana
6	Pu K. Lalrinthanga
7	Pu R.L. Pianmawia
8	Dr. Ngurdingliana
9	Pu R. Lalzirliana
10	Pu R. Romawia
11	Pu Lalthanliana
12	Pu Lal Thanzara
13	Pu R. Lalrinawma
14	Pu Lalsawta

15	Pu K. Sangthuama
16	Pu Lalruatkima
17	Pu Vanlalzawma
18	Pu R. Vanlalvena
19	Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala
20	Pu K.S. Thanga
21	Pu H. Rohluna
22	Pu Lalrinliana Sailo
23	Pu T.T. Zothansanga
24	Pu J.H. Rothuama
25	Pu T. Sangkunga
27	Er. Lalrinawma
29	Pu John Siamkunga
30	Pu P.C. Lalthanliana
31	Pu Joseph Lalhimpua
32	Pu Chalrosanga Ralte
33	Pu S. Laldingliana
34	Pu Zodintluanga
35	Pu N.K. Chakma
36	Pu B.D. Chakma
37	Pu C. Ngunlianchunga
38	Pu H. Zothangliana
39	Dr. K. Beichhua
40	Pu Hiphei

Pu R. LALRINAWMA, PROTEM SPEAKER : We will go to our other business. First, we will invite our Secretary to read out the Governor order.

SECRETARY : **Governor Order**

“Dated 12th December, 2013. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub rule (1) of rules 7 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, I, Vakkom Purushothaman, Governor of the State of Mizoram hereby fix 16th December, 2013 (Monday) as the date for holding the election to the office of the Speaker of the State of Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

Vakkom Purushothaman
Governor of Mizoram.”

Pu R. LALRINAWMA, PROTEM SPEAKER : We have listened to the Governor Order and our business is to elect Speaker. We received only one nomination; Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala proposed Pu Hiphei and seconded by Pu R.L. Pianmawia. The nomination paper is prepared with care and as per our rules. As we have only one nomination, I declare Pu Hiphei, to become the hon'ble Speaker of this House.

Now, our House Leader and Opposition Group Leader may escort the newly elected Speaker to his Chair.

SPEAKER : Leader of the House, elected members, Opposition Group Leader Pu Vanlalawma and Members of this august House, today, I am very thankful that God gives me an opportunity to become the Speaker under the leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla and his colleagues. On the 12th may, 1972, I was elected as Deputy Speaker in this same House and again in the 30th January, 1989 as Speaker. Today, I am once again elected for the same post despite age and I am truly thankful for that. I wish that my parents were still alive to witness this moment. However, my two daughters and son-in-law witnesses this moment as my wife is unable to come due to health. I reminiscence of the past and Tuipang constituency from which I have been elected 6 times as number of the constituency changes without my knowledge from 1 to 40.

As known to us all, the Assembly House is one of the most prestigious places in very states and so ours. It may not look as grandeur from outside but it is, indeed inside; as it clearly confirms our Christianity. Besides, the conduct of election under a peaceful atmosphere truly indicates the nature of our Christianity. These two things are the most sought after throughout the country but could not be achieved. I am thankful for being elected to preside over each and every meetings of this august House.

The safety of Mizoram is in the hands of God and of this House. We need a good law to protect and discover all our natural resources which God has embedded into our soils. This responsibility surely is a challenging task for the members as I am proud to be one of the members of the team.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am very happy today that you are re-elected to preside over the meetings of this august House. I extend my congratulation and wish you best for the future. I do hope that you will

be able to execute the responsibilities on your shoulders and preside over the meetings with integrity as you have done in the past. I and my colleagues give you a relentless support in maintaining the dignity of the House. We believe this House as the most honorable House in the world for us. It is often stated that Mizoram Assembly is like a student supervised by a good Headmaster as our Session will be conducted in that manner. We the members have a great sense of respect to the Speaker unlike other members of the House including our own Parliament in which even highly respected members often prompted suspension of the House. With God's grace, we never have such kind of incident here in the House. I pray that God may guide you and bless you with wisdom. I assure we will stand by you all the way in leading this august House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

Pu VANLALZAWMA : Congratulation, Pu Speaker. I am thankful that the Ruling Party proposed your name since you are of the most experience member among us to guide this august House. With your extensive experiences from the District Council, the Mizoram Assembly and all the way to Parliament House for a period of twelve years, I convinced myself that you are the best to guide us as members of the Opposition Group too have a great expectation from your leadership.

My thought wandered when I was in Chapui knowing what a distant Chapui is from the Parliament; I wonder how you became a Member of the Parliament. As you know, Pu Speaker, we the members from the Opposition Group are all new in this House; we will need your guidance and understanding in our conduct in the House. Since it is my first time as the Opposition Group Leader and as we are small in number, we hope you'd always show leniency to us. As the hon'ble House Leader stated, we should all try to keep up the decorum of this august House.

If we look into other Houses including our Parliament, I sometimes feel it as a Theater Hall and I am thankful that this House maintains its dignity. I hope and pray that we all will keep up the decorum of this House under your guidance. We, the Opposition Group give you our best wishes in dealing with your responsibility and our relentless cooperation to your leadership. Thank you.

SPEAKER : It seems that we have no more members to speak. So, our business for today is finished. We will have concluded the meeting and we will meet again here tomorrow, the 17th December, 2013 at 10:30 AM. As the

Governor is going to address the House, all Members are requested to attend the sitting at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
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LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 17th DECEMBER, 2013
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY, VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN Governor of Mizoram**, to address the House.

2. **Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE**, to move motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor in the following form :

“That the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 17th December, 2013”.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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Respected Speaker and Honorable Members,

1. I deem it a great privilege and honour to address this August House on this auspicious occasion of the First Session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Mizoram following the General Election held on the 25th November 2013. I also extend my heartiest welcome to all the Members, of which ten of you are first-timers as legislators. I also convey my warm greetings to all of you and to the people of Mizoram.

2. I feel confident that the debates in this House will continue to be orderly and fruitful, with the Hon'ble members, who are well-experienced in their respective fields of work, actively taking part in the legislative and other businesses of the House.

3. The people of Mizoram have returned the Indian National Congress Party with an astounding majority. This is the result of five years of service to the people. It also shows the expectations the people have on the Ministry. I have full faith these expectations will be realized by my Government.

4. I express my sincere feelings that the just concluded General election was exceptional in the sense that sincere efforts put in by our bureaucracy and law enforcing agencies in the conduct of the election were competently matched by the efforts of the general population, the Churches, the NGO's and the Mizoram People Forum (MPF), which ensured that the election was conducted in the most peaceful and serene manner. The voter turnout of 83.41% is the highest so far in Mizoram and the State is the first to use the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) in a general election. Their combined efforts helped in making the election free, fair and peaceful.

5. My Government will continue with its flagship NLUP project. Some of the achievements of the project so far are - The original project target of 1,20,000 beneficiaries for 5 years have been achieved in first 3 years. The project significantly impacted the economy by providing alternative sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers and other poorer sections of the society, reducing their dependence on Jhum practices thereby registering decrease of Jhum area by 50 to 60 percent. Package of activities focused on commercial farming, primary processing, promoting livestock, pisciculture, sericulture, plantation in cash crops and similar activities has already favorably impacted the economy. Mizoram registered GSDP growth rate at 11 per cent during 11 Plan periods against the national growth rate of 7.8 per cent and

this can be attributed to a great extent to NLUP Project.

6. My Government, to achieve food security, has initiated various interventions like Area Expansion under Rice cultivation, promotion of improved production technologies like SRI, line planting and improved cultivation of Rice on Hill Slopes to enhance the present rice production. Under National Food Security Mission - Paddy farmers are also being assisted by giving subsidy for various Farm Machineries. To accelerate crop production to bridge the yield gap of important agricultural crops and to make Agriculture a sustainable livelihood support to increase the income level of the farmers, several state and Central Schemes have been implemented.

7. My Government will continue to accord priority to the Sports Sector. Nine numbers of sports infrastructures are being constructed in the state. "Olympic Vision 2016" has been launched in which sportspersons are given special intensive training in nine selected disciplines. The Government policy of 'Catch Them Young' is being implemented in all sports discipline for boys and girls from the age of 12 years and below, all year round.

8. My Government has given great importance to making Mizoram self sufficient in Energy. One of the achievements is that the 18th Meeting of Empowered Committee for Viability Gap Funding Support has recommended for 210 MV Tuivai HCP to be executed on Public Private Partnership made with viability Gap Funding of ₹340 crores out of the total project cost of ₹1750 crores which was approved by the Finance Minister on November 2013. The energy sector will continue to be given great importance by my Government.

9. My Government recognizes that connectivity is one of the important aspects of development. It will continue to develop all types of roads in Mizoram. During 2013-14, resurfacing work of about 129 km and widening to 2-lane of National Highways have been completed. There is an ongoing work of strengthening and Rehabilitation of W. Phaileng - Marpara covering 80 kms. These are a few instances out of the many works undertaken.

10. My Government realizes that a State can prosper only if proper care, protection and welfare are given to its workforce. The Labour, Employment and Industrial Training Department have been strengthened to act as a backbone of the society to protect the service condition of the working class and promoting industrial peace and harmony. The Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers Welfare

Board has been functioning efficiently. The numbers of beneficiaries registered have exceeded 20,000. The Board has collected cess amounting to ₹15 crores. ₹5.5 crores have been received for the upgradation of the three existing ITI's at Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha from Ministry of L&E. The Mizoram Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board had organized training on various field and several trainees have benefitted these trainings. My government will continue to work for the welfare of the workforce.

11. Education in our State has been reformed. Adult Education is undertaken with Special Literacy Drive at Lawngtlai and Lunglei Districts. Hindi Education is given due importance under CSS: SSA and RMSA are also being carried on in full swing under my Government, with a view to attain 100% literacy within the State.

12. Higher & Technical Education has taken up various schemes for Infrastructure Development of Colleges. Post Matric Student's Hostel of Aizawl has been completed and construction of new Polytechnics at Champhai and Kolasib Districts has been completed and new polytechnics are under construction at Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip. Mizoram Law College and Kamalanagar College, Chawngte have been provincialized. My Government will continue to give utmost priority to the Education Sector.

13. My Government realizes the importance of not just post disaster management but pre-disaster management as well. The first sitting of the State Disaster Management Authority under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Mizoram took place in the last Ministry along with the second sitting. They had approved of raising up of company strength of State Disaster Response Force Unit (SDRF) in all Armed Police Battalions. The result of this was seen in the effective rescue operations by the SDRF in the disastrous landslide at Laipuitlang. Due to the personal endeavour of my Government Special Plan Assistance amounting to ₹555.55 crore has been allocated to mitigate the huge land crack in Ramhlun. My Government will continue to give importance to Disaster Management.

14. My Government will continue to take strong and bold initiatives to usher in clean, efficient and responsive administration. In the last Ministry, Vigilance Department has vigorously pursued cases enquired by the ACB as well as other cases of Departmental proceedings. Departmental proceedings have been drawn against 947 government servants of which 206 cases pertains to corruption related matters. 110 of corruption related cases have been finalized. My Government will continue to be

committed to give the people of Mizoram fair, just and transparent administration at all levels of governance.

15. I would like to remind the Hon'ble Members that it is their responsibility to ensure that all sections of society are served in a fair and equitable manner. My government shall spare no effort to maintain the hard earned peace and tranquility.

16. In conclusion, I ask all the people of Mizoram to extend their wholehearted support to my Government. Let us all try to make the best use of this Government and be pro-active supporters of its programmes. I am confident that each and every one of us can make our State one of the most developed one in India. I wish all the Hon'ble Members and the people of Mizoram a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

JAI HIND
Governor
Mizoram, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : As the Governor finished addressing the House, let the copy be distributed. Now, we will invite Pu Chalrosanga Ralte to move Motion of Thanks.

Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, with your permission that the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 17th December, 2013. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the Motion of Thanks is moved; we will have a discussion tomorrow. Let us prepare ourselves to participate in the discussion. We will invite Pu R. Vanlalvena to second the motion.

Pu R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am pleased to second the Motion of Thanks moved by the hon'ble member Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalvena has seconded the motion. Now, our business today comes to an end, we will adjourn the meeting and will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
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LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2013
(Time 10:30 AM TO 1:00 PM AND 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM)

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

1. Members to elect Deputy Speaker.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

2. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor
(to be concluded)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : He told them, “Consider carefully what you do, because you are not judging for man but for the LORD, who is with you whenever you give a verdict. Now let the fear of the Lord be upon you. Judge carefully, for with the LORD our God there is no injustice or partiality or bribery.”

II Chronicles 19:6 & 7

Among us, Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana could not attend the meeting and we will grant leave of absence with the House permission. Pu Lal Thanzara also beg to leave early with the House permission, I inform the House that we grant their request. Time for nomination for the Deputy Speaker was opened till 3:00 p.m. yesterday. Pu S. Laldingliana proposed Pu R. Lalrinawma and seconded by Dr. Ngurdingliana. As we have no other nomination, I announce Pu R. Lalrinawma to become the Deputy Speaker as per rule (8 of 5).

Now, I request the Leader of the House and the Opposition Group Leader to take Pu R. Lalrinawma to his seat. After that, the House Leader will have a few words regarding election of the Deputy Speaker.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am happy that Pu R. Lalrinawma is elected to become the Deputy Speaker uncontested. I congratulate him from the bottom of my heart.

In the previous term, he held the post of Chairman of Law Commission where he excels. I think the previous House was the best in amending obsolete rules which were initiated by him as Chairman of Law Commission. I think office of the hon’ble Speaker too is fortunate to have a person having vast experiences in legal. Even though we are able to maintain decorum of the House, we sometimes need an expert in making and exercising laws. As such, we are hoping that you will continue to preserve the dignity of this House. We, the members give you our moral support to both of you in order to preserve the status of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

Pu VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, on behalf of the Opposition Group, I convey my thank to the hon’ble House Leader and his colleagues and so as the Legislature Party for proposing Pu R. Lalrinawma for the Deputy Speaker of this august House. As stated when we elected the new Speaker, I hope that we will have a good working relation under his guidance as he is our expert in the field of laws. I

have known him as a person who is always ready to help his neighborhoods during his tenure as Chairman of Law Commission. I personally extend my thanks to him for helping many people in my constituency in which he and his family resides. As requested to the hon'ble Speaker earlier, we are newly elected members of this House and will need a lot of helps as we all are ignorance in dealing with laws and I do hope he will guide us whenever he is needed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will close the discussion for now. Let us invite Pu R. Lalrinawma, the newly elected Deputy Speaker to deliver his speech.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA, DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Speaker, today, I am very thankful to the House Leader and the Members for electing me to become the Deputy Speaker. I am humble to receive praises in regards to law as I know I have many more to learn. I request all Members to help me and guide me throughout my tenure as Dy. Speaker of this august House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Yesterday, we have confusion in regards to the mover and his secondary though it is written in our Rules. If we look into page 10, it is seen that the secondary is allowed to second the Motion without standing.

Now, we will have a discussion on the Motion and 5 minutes is allotted to each member.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, some of us being newly members to this House would like to have our maiden speech. So, can we make it 10 minutes each?

SPEAKER : There is a proposal for 10 minutes, can we accept?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, even the Governor made his Speech in brief, I think 5 minutes is enough.

SPEAKER : As we always take the vote of the House, we will go with 5 minutes. Now, let us invite Pu Chalrosanga Ralte, the mover of this motion of thank to open the discussion.

Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. First, I thank God

for putting me in this place to represent the people of my constituency. I also thank our party leaders and people of Lunglei West constituency.

Many important matters are highlighted in the speech of the Governor, yesterday. First, his point that the House being conducted with appropriate discipline and that the members always show respect to each other is truly appreciated.

In the last General Election, the Congress party was elected unanimously. The Governor pointed out that this unanimous decision indicated that the people still have faith in this party. I hope that we can fulfill their faith in this ministry. I am thankful to all the officials who conducted the election as without their efforts this will never happen. He had further made a remark in the speech that the election was concluded in a peaceful situation thanks to the effort of NGO's and MPF. In this election, we have made a record by casting 83.41% of vote which happened to be the highest in Mizoram. This further indicates the people have enough confidence in the party headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla. We are in a peaceful condition under his leadership and for that reason we are able to make the aforesaid record.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention regarding our flagship programme which the Governor has pointed out in his speech yesterday. Before the election, most of the parties claimed that they would continue to hold the ministry but today, the table is again turns to us. In this connection, I, with your permission would like to read out a paper of one Research Professor relating to NLUP which states, "After conducting a study on the system of various countries, NLUP is known as the best policy which concerns every family to start a business".

It is known to us all that many of our youths are beginning to engage in sports as their main occupations. In this regard, it is thankful that the Governor, in his address assures that priority will be given to sports sector by his government. It is appreciated to learn from the Governor's speech that development in sports infrastructures are now in full swing and will continue. As such, the speech indicates we have a good prospect for the future of our youths today.

Pu Speaker, we have learned that the government also makes a stride towards self-sufficient in power supply. In the process, we have Tuirial Hydel of 60 megawatts being ready for commission by the next year. We have further learned that Tuivai Hydel Project of 210 megawatts has also been approved by the Central Government. These two projects are expected to be able to cover all our needs in

power supply. Besides, the government also takes up other projects as the surplus energy will become a revenue source for our State. In the meantime, project for road connectivity is in full swing as the government continues to start the project in various parts of the country.

Last, but not least, Pu Speaker, the confidence bestowed by the people in this government shows prevalence of dignity and righteousness to those who practice corruption. I am glad that this is highlighted in the Governor's speech as well. What is most important is that the Governor indicates transparency will be prevailed in the government works. I, therefore, request my fellow members to give their support to our Governor Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : To start the discussion, I call upon Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : At the outset, Pu Speaker, I thank God and the people of my constituency for giving me the opportunity to sit in this House after 5 years. This new term is somewhat like 1998 when only 6 members were sat in the opposition bench. Despite our inferiority in number, our main objective is to stand as a constructive opposition. Instead of criticizing every move which may be made by the government, it is our purpose to encourage the ruling party members in order to uphold the dignity of this House.

Our Governor Address is rather short which contain 16 points only. First, I would like to mention regarding his point on NLUP. My party does not bluntly criticize NLUP as we thought the policy as good enough. However, what our concern is its implementation which we opine should be taken up accordingly. In the meantime, there many people in Mizoram who do not receive NLUP as yet and we hope that the government will take immediate step to cover as a whole.

Regarding Food Security, I the State Government should thoroughly examine any of our food production. Whether we ready or not, the Central Government will, sooner or later compel us to implement the system of food security. Therefore, we have to study the system and find a way to avoid problems which may affected to health of any consumer.

Coming to my next point, road plays an important role in every walk-of-life. We often face problem due to poor communication of roads. In connection

with this matter, road approaching the University is very bad. On enquiring the reason, it appears that the 2nd installment for development of road has not yet been released. It will be much appreciated if the government urges the Central Government for immediate release of fund so that the work is done before the rainy season. On the other hand, it seems that concerned contractors are not willing to continue the work with the money from their own pockets. In the previous ministry of my party, it is a common practice of the contractors to spend money from their own pocket in any stop-gap period and the amount is reimbursed when the bill is drawn. As of today's contractors, they are not willing to spend any cent so the people suffer. It will be appreciated if the concerned Minister, i.e. our Chief Minister to look into the matter to expedite the work.

On Disaster Management, I opine it is important for the government to make careful decision in dealing with the problem which concerns the department. We often face some disaster which demands immediate attention. In such cases, it is a life threatening for any volunteer as the condition of any of our land where disaster is recurred is unspecified. As such, I opine it is important for the department to prevail careful examination of places which are frequented by the disaster. If possible, it may, as well important to study the condition of any land which is known as unstable.

In Education, it is obvious from the Governor Address that our main objective is to achieve 100% literacy rate. If so, I opine it is necessary to strengthen the Adult Education Wing. In the present situation, we are not giving enough care which will surely hold us back to achieve our main objective. I request the concerned Education Minister to give more attentions in this regard and give priority in order to achieve 100% literacy rate.

On Transport, I opine more attentions should be given. Regarding construction of Highway, it takes a long time to complete the road between Kawnpui and Sairang and so may be expedited. Pu Speaker, our Governor Address includes important points which may be implemented instantly and I hope this government will take step as necessary. I request the House to pass this motion of thanks on the Governor Address. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalthanliana.

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, I convey my appreciation to two particular points of the Governor Address. First, point No.8, which concern fund

provision for power supply amounting to ₹19.42 crore for liability gap funding and the project is being approved. I am happy that this government gives priority to improvement of power supply.

Next, point No.13, regarding fund provision of ₹555.55 crore for construction and repairing of roads affected by landslide and fissure. We all have known that it affected my constituency also as every corner of Mizoram. I request the government to utilize this fund for my constituency also.

There are 40 families whose homes devastated in the area of Ramhlun Sports Complex. It is a pleasure to know that there is a proposal to provide home to these families. I would like to request if it will be possible to provide house site to those who have resides in this area for the past many years, but are still homeless.

Lastly I would like to thank the people of my constituency for choosing me to be their MLA. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : First of all, I thank the people of Saiha for making it possible for me to stand in the august House. I also, thank the hon'ble Speaker and House Leader who, both are veteran politicians; it is a privileged for beginners like us to be under their guidance.

The Governor spoke of NLUP, the flagship programme, I request the authorities to remember and include MNF Party and to include Saiha road as priority list for re-surfacing work as it is the lifeline of Saiha people.

Pu Speaker, Aizawl, Lunglei and Saiha Civil Hospital were established in the same year. However, the condition of Saiha Hospital is quite deteriorated comparing to other two. I request that it is included on priority list. Pu Speaker, infant mortality rate in Saiha being the highest, I request posting of gynecologist and pediatrician there.

Pu Speaker, Saiha is lacking safe drinking water, I request the Minister to keep in mind and list supply of drinking water at Saiha as priority. Lastly, since I am the lone opposition member from the South, I request the hon'ble members not to treat me as an opposition member, but as the only son. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I thank Champhai North Constituency people for all their efforts for me to represent them in this august House. I hope we will be able to function gracefully in this coming five years.

Pu Speaker, before discussing the main subject, there is an important issue I would like to point out. The hon'ble members before me mentioned that he will put every effort inside and outside the Assembly House, inside the House, it will be like, "Wolf in lamb's clothing" as his statement highlighted in Zozam Times. Pu Speaker, I would like to ask the member who he refers to as wolf. It is an ethical if he is reluctant to apologize in the House, the matter should be taken up in Ethics Committee. Pu Speaker, I would also request hon'ble Group Leader to clarify the speech that was made yesterday at Exodus Day that "we may go back to underground if circumstance compels".

Pu Speaker, in para 14 of the Governor's speech, the Governor mentioned that his government will continue to take strong and hold initiatives to usher in clean, efficient and responsive administration. Pu Speaker, being a Christian State, it is pleasant to know that the government is taking bold initiatives to eradicate corruption, the governments courage is commendable.

Regarding Para 13, Disaster Management, Our State is a disaster prone area and it is appreciative of the various initiatives taken by the government. In Champhai, we have sinking area and it is comforting to hear the Governor's speech.

I am grateful for all various steps taken by the government in education. In Champhai, a building is constructed with an estimate of ₹9.51 crores and is nearing completion. I thank the government for all the ongoing projects and future proposal to be taken.

It is fortunate that the government is giving priority to power connectivity. The people of Champhai rate the government by its performance in power supply connectivity. It is pleasing to know that huge funds are allocated for connectivity in various parts of the State.

In, Sports & Youth, we need infrastructure and I thank the government

for laying Astro-turf at Chhangphut field of Lunglei and Zotlang. Pu Speaker, this government is a magnificent government as it is worth giving praise for the various steps.

Lastly, it is commendable for its distribution of tractors and power tillers. Today, I thank the Governor for delivering this speech and I give my support to this Motion of thanks. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today I give praise to God for giving me time to make a maiden speech in this august House. I also thank party leaders and the people of Aizawl West-II. My constituency is creating Mizoram record for having eight MLA's out of which 7 are from the ruling party and I am the lone opposition member. I expect huge development will take place in my constituency.

I would further like to thank the Churches, NGO's and MPF for the clean and fair election. However, I would request that enquiry should be made to investigate if it true whether a political party was working with insurgent group during the election. Pu Speaker, it was unfortunate that the government employees from outside the State and Police IR Battalion and election duty personnel were unable to cast their vote. I wish that it should never happen again. Also, I opine the gap between casting of vote took very long. Pu Speaker, it was unfortunate that re-polling was necessary in Aizawl South-I and Lawngtlai East Constituency and closing of voting before time at Bunglemun, Hachhek, Ugudarsuri and South Tuichawng. Pu Speaker, there was kidnapping case during election as well in which two local youths and one AIR Company employee being kidnapped. Hence, I am wondering if we had free and fair election.

NLUP is the flagship programme of the government. Just before the election, NLUP special package was distributed. I was apprehensive as it could affect the salary of the government servants. For the past 5 years, NLUP was utilized to favor party workers. I, therefore request that this should not be repeated. The government should take careful measures in dealing with selection of the beneficiaries.

It is commendable that we are moving forward in sports. It would be

more ideal if the budget allocation for sports could be raised higher. Pu Speaker, in my opinion, Olympic Vision 2016, is not applicable as the duration is quite limited. It is unfortunate that youth activities are neglected while priority is given in sports.

Pu Speaker, we are lacking in connectivity. In Annual Plan, it is said that we are to receive ₹200 crores under State Road Project, but we didn't, may be due to inefficiency. Thus, the government should give its priority during working season and priority should also be given to Aizawl City.

The Governor yesterday highlighted that steps will be taken to have clean, efficient, responsive administration. As such, the constitution of Lok Ayukta should be given priority and AMC should be empowered; we should not be apprehensive in power decentralization.

Pu Speaker, I appeal to the government to fulfill the peace accord memorandum of settlement that has not been fulfilled, and also to control the fluctuating rate of essential commodities.

Lastly, we are looking forward to this government with high expectation as we are ready to guide and give constructive criticism whenever required. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I give praise to the Lord, who gives me the privilege to sit here in this august house. I thank the people of my constituency for their confidence in electing me as their representative.

Yesterday, the Governor highlighted various topics in his speech. The Governor spoke of NLUP, the flagship programme which I opine fortunate. However, there are certain points which cross my mind.

It is highlighted that the growth rate of our GSDP as 11% during 11th Plan. But it is unfortunate that the rate of essential commodities that the people required everyday is increasing and not decreasing. Thus, I feel that the success of NLUP cannot be acquired equally.

It is commendable that jhuming cultivation had fallen to 50-60 %, but

further steps needs to be taken. If self-sufficiency in livelihood is not acquired, we cannot do away with jhuming cultivation.

In my constituency, Chhingchhip, there is MIFCO department in which pineapple factory is established. Pu Speaker, I was wondering why this factory is not productive. I visited the factory and found that the machinery was not capable of producing large quality. I therefore, request the government to install machinery which can grind 40-50 quintals per hour. Pu Speaker, if such machinery is installed, the nearby constituency should benefit as well. I can provide a video CD so that the hon'ble members view for themselves.

Now, I would like to speak about market information system. Business items/materials rates can be controlled whereas there cannot be controlled rate of agriculture products. Therefore, if we cannot control various items of NLUP, we are bound to face problem. Therefore, I suggest that the Agriculture Department should constitute a systematic market information system. Pu Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak.

SPEAKER : Alright, we will now call opposition group leader Pu Vanlalzawma.

Pu VANLALZAWA : Pu Speaker, thanks you. Yesterday, the Governor spoke various topics in regard to the various projects and development of the government. It is a privilege that today we are able to have discussion on the Governor's speech.

First of all, as we are opposition group, we are not here to oppose whatever steps the government takes. But, we are here to give constructive criticism and to guide the ruling party. There may come a time when there are certain issues which need to be discussed through phone or personally. So, I request the understanding of the ruling bench if such circumstances arrive. This is my personal opinion.

I will not be able to highlight all the points. The first topic I would like to speak about is NLUP. During the election campaign, when a joined platform was organized, I declared that if I was elected by the grace of God, NLUP will be continued. It is fortunate that it will be continued. But what I would like to point out is that we should be careful in selecting the beneficiaries. I have told MNF part workers

since it is government programme, only the rightful beneficiaries will be selected so that proper steps should be taken.

My next point, Sports; with the initiatives of Sports Minister, various developmental projects have been taken. However, from the information I received, there isn't enough fund for the Catch Them Young and the Olympic Vision 2016 projects. What I would like to highlight is even if it is huge projects, there will not be any benefit if there is no fund.

In regard to self-sufficient in energy, I would like to know if there is any proposal to initiate the project of Natural gas power generation as in the neighboring state, Tripura. Pu Speaker, Gulf countries also practice natural gas power generation. So, I suggest if we could turn to this system for self-sufficiency in power.

It was pleasant to hear the Governor highlighting connectivity which will continue to develop all type of road in Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, though Healthcare Scheme is not highlighted in Governor's speech, I would like to request the authorities to continue it more systematically as it is a scheme which is benefitted by non-government employees also. Another point I would like to suggest is that the government should take appropriate steps to meet the demands of essential commodities.

Like I have mentioned earlier, we should continue to work together even outside the House as circumstance required. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us know call the House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I, at the outset welcome all our first timer MLA's in this august House. I wish you all to be a responsible member.

It was remarkable that the Governor highlights various developments of the government and it was pleasant to hear the healthy reaction of the members.

It is comforting to listen to the speech of an experienced opposition group leader. It is true that the government needs the guidance as to give constructive

criticism. Therefore, from his speech, I expect to have healthy working environment in developing our State. The Deputy leader himself is also an experienced member who was held an important portfolio before. Therefore, I want to highlight that I have high expectation from both of them.

It is pleasant to know that everyone is interested in NLUP as everyone is talking about NLUP during the election. It is true to a certain extent that only party workers are beneficiaries. Pu Speaker, NLUP is distributed even outside the ruling party who are truly deserved, but it is fortunate that such beneficiaries joined congress party after being selected as beneficiaries. Pu Speaker, NLUP is of a special package fund from the central, it cannot be diverted to government employee's salary. NLUP is, in fact, benefitted by various departments.

Pu Speaker, if there are Government servants who speak in this way, action will be taken and I want to highlight this in the House.

Under Special Plan Assistance, Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹200 crores is earmarked for road project but unfortunately due to the financial and economic crisis in India, we are unable to avail this opportunity so does our neighboring states Arunachal and Nagaland. The former ministry appealed to the Central Government to hand over construction of roads to the state government from the BRTF and the transition process takes time. Even after giving a tender notice, the state government cannot fully exercise its authority which makes it very complicated and we are trying our best to clear this matter. Repairing of Aizawl West road is in progress as we are pressing on to central to release the 2nd Installment and in the meantime proposal for resurfacing other areas in Mizoram is submitted and have been approved. Thenzawl - Buarpui road will also be renovated when we receive funds from ADB.

Initiatives are also taken to renovate Hospital in different Districts as we have also received an amount of ₹16 crores for the renovation of Saiha District Hospital. To compensate the victims of landslide in Ramhlun Venglai and of Laipuitlang, we made an appeal to the central for an amount of ₹21 crores out of which ₹5.55 crores has already been received as first installment. Our experts have taken measures in various places to prevent ourselves from any disasters by conducting awareness and mock drills in different districts.

Pu Speaker, it may be noted that the Olympic Vision 2016 concentrates only on a particular discipline as we are planning to promote our youths to excel in

that particular discipline. Policy such as the Catch Them Young is greatly appreciated by concerned, yet, it is regretted as we cannot accommodate all the applicants as of now. We have also taken initiatives in skill development by giving training in different skills in polytechnic as 10 persons are being sent to undergo training under the Maruti Company in Noida, near Delhi. We have further requested concerned authority to conduct recruitment of Armed Forces and Para-military Forces in different districts in Mizoram as we encourages our youths to join the Army where as many have joined the British, French and Asian Army. We have also requested the North Eastern Council to establish Scheme Development Centre in Mizoram and to that respect, we took initiative to acquire ₹700 crores to promote our educational system into a standard and quality education. Plans have been made to establish Sainik School at Chhingchhip as some local residents contributed a vast area for the site. Steps have also been taken regarding the ongoing healthcare scheme as we are going to obtain fund provision for financial assistance to BPL family from the Labour & Employment Ministry, thanks to the efficiency of the hon'ble concerned minister.

It is satisfying to know that we can have clean and fair election and we do not face problems in maintaining Law and Order. But it is regretted to learn that some rebels kidnapped our fellow mizos and non-mizo on which ransom is demanded. The hon'ble Home Minister, our Chief Secretary and other experts are working on strategy to rescue them and we the Mizo people should also unite against such rebels particularly those who destabilize our unity and peace in our state.

Regarding Bairabi Hydel project, steps have been taken to generate 75 megawatts and during our previous ministry, we have planned a project of Tuirial to generate 70 megawatts to be taken up by the Japan Government. At that time of surveying, there were 48 families who are eligible to claim compensation; but as the ministry changes, the number were increasing which compels the assigned authority to stay with the project. But as soon as we hold the ministry, we again made an approach to the Commission with the project of generating 60 megawatts. As a result, the Central Government issued a viability gap funding amounting to ₹1,750 crore with the project to be completed within 5 years and sanction for first Installment has also been released. Step has also been taken to explore natural gas and petroleum in various areas such as Bairabi, Saitual and Keifang as pressure is given to the assigned companies to expedite the process.

At the same time, Pu Speaker, we also hope to obtain 22 megawatts from Tripura as soon as the technical problem is resolved. Hopefully, we will become

more sufficient in power supply when Tuirial Hydel Project is completed.

We are also promoting our border trade with Burma by establishing a non-custom station and we have proposed to construct a Dam at Lungreng River as the Burmese Ambassador have inspected the area as some portions on Burma side are found to be in a submerge area. Apart from this, I have also mentioned about border trade relation with Bangladesh as their Prime Minister Mrs. Sheik Hassina in a Press Conference pointed out that Bangladesh will extend its border trade with India in Mizoram zone. We hope to finish construction of rail track by 2015 which will be extended up to Lawngtlai in the South. It may be important to keep in mind that promoting our border trade will at the same time pave a way for us to preach the gospel in the neighboring foreign countries.

Pu Speaker, we sometimes proudly mention the Mizo tribe being chosen specially but we have to determine if our nature and status reflected that special identity of a chosen tribe who remains far-flung from self-sufficiency. Yet, our leaders are trying their best to develop Mizoram into a self-sufficient state in our economy which will obviously have an impact on our mission of preaching the gospel to non-believers.

Pu Speaker, I thank my fellow members for actively participating in the discussion on Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address. My best wishes to all the people inside and outside Mizoram a prosperous Christmas and New Year. Thank You.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon Pu Chalrosanga Ralte to beg leave of the House to pass his Motion.

Pu CHALROSANGA RALTE : Pu Speaker, I thank the hon'ble House Leader for giving me this opportunity as I appeal to this House to pass this Motion of Thanks.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble member has begged leave of the House to pass the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's address. Those in favor may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No.' The Motion is voted and passed.

We now have come to the end of our session. I wish all of you the best for this coming Christmas and New Year.

The House is adjourned *Sine die*.