

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 18th MARCH, 2014
(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.

MOTION

2. **Pu T. SANGKUNGA** 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 18th March, 2014”.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the First Report of Business Advisory Committee for the Current Session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

4. **THE SPEAKER** to announce Panel of Chairmen.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

5. **Pu R. ROMAWIA** to move Motion for Election to Financial Committees.

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

6. **Pu LALSAWTA** to present to the House :-
Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2013-2014
Vote on Accounts 2014-2015 (April-July, 2014) with allied papers.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

Hon'ble Speaker and esteemed Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It gives me great pleasure to address you at the commencement of the second session of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I whole-heartedly congratulate the Chief Minister on winning the General Elections to the Legislative Assembly along with the new Ministers and the new Members of this Legislative Assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my greetings and good wishes to all of you and the people of Mizoram. In this session, the Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2013-2014 and Demand for Grants for 2014-2015 will be presented.

1. With considerable joy and pride, I congratulate the Mizoram Football Team on their triumph in the 68th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy. The dedication of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Hon'ble Sports Minister to uplift sports in the State is admirable, and the hardwork put in by everyone involved is praiseworthy. The support given by the people is indeed overwhelming. Sports have made Mizoram and Mizo people popular to other States of India and this can be extended to other parts of the world also because Mizo people have so much natural talent in sports. I urge everyone to continue giving their full support for the advancement of sports.

2. On this day, I would like to invite this august Assembly to witness my Government's commitment to provide efficient, responsive, accountable, fair and just administration at all levels of governance. The various progresses and developments, maintenance of peace and harmony achieved by my Government during my time is immense which makes me very happy and proud.

3. My Government has enthusiastically marched on in the continued implementation of the Flagship Programme, New Land Use Policy (NLUP) and it is heartening to see the fruits of our hard labour. The original project target of 1,20,000 beneficiaries for 5 years have been achieved in three successive phases during the last three years. Proposal to assist additional batch of 15,000 household beneficiaries has been approved and the total household to be assisted under NLUP will become 1,35,000. So far, Planning Commission has released ₹1208.82 crores purely as grant under ACA component. In addition, expected fund flow from central ministries under convergence plan is estimated at ₹760.43 crores by the end of 2013-14.

The concept of NLUP received worldwide acknowledgement and appreciation resulting in study tours for impact assessment by Minnesota University of USA and Food and Agricultural Organization of UNO. Both the teams observed its potential to address current global concerns for environmental protection, soil conservation, water resource management, renewable energy sources, health care and food security. These teams have put forward their recommendations which are expected to further leverage NLUP implementation providing for technical and financial support from international agencies. For the first time in our history, top level Heads of key UN organisations based in Delhi like UNIDO, UNDP, FAO, ILO have visited Mizoram from during

February 2014 with the objective of collaboration and partnership to strengthen UN development affair.

4. The safety of the people is paramount in my Government's priority. Peace and tranquility has been maintained at a significant level. This exemplary feat can be attained only with the help and co-operation of the Government through Law enforcement, the NGOs, the Religious Institutions, the Media and most of all the people. While there has been no major outbreak of law & order in the State, our Police Department has made remarkable achievement in maintaining Law and Order, in capturing criminals, in dealing with drug traffickers, cyber crime, human trafficking, and improving justice delivery system and this is actively taken up by our Police. According to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the national level implementing agency, Mizoram is assessed as one of the front runner states in the country in the implementation Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) Project which is a central Government flagship programme that aims at empowering Indian Police with Information Technology (IT) and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of policing through adoption of the principle of e-governance. Fingerprint Database for detection and identification of criminals have been created and maintained at Forensic Science Laboratory. With the addition of 350 arrests and 260 convicts' fingerprint, as many as 4308 fingerprints have been computerized for use in crime investigation.

Agriculture as the major source of income is the chief focus of my Government. Mizoram has a Mission to ensure food security of the State and is committed to enhance Agricultural Crop production and productivity to make it a sustainable livelihood support. There have been remarkable achievements made during 2013-14

in this field. There is a good increase in Rice Cultivation under WRC over last year from 14,636 Hectare to 16,835 Hectare which accounts for 15.02 % increase. The total Rice production (Advance Estimate) under WRC during 201314 is expected to reach 34,514 MT against 30,572 MT of last year (201213) which accounts for 12.89 % increase. The area under Jhum cultivation is also expected to decrease from 24,307 Hectare (during 2012-2013) to 23,150 Hectare (during 2013-14) which accounts for 5.00 % reduction. The Rice productivity (Advance Estimate) under WRC is also reported to be increased from 2.09 MT/Ha to 2.20 MT/ha and is mainly due to adoption of new seed varieties, improved Production Technologies such as System of Rice Intensification etc. Under Oil Palm cultivation, additional areas of 4,532 Hectare have been covered during 2012-14 and the total area under Oil Palm accounts for 17,588 Hectare. Construction of Oil Palm Mill with a capacity of 5 MT per hour is on the verge of completion at Kolasib District and is expected to be commissioned by the month of March, 2014. Establishment of Oil Palm Mills at Lunglei and Serchhip are also in progress. Under RKVY scheme, three numbers of Custom Hiring Center at ₹24.00 lakh/- per center at Champhai and Serchhip District will be established during 2013-14 wherein Farm Machineries will be provided to the Farming Community which would facilitate land preparation, sowing, harvesting and threshing and will ensure timely Farm operation for crop production.

5. My government seeks to ensure that its people receive sufficient foodgrains and fuel. Rice has always been given adequately at a subsidised rate to the people. The Central Govt. has abolished Levy Sugar and PDS has been stopped since June/2013. However the State Govt. is going to distribute sugar shortly as the Central Govt. will be providing a subsidy of ' 18.50 per kg for sugar. With regard to LPG, the IOC has selected 25 (twenty five) villages for new appointment of LPG Distributors under Rajiv Gandhi Grami LPG Vitsak (RGGLV) Scheme in addition to the existing 25 (twenty five) LPG Distributors in Mizoram. Supply of LPG to the people is expected to improve.

6. In order to ensure that the health of the people is properly taken care of, new Public Health Centers and Sub Centers have been built. Implementation of various National and State Health Programs has helped in reducing disease prevalence as well as Infant Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Ratio. The State Referral Hospital at Falkawn has become operational again with 150 beds and the Hospital is proposed to be upgraded into a 400 Bedded Hospital. Government has taken steps to establish a Medical College and a 200 seat capacity Hostel for Mizoram College of Nursing at the State Referral Hospital Complex. Steps are also being taken for establishment of

100-Bedded Cancer Hospital at Zemabawk, upgradation of all District Hospitals, establishment of 4 (four) GNM Schools at Serchhip, Kolasib, Champhai, Saiha and 1 (one) ANM School at Lawngtlai, construction of 100 Bedded Institute of Human Behaviour & Allied Science (Mental Hospital) at Kulikawn. Our hospitals are also being equipped with modern and sophisticated facilities and equipments to provide better health care. The National Rural Health Mission has provided Ambulances to our PHCs. The Government of Mizoram has also continued implementing the State Health Care Scheme since 2008 incorporating with Rasthya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY). The intended benefit of the said scheme is being availed by the needy patients who are essentially BPL. The Scheme also cover APL who are not in Government service.

7. Providing quality education at all levels continues to be one of the top priorities under my Government. Under SSA and RMSA, schools are constructed, midday meals are continued to be given, textbooks and uniforms are also provided free of cost to many students. The Government has also taken up various schemes for Infrastructure Development of Colleges. The construction of Post Matric Students' Hostel at Aizawl is now completed with the total expenditure of ₹141.39 lakh. The building is already handed over to MZP on 28.6.2013. Construction of new Polytechnic Schools are being completed at Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip. The tremendous effort put in over the last few years in the pursuit towards expanding, strengthening and enhancement of proficiency in the field of Teacher Education has finally been rewarded with significant and noteworthy outcomes. With the already existing 2 DIETs and the 6 new ones, Mizoram has become one of the few fortunate states of the country to have functional full-fledged DIETs in each of the districts of the state. My Government had implemented various State and Central Government sponsorship Scholarship Schemes for Pre-Matric and Post- Matric Studies, during 2013-2014, ₹4461.66 lakhs has been given to 24519 post-matric students. Sanction of ₹207.225 lakhs for 2894 pre- matric students is expected soon.

8. The welfare of my people and protection of the weaker section is and will continue to be the focus of my Government. Under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), 27 ICDS Projects covering all Rural Development Blocks are maintained in the State. Almost all the 1980 Anganwadi Centres are having pucca buildings constructed and sponsored by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. 264 additional Anganwadi Centres have been sanctioned recently and are in operation from February, 2014. The State Mission for

the Empowerment of Women works on economic empowerment, social empowerment with emphasis on health and education, elimination of violence against women and gender mainstreaming of programmes and policies. State Resource Centre for Women has also been set up funded by the Government of India. The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 has been implemented in the State and at present there are 9 (nine) Protection Officers and 6 (six) Service Providers. Swadhar Shelter Home with a capacity of 50 inmates was established at Maumual with the Government of India's 100% funding for women who need temporary shelter, women victims of all sorts of crime and women in difficult circumstances like women released from jail who have no family support, women with HIV/AIDS etc. Several steps have been undertaken for the full realization of the provisions of Persons with Disability (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Right & Full Participation) Act, 1995. And for the welfare of the aged, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) has given pension to 80 years & above at ₹500/ - p.m. to 4267 persons and also 60 - 79 years at ₹200/ - p.m. to 20984 persons/beneficiaries.

9. My Government is committed to provide better opportunities to our youth in various fields especially sports and employment. To train our sportspersons to qualify for participation in the Olympic 2016, a special programme "Olympic Vision 2016" has been launched in which sportspersons are given special intensive training in selected disciplines such as Archery, Taekwondo, Table Tennis, Boxing, Weightlifting, Judo, Badminton, Shooting and Hockey. There are various development works going on for sports: construction of Cricket Stadium at Sihhmui, Indoor Stadium at Bungtlang, Indoor Stadium at Keitum, State Sports Academy at Zobawk, Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib, Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui, Sports Centre at Phulpui, Multi-Sports Centre at Muallungthu, Multi-purpose Indoor Hall at Mualpui, Aizawl are all going in full swing, with majority of the projects on the verge of completion. Several projects like construction of Multi-purpose Hall at Sazaikawn, laying of synthetic football turf at Chhangphut playground, Champhai, construction of Dawrpui Multipurpose centre, construction of Indoor Stadium at Electric Veng, Sports Infrastructure Development of Hachhek Area and others are also being taken up. Mizoram Football Team is also the Champion team at the recently held NEC Dr. T.Ao Memorial Football Tournament held at Aizawl Lammual. The Grassroots football is going on in full swing and having received the "Best Grassroots Development Programme" in India, I expect we will achieve great heights in this sport in the future.

10. Providing adequate safe drinking water to the people is an essential part of my Government. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), 46 rural habitations are targeted to be provided with safe drinking water during 2013-2014 and 27 habitations have been commissioned and the works at the remaining habitations are in full swing. A number of 53 Schemes (19 on-going and 34 new) were approved by the 4th State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) with total estimated cost of ₹6449.17 lakh. Many water supply schemes funded by Govt. of India will be taken up in the coming year. We will cover Marpara WSS with the estimated amount of ₹183.00 lakh, Thingthelh WSS - ₹194.00 lakh, Extension of Distribution Network at Hnahthial WSS - ₹150.00 lakh, Extension of Distribution at Tuipang WSS- ₹140.00 lakh, Improvement of Lungsen WSS ₹130.00 lakh, Extension of Water Supply to Kawnmawi/Chhippui from W. Phaileng WSS ₹135.00 lakh and Construction of Storm Drainage within Aizawl City during 2014-2015 with an estimated amount of ₹260.00 lakh, Greater Saiha WSS, Tlabung WSS and Greater Khazawl WSS. There are also ongoing projects like Greater Saitual WSS, Greater Lawngtlai WSS, Greater Hnahthial.

11. My Government will strive to give better supply of power and has undertaken many projects. The installed capacity of Hydel Generation in Mizoram at present is 29.75MW. To enhance Hydel generating capacity the Government is taking up construction of 5MW Tlawva SHP near Khuangthing village at an estimated cost of ₹57.49 crore which is expected to be completed in 2015, it has also taken up construction of 100kW each Hydel projects at Tuiriza and Tuiching at the estimated cost of ₹2.20 crore and ₹1.56 crore respectively which are expected to be completed by 2014. Construction of 3.50MW Kawlbem SHP from the year 2013-14 at the probable cost of ₹49.60 crore has also been taken up.

The 18th Meeting of Empowered Committee on 18.9.2013 for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support has recommended for 210 MW Tuivai HEP to be executed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of ₹340 crores which was approved by Finance Minister on November 2013. The project is the first infrastructure Public Private Partnership (PPP) project in the North East and the first power generation project to be executed on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) support in India. The project will be completed within 12th Plan.

12. Transport and communication are also expected improve as better roads are

being built all over the State. Railway line extends to Mizoram at Bairabi, near Assam border and is measuring only 1.5 km from Katakaj junction. Passengers and goods arrive at this station once a day. As Railways play a vital role in carrying essential commodities to the State, a new railway line project from Bairabi to Sairang having a length of 51.38 kms. was sanctioned in the railway budget 2008 - 2009 at a total cost of ₹510.34 crore. A 'Task Force on National Railway Project' has also been constituted to function as a mechanism of continuous interaction between the Railway and the State Government.

13. My Government has taken ambitious steps to ensure that modern technology is available to the people. 376 public service delivery centers have been established across the state through which the citizens can avail various services such as residential certificate, tribal certificate, income certificates, etc. The Government also envisages to cover all the villages in the next two years. 31 e-Governance services are provided to the citizen in electronics form and 57 more e-Governance services will be made available to the Citizens by 24th March, 2014. The Ministry of Communication & IT, New Delhi in association with the Department of ICT, Govt of Mizoram is establishing Software Technology Park of India at Ch. Chhunga's Bus Terminal Building, Aizawl through which local IT entrepreneurs will be able to setup Call Centre, ITES-BPO, Medical Transcription, etc. to enable them to export software and services. Currently, the STPI is ready for inauguration

14. My Government intends to take care of all habitats in the State. Besides the people, the environment, the flora and fauna will be preserved and protected. Deeply concerned about the continued loss of healthy forest cover, the State Government launched "Green Mizoram Programme" in 1999 for planting trees on barren lands including private, Government, and Semi-Government lands. Every year, a particular day in the month of June is observed as "Green Mizoram Day", which is sincerely dedicated to planting of trees as well as maintenance of trees planted in previous years. Trees are planted at identified sites by the Government and the Semi-Government Departments, the Non-Government Organizations, the Educational Institutions, and the Public. So far, more than 20 lakh seedlings have been planted or distributed for planting under this programme. During the current year (2013-2014), about 2,00,000 seedlings were planted/ distributed for planting for making the State greener.

15. Rural Development occupies the foremost objective of my Government. The

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is still going strong. The Annual Physical Target for the year 2013-2014 is 181.735 lakhs person days. Out of this 73.066 lakhs person days has been generated. Average No. of days provided employment till date is 56 days. The Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) provide financial assistance for construction and upgradation of houses to rural households living below the Poverty Line. The quantum of financial assistance provided for construction of a new dwelling unit is enhanced from ₹47,500.00 to ₹75,000/- per unit w.e.f. 2013-2014. The No. of houses targeted to be constructed for the year 2013-2014 is 3661 nos. The total number of houses constructed under this scheme till date is 1579 houses. For Creation of Village Assets, fund is being received under 13th Finance Commission Grant for Village infrastructure development like Construction of water storage tank, Community auditorium, bridges etc. During 2013-2014, Recreational Parks such as Lalthanhawla Park (Lallianvunga hmun) at Hmuifang, Brig.T.Sailo Park at Lengpui, Laldenga Park at Kawmzawl (Lunglei) Muth and Thenzawl, have been commissioned. They are now enjoyed by the public and it is also now a good source of revenue for the Government.

16. My Government gives priority to the Industrial sector, especially indigenous small scale industries like Handloom and Handicrafts. In this field, the Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India has approved Cluster Development Project of ₹1700.00 lakhs, Technology Upgradation of ₹201.10 lakhs and Marketing of handloom product at ₹348.00 lakhs. The Revised Revival, Reforms & Restructuring Package for the handloom sector is being implemented. The State Implementing, Monitoring and Review Committee already approved and vetted ₹176, 74, 405.00 as Central grant and a state share of ₹19,54,768.00 covering 61 Primary weavers Cooperative Societies. The unidentified weavers during 3rd Handloom Census in the year 2009 are being issued Weavers' Photo Identity Card to enable them to avail the benefit under Weavers' Credit Card scheme.

17. Our aim for economic growth has strongly ventured into border trades. For Border Trade with Bangladesh a suitable plot of land measuring 224.99 bighas was acquired at Kawrpuichhuah for establishment of Intergrated Check Post, close to the International Border and opposite to Thekkamukh of Bangladesh. Out of the area already acquired, 9 hectares (65 bighas) of land has been leased out to Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on 2.12.2009 and DPL 5 of 2010 was issued in the name of Home Secretary to the Government of India. Land Port Authority of India entrusted with the ICP has been requested to start the project as early as

possible. Construction of Trade Facilitation Centre at Tlabung at a cost of ₹108.07 lakhs has been commissioned. With a view to promoting Indo-Myanmar Border Trade, the Land Custom Station (LCS) at Zokhawthar, Champhai District in Mizoram has been completed and is ready for joint commissioning/ formal inauguration by Commerce Minister of Myanmar & Bangladesh. A project for improvement of Rih-Kalemryo road via Tiddim-Falam was proposed in the past and survey of the same was done by Border Road Organisation. A comprehensive DPR was submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GOI. The total cost of this road, ₹711.47 crores was approved by Government of India. An MoU for the project has been signed by Government of India and Union of Myanmar. As and when this proposed road is completed the Indo- Myanmar Border Trade from Mizoram Sector is expected to flourish immensely.

18. Government of Mizoram has taken various steps to develop Mizoram into a Major Tourist Destination. In this aspect, trust has been given to promotion and development of tourism infrastructures and these objectives are achieved through the liberal financing of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The following seven (7) Tourist Facilities were commissioned during the current financial year 2013-14:

- i) Tourist Lodge E.Lungdar
- ii) Tourist Lodge N.Vanlaiphai
- iii) Tourist Lodge Saitual
- iv) Tourist Lodge Bualpui NG
- v) Tourist Lodge Sangau
- vi) Tourist Lodge S.Vanlaiphai
- vii) Tourist Lodge Darzo

Construction 11 tourist spots at various places in the State are also completed and expected to be commissioned soon.

19. I am pleased to declare that taxes and revenue collection is increasing. To mention a few, a sizeable increase in revenue collection has been noted in the course of implementing the MVAT Act since 2005, and efforts to strengthen the revenue collection are always ongoing. Revenue collection under Taxation Department for the current fiscal year (2013-2014) up to January 2014 is ₹180.20 crores against the target of ₹190.00 crores which is expected to be achieved by end of the year. Under Excise and Customs, revenue amounting to ₹2.60 crores have been collected during the last 10 months i.e. upto 31st January. Lottery is one of the most important source of revenue for the State of Mizoram. The total Receipt/Collection of Revenue from

Lottery business during the year 2013 - 2014 upto January, 2014 is ₹8.92 cores. The revenue generated from various markets during the current year upto December 2013 is ₹1.36 crores and so far received from Transport Department upto December, 2013 was ₹16.57 crores, and from tourism during the current financial year is ₹2.16 crores. Let us continue to aim for better revenue collection.

Hon'ble Members, I have presented a summary of my Government's achievements, policies and objectives. These are not exhaustive and more details will be spelt out in the deliberations of the present session. I hope that all of you will actively participate in the deliberations and hope that the House will function with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose, and that the dignity and reputation of the house as also the high standard of debate will be maintained.

I extend my best wishes to you again and wish your deliberations every success.

JAI HIND

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga has submitted Motion of Thanks on the Governor's speech. He may now appeal to the House to move his Motion.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : With your permission, Mr. Speaker, Sir, I appeal to the House that the Member of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram assembled in this session are deeply grateful for the address which the Governor has been pleased to deliver to the assembly on the 18th March, 2014. Thank you.

SPEAKER : This Motion is seconded by Pu K. Lalrinthanga. BAC committee, on the 28th February and on the 11th March has set the programme and the copies will be distributed. May the House accept the programme which had been set by BAC? The Panel of Chairman as stated in the Bulletin No.18 are – Pu J.H. Rothuama, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu K. Sangthuama and Pu Lalthanliana. The hon'ble Minister Pu R. Romawia may now move the motion for selection of members for the three Financial Committees.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I move the Motion, "That the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner required by Sub-rule 1 of Rule 202 read with Rules 250, 252 and 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as member of Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Estimates and Committee on Public Undertakings, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of 30 minutes" Thank you.

SPEAKER : As per the rules, the members will be elected and to that respect, we have only 18 eligible members, 12 from Congress party, 5 from MNF and 1 from MPC. So, the Secretariat made an arrangement and if the House accepted, there are 4 from Congress, 2 from MNF and 1 from MPC. For Public Accounts Committee and Public Undertakings, we have 6 contenders, 4 from Congress party, and 2 from MNF. For Committee on Estimates, we have 4 from Congress party and 1 from MNF. Nomination could be filed till 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, there will be times for discussion as to how our financial problem will be resolved. On such occasion, I opine it is important that members of Financial Committee should be from different political parties as so, member from MPC may also be included if the House accepted.

SPEAKER : This may be arranged later. May I remind the House once again that nomination could be filed till tomorrow, 3:00 p.m. I will now call upon Pu Lalsawta, our Finance Minister to present the Budget.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I present the Supplementary Demands for 2013 -14 and Budget estimates for the year 20104 -15 to the House.

First I shall highlight the economic status of India since it affects the fund we receive from the Central.

A few years back, the government of India was in a critical situation in its economy which results into inflation as it is reflected in the decrease of our state's GDP. In 2010-11, our GDP was 8.9 % whereas in 2011-12, 6.7% and in 2013-14, it decreases to 4.9 %. The decrease of GDP starts from 2011-12 but the agricultural production somehow increases thanks to monsoon which further affects our financial and business services.

As mentioned before, the economic crisis in India directly affected our State as well since our main source of revenue depends on Grant funds from the Central Government and the only way to evade the problem is self-sufficiency as we should try to minimize our expenditure on Non-Plan Revenue.

With your permission, Pu Speaker, here is a few points regarding our financial status prepared by the Revised Estimates. The amount to be received from the Tax Revenue are ₹1,109.28 crores and the State's own Tax Revenue, ₹234.82 crores whereas the share of Central tax amounting to ₹874.46 crores. The amount targeted by the Budget Estimates from the tax collection is ₹222.25 crores which is 5.66% higher than the Revised Estimates and the main reason is increase of VAT and Land Revenue. The State share from Central Tax falls at ₹61.20 crores. The amount of State's own Non-Tax Revenue in the Budget Estimates amounting to ₹266.00 crores while in the Revised Estimate, it is ₹251.78 crores and the decrease percentage is 5.34 %. The amount of Grant-in-Aid in the Budget Estimates is ₹3,615.51 crores while in the Revised Estimates, it is ₹4,148.28 and the increasing percentage is 15.73 %. This increase due to our efforts towards IMR and other cash awards as well as BRGF, CSS and NEC we have received.

Under Revised Estimate, the Capital receipt is ₹787.93 crores whereas our Public Debt is ₹760.39 crores.

The amount of our expenditure from the consolidated fund according to the Revised Estimates is ₹7,777.21 whereas for the Revenue Expenditure - ₹6,154.03 crores, for construction of various assets - ₹1632.18 crores. In other terms, our expenditure from Non-Plan fund is ₹3,741.378 and from Plan fund ₹3,456.47 crores and the rest amounting to ₹579.36 crores is from CSS/NES/NLCPR.

As per the Revised Estimate, the amount of our Fiscal Deficit is ₹1,596.04 i.e. 17.96 % from the GSDP whereas our Revenue Deficit is ₹599.68 crores, 6.75 % from our GSDP. The main reason for the increase of our Fiscal deficit is our expenditure on maintenance of the State Legislative Assembly and the upcoming General Election, 2014 which also is included in the Revised Estimate.

Moving ahead to our budget 2014-2015, the Planning Commission have not determine as the annual budget the estimated amount is ₹3,325 crores. As soon as the amount is specified, the regular budget will be placed on the table of the House.

Pu Speaker, whereas our Revenue Receipt amounting to ₹6,362.52 crores, the State own Tax Revenue is ₹270.39 crores as State own Non-tax Revenue, ₹284.79 crores. The State Own Revenue will be amounted to ₹555.18 crores and the amount of Share of Taxes to be received from the Central Government is ₹1,045.69 crores and the expected amount of Grant-in-Aid is ₹4,761.64 crores. The Net Public Debt and the amount expected from recoveries of Loans & Advances is ₹212.46 crores and ₹40.00 crores respectively.

The amount for Revenue Expenditure is ₹5,762.34 crores and for the Capital Expenditures, ₹1,373.72 crores. The amount classified for different sectors under Capital Expenditure are as follows:-

Capital outlay	-	₹1,080.61 crores
Public Debt	-	₹264.66 crores
Loans & Advances	-	₹28.45 crores

The amount placed under Plan is ₹3,325.00 crores and the following

are the amounts allocated for different purposes such as: –

Agriculture & Allied Activities	-	₹600.43 crores
Rural development	-	₹145.58 crores
Special Area Programme	-	₹141.84 crores
Irrigation & Flood Control	-	₹102.51 crores
Energy	-	₹ 43.93 crores
Industry	-	₹ 24.22 crores
Transport	-	₹37.98 crores
Communications	-	₹8.74 crores
Science, Tech, & Environment	-	₹2.05 crores
General Economic Services	-	₹511.36 crores
Social Services	-	₹1,085.06 crores
General Services	-	₹621.30 crores

Detail statement on other important projects and commitments will be stated in the discussion of a regular budget session.

We hope that our Regular surplus budget will be amounting to ₹602.17 and our Fiscal Deficit, ₹288.62 crores. The Annual Plan may also increase from ₹2,500 crores to ₹3,325.00 crores.

Pu Speaker, I want to mention two important points under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act.

An important Committee, Public Expenditure Review Committee (PERC) has reviewed the half yearly expenditure for 2011-2012 and 2012-13 on its 9th and 10th Committee.

Recommendations made by PERC had been reviewed by Review Committee under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Finance Minister and the report is also placed on the table of the House. Review meeting on half yearly expenditure will also be conducted very soon.

Since this session is not a regular budget session, I do not present to the House, various statements of the Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management Act, 2006 such as Macro economic Framework Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy

Statement and Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement which will be done in the regular budget session.

Pu Speaker, I thank all my fellow members for their patience in listening to my statement.

Pu Speaker, I, hereby lay the Supplementary Demand for 2013-14, Budget Estimates for 2014-15 and vote on account for April 2014 – July 2014 on the table of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Is the report of Review Committee included?
Where are the copies?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if is not included, it may be distributed later.

SPEAKER : We have now finished our business for today and we will continue our session tomorrow, the 19th March, 2014 10:30 a.m.

Sitting is adjourned 11:50 a.m.

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 19th MARCH, 2014
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :-
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on the Fiscal Position of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2011-2012 and the First Half of 2012-2013.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the First Report of Rules Committee.
5. **Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** to present to the House the following Reports of Committee on Subordinate Legislation :-
 - i) The First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation on The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2007 and The Mizoram Grants-in-aid to Aizawl Municipal Council Rules, 2008 relating to Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department.
 - ii) The Second Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation on The Mizoram Education (Transfer and Posting of School Teachers) Rules, 2006, The Mizoram Education (Grants-in-aid for General Maintenance of Private Schools) Rules, 2006, The Mizoram Education (Establishment and Management of Private High Schools) Rules, 2006 and The Mizoram Education (Establishment and Management of Private Higher Secondary Schools) Rules, 2006 relating to School Education Department.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

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

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God: once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. I Peter 2:9 &10

We will start with question hour and Pu K. Sangthuama to ask his Starred Question.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you Pu Speaker, my questions are: –

- a) Is the government aware of private house being constructed in the Horticulture area of Sairang without the consent of the government?
- b) If the government is aware of the incident, how many are involved?
- c) Who are they?
- d) What step has been taken in this regard?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon'ble member questions are :-

- a) Yes, the government is aware of the incident.
- b) 6 persons are involved in it.
- c) Namely: –
 1. Zothanpuii
 2. Vanlalhruaia
 3. Biaksanga
 4. Lalhmachhuani
 5. J. Lalnunthianghlina.
 6. SLT Private Company
- d) It is reported to the Revenue Department as an explanation has been called and we are awaiting the result.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : As far as my knowledge is concerned, Pu Speaker, the mentioned area is purchased for FCI Godown as some portion being sliced-off to Horticulture department. There is a rumor that some portion of the area is being proposed for privatization. So, I appeal that the government should preserve the area and reject any proposal for privatization. It will be much appreciated if the case is resolved immediately.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, FCI Godown will be shifted to another place and the mentioned area will be preserved by the Government whereas those who are involved in it will pay the price.

SPEAKER : Next, Er. Lalrinawma to ask his question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -
When will Polytechnic Institute be set up at Serchhip?

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Since there is a problem with the approaching road, Pu Speaker, I am unable to tell as of now.

SPEAKER : We will move on to question No.3 and Er. Lalrinawma to ask.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹1,230,000,000/- is estimated for construction of Polytechnic Institute at Serchhip and I supposed plan for the approach road is included. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, we have heard of a rumor for shifting of the proposed site to Chhiahtlang as appropriate site i.e. 10 acres of land as being reserved. I request concerned authority not to change the decision which has already been made for Serchhip. I would further like to know if plan for construction of the approach road is included in the estimate.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to reply.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, ₹8 crores is earmarked for construction of the building and ₹4.3 crores for miscellaneous purposes whereas expenditure for construction of the approach road is not included. Due to financial constraint in PWD, we could not obtain financial assistance as expected. As of selection of the site, we have our minds set on Mutelen of Chhiahtlang despite other options.

SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana to ask his questions.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Higher & Technical Department –

May the site office of the Lunglei Polytechnic Institute at Hrangchalkawn be set up in the heart of a city?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Romawia, concerned minister to reply.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

We are unable to do as of now as our main problem will be the internet connection. Even our telephone wires were being cut-off by some miscreants which compels us to erect a High Tower at Kanhmun. When it is done, we will review the case of site office.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if the High Tower is able to function properly, site office will not be necessary. But since the establishment of Lunglei Polytechnic up till now, concerned students regularly face the problem with internet connectivity and fax machines. Apart from their technical problems, they do not have a Principal and their Librarian being deployed in another place. So, I kindly request the hon'ble minster to determine immediate resolution of their problems.

SPEAKER : Minister for Higher & Technical Education to answer the question.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : We will try our best to resolve the problem stated by the hon'le member.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Starred Question No. 4 and Pu K. Sangthuama to ask.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concerned Minister of Fisheries Department: -

- a) How many in Mizoram who are engage in fish farming as the occupation?
- b) What is the production during the year 2013-2014?
- c) Are the local fish farmers being allotted a marketing place in the premise of the New Market?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: –

- a) There are 10,838 families in Mizoram who are engage in fish farming as occupation.
- b) The expected amount of production during 2013-2014 is 5,800 metric tons but this will be cleared by the end of this coming May.
- c) Fisheries Department has set up a marketing outlet which is under the maintenance of Trade & Commerce. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- i) Where does the Fisheries Department have a fish seed farm?
- ii) What is the name and where is it located?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am not prepare for that question but I will try to furnish the answer in written as early as possible.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Starred Question No.5 and Dr. K. Beichhua to ask.

Dr K. BEICHHUA : My questions are for the concerned Minister of Rural Development, they are: –

- a) May I know when the Central Government released the Backward Region Grant Fund to the State Government?
- b) Does the State Government release this fund in respect to Lawngtlai and Saiha District?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister of Rural Development Department to answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) The Backward Region Grant Fund was released by the Central Government on

10.9.2013.

- b) Yes, it has also been released to Saiha and Lawngtlai District.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, according to the guidelines, the fund should reach its destination within 15 days from the release and if it is deposited in the bank, it should be released along with the interest. In case, the fund has not been released and remain in the bank, will the interest also be released to the concerned district? If not, how the interest is utilized?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Central government generally set a target to any of the centrally sponsored scheme such as BRGF, BADP etc. whereas notification of time to release such fund is issued beforehand. But our government, whether in the previous or the existing ministry usually fail to achieve such target. Regarding the sanction asked by Dr. K. Beichhua, it has already been released on 10.9.2013 as Lawngtlai District received it on 29.11.2013 whereas for Saiha District, we have to apply a special permission first as the Treasury have its limit to release any sanction. As of Bank's interest, it has never been given.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Starred Question No.6 and Pu R.L. Pianmawia ask his question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Health & family Welfare Department: –

- a) Is the government determines solution for the problem of insufficiency doctors?
- b) Is there any plan to recruit Nurses and Health Workers?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu LAL THANZARA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes, step is being taken to resolve the problem of insufficiency of doctor.
- b) Yes, 20 regular posts of Staff Nurse, 30 male and 20 female Health Workers and 50 Nos. M.R. Skilled – II will be recruited.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that Nurses and Health Workers will be recruited. We have only one nurse in PHC, Ratu. Can we be provided with more this time? Likewise, we do not have a male Health Worker in Pehlawn, Chhanchhuahna Khawpui, Sunhluchhip and North Tingmun and female Health Worker in New Vervek, Sailutar and Khawpuar. So, can the newly recruited Health Workers be posted in the mentioned area?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister will now answer the question.

Pu LAL THANZARA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our requirements as a whole will be reviewed and initiatives will be taken as per need-base.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my constituency too is in short of Health Supervisor. Can the concerned minister make some arrangements whereas many are being posted within Aizawl?

Pu LAL THANZARA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: - We are in the process of making arrangements as necessary.

SPEAKER : I call upon The hon'ble member Er. Lalrinawma to ask question No.7.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: –

- a) Has the Mizoram State Agriculture Produce Marketing (Development & Regulation) Act, 2008 Rules been prepared?
- b) What plan has been made by the state government for NLUP beneficiaries who chose cultivation of pineapple for their trade?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The Mizoram State Agriculture Production Marketing (Development & Regulation) Act, 2008 Rules is being prepared.
- b) Fruit Juice Concentration Plant of MIFCO is being refurbished for some NLUP beneficiaries have chosen cultivation of pineapple for their trade.

SPEAKER : Any more supplementary questions?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, we have in Mizoram 1,182 Nos. of pineapple farmers whereas our only concentration plant is able to accommodate barely 45 quintals per day. During the ripening season, the harvested fruits amounting to 1,18,200 quintals as our concentration plant could not accommodate to absorb it entirely. Is there a way to renovate the old plant or purchase new one with a processing capacity of 20 – 30 quintals per hour?

SPEAKER : I call upon concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹143 lakhs is allotted for renovation of fruit juice concentration plant of Chhingchhip but due to financial constraint, the sanction could not be released as yet. Anyway, the government determines to set this plant so that it is functioning more regularly not only for processing of pineapples but also for passion fruit etc.

SPEAKER : Next, starred Question No.8 and Pu R.L. Pianmawia ask.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Finance Department: –

Is it possible to open SBI/MRB/Apex Bank at Sakawrdai?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

Yes, it is possible but the State government does not have a full authority. The concerned Bank is now observing the situation and decision will then be made.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble Finance Minister take initiatives for opening of any Bank at Sakawdai?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are giving our best effort to achieve it but the Bank authority deems the location not feasible to open any Bank.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama, next.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, State Bank of India does not have a branch at Sairang which is under my constituency. It may as well be pleased if the hon'ble Finance Minister helps us to have one.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, the Bank authority will observe the case first and with the consent of the state government, conclusion will be made. Pu Speaker, necessary steps will be taken for opening of SBI Branch at Sairang.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.9 and Er. Lalrinawma will ask.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of Horticulture Department: –

- a) What is the amount of fund provision for price support received by Horticulture Department during 2012 - 2013 and how it is spent?
- b) When was the fund provision for the beneficiaries of NLUP and RKVY who have chosen passion fruit as their trade will be released?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member question is: -

- a) Horticulture Department does not receive any fund for price support as there is no record of utilization.
- b) Beneficiaries of NLUP who have chosen cultivation of passion fruit are verified and funds will be released after the Implementing Board gives its approval. The said provision from RKVY has already been released from K-deposit but the amount could not be withdrawn from the Treasury as yet. The fund will be distributed as soon as it is withdrawn.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, Is the Department of Horticulture as

well as the hon'ble Minister are aware of unavailability of the marketing prospect for Hatkora at Hortoki? Is it possible to expedite the release of fund under RKVY for concerned beneficiaries have cleared-off their lands and it is almost a planting season?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government is not aware of the problem with marketing of Hatkora since we do not implement price support policy. So, I am not able to provide immediate solution for the problem. Regarding RKVY beneficiaries, we are doing our best and I guarantee they will get their shares.

SPEAKER : Question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Forest Department: –

Is there a plan for reconstruction of Forest Department staff quarters at Sakawrdai which were destroyed by the storm?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, since we have no such staff quarter at Sakawrdai, no plan is there.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble member to ask his supplementary questions.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I had taken up the contract work of one of the buildings. If it is not of Forest department, may I have one?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as far as my knowledge is concern, the Department do have an unused land in that area. If there is any, we will consider the case as to whether the land should be allotted for public use.

SPEAKER : Thank you for giving a clear answer. Next,

Pu Lalruatkima.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, some questions and answers given in the House are not clear enough. I suggest that we should be more careful so that precise answer is given in the future.

SPEAKER : We may now move on to Starred Question No.11 and Pu Lalruatkima to ask.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concerned Minister of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department?

- a) What is the total amount of collection of parking fees in Aizawl during 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?
- b) What is the total amount of collection of parking fees from Ch. Saprawnga Bus during 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?

SPEAKER : I invite concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

- a) The total amount of collection of parking from Aizawl: -

2011-2012	-	₹19,29,754.00
2012-2013	-	₹21,97,835.00
2013-2014	-	₹24,24,050.00
Total	-	₹65,51,639.00

- b) From Ch. Saprawnga truck Terminal: -

2011-2012	-	₹13,42,350.00
2012-2013	-	₹13,97,280.00
2013-2014	-	₹12,37,120.00
Total	-	₹39,76,750.00

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Parking Fees in Aizawl city is under AMC authority. Tender for Millenium parking fees is applied at the rate of ₹30 lakhs per annum. It is surprising to learn that the total collection of Aizawl parking fees this year is less than ₹30 lakhs. Even for the coming year, our target is

₹26 lakhs only which indicates the increasing percentage is quite little. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to look into this matter and find a solution so that more income is made from parking fees.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, collection of parking fee within Aizawl city is put under the authority of AMC since 2012-2013 and the department has no interference for AMC is an autonomous body. Spending ₹10/- as parking fee for some may be too much while for others it is nothing much. I opine it is not advisable to fix parking fee as of Millenium since the living standard of the people differs from place to place. So, we leave this matter in the hands of AMC and I am positive that revisions may be made as necessary.

SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana to ask Starred question No.12.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I want to get back to Starred Question No.8 regarding the State Bank at Tawipui 'S' which was closed three years back. From the answers given by the hon'ble Minister, I kindly request him to determine re-opening of the said Bank.

Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Tourism Department: – Is it possible that Tourist Lodge be set up at Lungrang?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: - It is possible but there is no plan as yet.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we do not have lodging for the tourists or travelers who visits Chawngte or far beyond. So, I kindly request concerned minister to take initiatives for construction of tourist Lodge at Lungrang.

SPEAKER : We will take Supplementary question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, when will the Tourist Lodge of Darlawn and Sakawrdai be inaugurated?

SPEAKER : Next question, from Pu T. Sangkunga.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you Pu Speaker, we have number of historical places in E. Tuipui as tourists, students and NGO's have visited the place very often. I think it is wise to construct a tourist lodge at Dungleang and Khuangleng. Since we have no appropriate accommodation for visitors at Vangchhia, Lianpui and the surrounding areas, some visitors have to ask lodging at the nearby residences. So, I suggest tourists lodge is constructed in this area. I ask concerned minister if there is possibility.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana to ask his question.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Pu Speaker, my question is for the concern Minister of Tourism Department: -

In my constituency, we have a Tourist Centre at Vanzau and one at Khanpui is hardly used. So, I request the hon'ble Minister to determine conversion of this place in to Eco-Tourism area as it will serve a better purpose for the tourists.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the questions.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the question made by Pu S. Laldingliana, it is true that construction of lodges within his constituency is important and so we will give this priority.

Regarding the question by Pu T. Sangkunga, application has already been submitted to the Central government and we may be able to take initiatives as soon as we receive a reply. As to the question by Pu R.L. Pianmawia, tourist lodge at Darlung and Sakawrdai will be inaugurated after the election of MP.

As of Tourist Centre at Vanzau and Khanpui, sanctioned has already been made for connection water and power supply which will be taken up by P & E Department. As soon as it is finished, necessary steps will be taken so that the site fully functional. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Question No.13.

Pu K.SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, My question is: -

May the Land Revenue & Settlement Department conduct a survey on the

boundary line between Mizoram University and Tanhril?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister will answer the question.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker , the answer is –

Survey has already been conducted on the boundary line between Mizoram University and Tanhril and so far, we have not received any complaint. In case of any doubt, survey may be conducted once again.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, even though no complaint is received since the survey is conducted, there is a prevailing rumor that shifting of the boundary line as being proposed. So, I kindly request the hon'ble Minister to look into this matter.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to Question No.14 to be asked by Dr. K Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned minister of PWD: -

Is there any plan to improve the road of Kawlchaw to Zero point?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister will now give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member question is: -

Yes, we do have plan for improvement of Kawlchaw - Zero point road.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, the aforementioned road is the lifeline of Saiha District since we have no other connecting road. During rainy season, this portion of road is frequently destroyed by landslides which further affected the supply of foods and essential commodities to Saiha district. So, I kindly request that this important road should be improved with immediate effect. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over and we will proceed to laying of papers, such as: –

- i) Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 of the Joint electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram.
- ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the code’.)
- iii) The Annual Report of Mizoram Information Commission (MIC) for 2012-2013 (1st April, 2012 - 31st March, 2013)

I call upon the hon’ble Chief Minister to lay those Reports on the table of the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the following Reports on the table of the House –

- i) Annual Report for the year 2012-2013 of the Joint electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram.
- ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the code’.)
- iii) The Annual Report of Mizoram Information Commission (MIC) for 2012-2013 (1st April, 2012 - 31st March, 2013)

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed. I will now call upon Pu Lalsawta, the hon’ble minister to lay the papers on the table of the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram, I lay the following papers of Finance Department on the table of the House: -

- i) Appropriation Accounts 2012 - 2013, Gov’t of Mizoram.
- ii) Finance Accounts 2012 – 2013, Volume-I
- iii) Finance Accounts 2012 – 2013, Volume-II

And, Pu Speaker, I also lay the following papers on the table of the House: –

- i) Notification relating to Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) (Mizoram)

Rules, 2013.

- ii) Statement of Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Positioning of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2011 - 2012 and the First Half of 2012 - 2013.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. At the same time, I also lay the 1st Report of Rules Committee on the table of the House and let the copy be distributed. Next, Pu John Siamkunga may now lay two papers on the table of the House.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I lay the following papers on the table of the House: -

- i) The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) Rules, 2007.
- ii) The Mizoram Grants-in-aid to Aizawl Municipal Council Rules, 2008.

The following are the reviews and amendments made under School Education Department: -

- i) The Mizoram Education (Transfer & Posting of School Teachers) Rules, 2006.
- ii) The Mizoram Education (Grants-in-aid for General Maintenance of Private School Rules, 2006.
- iii) The Mizoram Education (Establishment & Management of Private High Schools) Rules, 2006.
- iv) The Mizoram Education (Establishment & Management of Private Higher Secondary Schools) Rules, 2006. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Since we have the Motion of thanks for discussion, we will start right now and as usual, members will have 10 minutes each.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to maintain the decorum of the House, I think it is appropriate to let the mover of this motion of Thanks to express his appreciation to the House.

SPEAKER : As suggested, the concerned member may first take his stand.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful to CLP for appointing me to present the Motion of thanks concerning achievements of the government, in this august House.

Pu Speaker, due to the hard work and perseverance of the hon'ble Chief and of the Minister, we are able to hold the 68th National Championship of Santosh Trophy. I also thank for Catch Them Young Policy which undoubtedly shapes many youths to a skilled sportsman.

I am also glad that we are having 1,35,000 Nos. of NLUP beneficiary to alleviate the economic status of the poor. It is a fact that due to NLUP, many have given up the old system of cultivation whereas our agricultural production is increasing as for this year by 15.02 %. The maintenance of Law and order under this government also is quite satisfactory due to the efforts of the hon'ble Home Minister, our House Leader and our Policemen as well.

I thank Village Council and YMA Leaders of Falkawn for donating land for the site of Referral hospital. Application for setting up of Referral Hospital which had been submitted to Pu H.D. Deve Gawda, the then Prime Minister on the 23rd Oct, 1996 despite approval being given to us, financial sanction to that effect had not been utilized accordingly as the ministry changes and it didn't turn out as expected. I opine the then ministry made a false step by constructing numbers of staff quarter even before building for the hospital is existed which only indicates their lack of sincerity.

Pu Speaker, we have seen the Memorandum of 1996 which included construction of railway, BADP for Burma Border and the shifting of Assam Rifles. It is appreciated as we are now able to see the result thanks to the initiatives of this able ministry. Pu Speaker, I am proud to mention that we have plans for construction of 6 Nos. of Polytechnic Buildings under Education department whereas in Power & Electricity, we have a project for construction of Tuivai Hydel Project which is expected to able to generate 210 megawatts.

SPEAKER : You may now conclude your motion of thanks.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that we have a plan to

establish Software Technology Park which is expected to generate large number of jobs to the upcoming youths. At the same time, It is grateful to learn that 3,661 households being constructed under RD Department to provide comfortable home to the under privileged. Under Tourism department, 7 Nos. of Lodge have also been constructed. Whereas in PWD, an amount of ₹8 crores has also been released for improvement of Biate - Tuipui road.

Pu Speaker, each point which has been mentioned has a great significance in the development of our State and I thank the hon'ble House Leader and my fellow members for giving me this opportunity. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Dr K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Pu Speaker, developments we have seen in sports are no doubt very impressive but i am afraid it does not reach Saiha. We will be grateful if artificial grass-turf is laid also at Saiha playground.

Here at No.6, it is stated that 'rice has always been given adequately at a subsidized rate to the people', but in Saiha, Pu Speaker, we are facing intensive problems in rice supply and due to this, many are compels to depend on yam from the forest. Again at No.7, it is mentioned that, 'Hospitals are also being equipped with modern and sophisticated facilities and equipments to provide better health care.' Though our hospitals are equipped with new facilities as stated, I do not think it is suitable to use the word 'sophisticated' facilities. In regard to hospital, we have only 6 Nos. of ICU in our state and I request our hon'ble Minister to determine means to have more. Whereas, Pu Speaker, we have only 3 beds in Dental and Cardiology Unit and I request this should also be increased at least to 10 beds. Again, we do not have an Emergency Operation Theatre due to shortage of staffs and I suggest attention is given in this regard.

Pu Speaker, I cannot help but think of the number of beds we have in casualty which is quite less especially when number of casualty is increasing. I suggest we should at least upgrade to 100 bedded for it is a Trauma Centre. I also suggest that arrangements should be made to provide ICU, CT scan and MRI in Lunglei Civil Hospital. I also request that dialysis equipment should be placed in Saiha Hospital since we have already lost many lives due to acute renal failure and

also to set up an ICU with at least one or two beds.

At No.8, it is stated that buildings of Polytechnic Institute have been constructed at Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip. Pu Speaker, no new building is constructed at Saiha as stated as the existing one is of the time of U.T. So, I kindly request the government to take into account of the points I have mentioned as Saiha is the most backward region as known to us all. Thank you.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful for NLUP. However, it is time we reap the harvest of NLUP. If we look at the annual lay out plan of 2011, 2013-2014, 50% percent of the budget allocation for allied department is from NLUP. Therefore, NLUP cannot be a failed project. Thus, it is time that authorities should concentrate on its harvest.

Pu Speaker, there should be co-operation between departments for e.g. Under MIP project, Baktawng Furniture Industry was selected, by Industry department where as forest department refuses to give tree cutting permit. Thus, there should be working inter-link between the departments. I would also like to request the hon'ble Minister to provide feeder for these industrial areas.

I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to please take note that, in my Constituency there is lack of primary school teachers. Primary is the foundation of Education, thus priority should be given otherwise there will be huge drop in human resource, as per latest date. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will just exchange chair.

(Deputy Speaker at the Chair)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright who is next? Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I second the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. Thus, I feel I should be among first members to give my speech.

The Governor highlighted the success of football team. It is worth

mentioning that due to the guidance of the able Chief Minister and leader of Sports Minister, there is rich Sports infrastructure which draws the youths. There is realisation that through Sports there is self-sufficiency. Therefore, the success of football team is worth mentioning in the House. I thank for Olympic Vision, 2016. I believe this will bring great development in this aspect as well.

The Governor expresses his gratitude to towards the prevailing peace and harmony in our state. In fact, it is worth mentioning in this House that there is peace and tranquility in our state under thanks to the leadership of able Chief-Minister and the Home Minister.

The Governor mentioned about NLUP which is commendable. The hon'ble member before me mentioned about the harvest. However, what we should realise is, the Government lay out projects for the upliftment of the poor people. Thus, it is the duty of the beneficiaries to implement accordingly and reap its harvest. Pu Speaker, it is enlighten to know that the World appreciate the input of this government. Minnesota University of USA which concern for food and agriculture visited Mizoram to study NLUP. Pu Speaker, this is worth mentioning.

I would like to thank land for paddy field has been increased that by 15%. It is in fact, a huge development whereas jhum cultivation has fallen by 5%.

I would like to thank for setting up Post Matric Hostel at Aizawl and also, Polytechnic School at Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Serchhip and Saiha.

The Governor mentioned that 1980 pucca building for Anganwadi center has been constructed and 264 more have been sanctioned as well. This is Commendable.

Further, out of the 46 targeted for drinking water at rural area, 27 had been commissioned and 19 ongoing this is a blessing development. I would like to thank the government for including Thingthelh. I am sure the people will rejoice with tears in their eyes.

Pu Deputy Speaker on last point (**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You have

crossed by 5 minutes). The hon'ble member before me mentioned about the need for electricity in his Constituency. I was wondering why he joined political party who were the ones who causes hindrance to Tuirial Hydel Project. Thank you.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, rules No.17 sub-No.4 stated that 'After the House adopt the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech, the Speaker will send it back'. What I would like to point out is that the Governor's speech of the previous session has not been sent back. There was wrong figure in it which was I relate to the fund figure allotted against Disaster management, control and mitigation of land slide. I suggest that if there is a provision, as per rules, to correct this mistake would be appropriate. If not, it will remain in House record with wrong figure.

Yesterday, the Governor start his speech with giving thanks and appreciation to Mizoram football team for Winning the 68th National Football championship for Santosh trophy. Even I personally glorify the team for their success, and the supporting staff. It is my personal believe that one day, not only in our country but in the world, we will make a mark.

In regard to Law & order, there is huge space where improvement has to be taken. Last year in 23rd November, Deep Mondala was kidnapped along with two Mizo youths. The youth have been set free by the kidnappers whereas Mondala remains with the kidnappers. Thus, priority should be given in this regard. Also, recently, a bomb exploded at the centre of Aizawl. The authorities have to stop the game.

In order to attain self-sufficiency in livelihood, we still have to take earnest steps. Pu Speaker, the Governor mentioned that there is an increase in WRC harvest. But the figure mentioned by the Governor and the statistical handbook does not tally. What could be the reason? Could it be because of difference between department data and Government data or merely mistake made by official?

In regard to jhum cultivation, according to the Governor's speech in 2012-2013, there is 24.307 hectares of land utilised for jhum cultivation. Whereas, according to economic survey report that we receive yesterday, it is 24,706 hectares which means there is a difference of 399 hectares. It is both Government data; what

could be the reason? Pu Speaker, it is the same case with figure of expected WRC harvest.

Pu Deputy Speaker, despite declaring that there is sufficiency in rice, diesel, petrol and gas, we are in shortage of supply of the essential commodities.

Pu Deputy Speaker, there is same case in figure inserted to old age pension. The figure mentioned in the speech and hand book does not tally. I request the Government to give old age pension in time. Last year, for six months, they were not given their dues.

I thank for Olympic vision 2016. Pu Deputy Speaker, on aiming Olympic, what we should realise is that we should provide world class equipments. I would like to know where Mualpui Multi Purpose Indoor Hall mentioned by Governor is located.

Regarding clean drinking water, nothing is mentioned about Biate Water Supply Scheme. What is the reason? Pu Deputy Speaker, again, there is clash between the Governor's speech and handbook in regard to the figure of hydel power generation. Pu Deputy Speaker, the mover of this motion was chairman at YMA conference last year, and in that conference, it was decided that Tuivai Hydel project should not be continued. However, it seems his version have changed with the change of seat.

Pu Deputy Speaker, one last point. In regard to 100 days job guarantee scheme, In Aizawl District, only 61 days have been availed so far. I request hon'ble Minister and department official to take steps to complete the remaining 39 days. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now call Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Deputy Speaker. I am grateful for what the Governor mentioned in para 2 of his speech. It is the result of what the hon'ble Chief Minister had advice we, the MLA's.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not go into detail of all departments. As a

sport person myself and being the captain of the first Mizoram team captain for Santosh Trophy, I am requested to thank the government on behalf of the team and all those associated with the team. I thank the Government for their supports in this August House. I also thank the Sports Minister and his department for the infrastructures and developments in Sports Department.

On behalf of Chalfilh and Tuivawl Constituencies, I thank the Home Minister for the law and order situation.

By the grace of our leader, I have to take up agriculture as I studied about oil palm in Mizoram. It was a pleasant to know the achievement made by the Department. Our neighbouring states look at us as a modelling state. In fact, they will soon be visiting Mizoram to study oil palm.

I would like to thank for various steps taken by Health Department also. It is pleasant to know that Antidoxycline is provided to PHC of every village to prevent concerned people from uncommon diseases such as insect biting which killed many people. I thank the government for it.

Pu Deputy Speaker, It is appreciated that save drinking water is now available in rural areas and I thank the government for the step taken. Pu Deputy Speaker, the steps taken in PWD and Power Department is also commendable. I would also like to thank Forest Department for Green Mizoram Project. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now have break and meeting will resume at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 P.M

SPEAKER : We will begin with the discussion of Motion of thanks. 6 members have already participated in the discussion. Who is next?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Few words before I begin the discussion on the motion of thanks. In Champhai, we are glad that sanctions

have been received for compensation of the army occupied area in 44 houses will receive compensation. We are grateful to the hon'ble M.P. for his fruitful intervention in the process.

Pu Speaker, opposition members did not discuss the actual text. Today, I will discuss which I deem necessary. First of all, I raised a question in the previous ministry in 2008 in regard to corruption case. From the report, there are 32 disciplinary proceedings drawn. There are various cases such as, dismissal, removal, compulsory retirement and reduction to lower stage. Further, from the answer to the question raised as to how many cases have been charge sheet, under ACB, 24 cases and CBI, 2 cases. Persons involved in these cases are 123 persons out of which 71 are officials. Pu Speaker, why I am pointing out this point is that there are more than 100 persons were involved in this corruption case and the disciplinary proceedings. For the past 10 years, the government did not take any action. It is enlighten to know from the Governor's speech that this Government is committed to provide efficient, responsive accountable fair and just administration at all level of Governance. Pu Speaker, for the past 10 years, it was corruption paradise for the officials. It seems officials were able to join hands with politicians.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble members could give their names?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we will not have time for that as of now, but I have the copy.

Pu Speaker, previously in the election, Government employees were the deciding factor but that is no longer the case. As the Governor has stated the safety of the people is paramount in government's priority, the people's desire is peace and harmony. Pu Speaker, we have been through 20 years of insurgency and ultimately we have peace accord in 1986.

In 1989, the General Election was held as Congress party fortunately won. There was an incident in regard to ballot box of Pi Hlimpuii, as we are all aware. High Court and rigging came into existence in Mizoram. Pu Speaker, in 1998, Congress lose the election, there was silence. Again in 2003, there were talks of underground elements during election but once MNF formed the Ministry, we

Congress remain in silence. This pattern repeated in 2008 as well. Pu Speaker, my point is; there is a political party who is unwilling to accept defeat. Pu Speaker, in fact, I am among the 123 persons who have case.

SPEAKER : Please conclude your speech.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Alright, I will conclude my speech. I, therefore request that we have trailed for the past 20 years, now we have government who is able to guide and lead us forwards. Thus, let us not corrupt the people's mind and sustain ourselves from unwanted propaganda to mislead the people.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for Champhai Chhangphut field, Custom Hiring Centre at Champhai. One more point, there is one ongoing project for which hon'ble M.P., Pu C.L. Ruala is approaching the centre, which is worth mentioning. For the said project, he is able to obtain sanction of ₹2.5 crores as first time sanction whereas the total cost for the project is 7.5 crores. I thank for the Governor's speech, though I did not have time to go into details. Anyway, I give my support. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would also like to thank the Governor for his speech. I appreciate that mover of the motion spoke with conviction.

First of all, I am grateful that Mizoram team won 68th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy. But, the cash award that was awarded to the team is below expectation.

Regarding NLUP, hon'ble member before me mentioned that the success of the project depends on the beneficiaries and I agree with his statement. I believe that every government project will bear fruitful depending on the beneficiaries.

As for LPG, the Governor mentioned that the number of distributor will increase. But, my question is – Will the number of cylinder also be increased? Will it really solve the present problem? Pu Speaker, I just want to highlight this point in regard to LPG.

Para 9 of the speech in regard to old age pension, I would request if there is a way out to increase the amount since it is inadequate with the present circumstances.

Pu Speaker, in regard to Power, Pu Ruatkima mentioned about the mistake in figure and I would give my support to his statement. If correction is not made, there will be in correct record. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I will not be able to discuss all the points. However, first of all I would like to speak about Sport Department. I thank the hon'ble Minister and the department for their achievement. It is appreciative that we have a young and able Sport Minister. I would advice and support the hon'ble Minister not to let this success limits within the country but carry on in the world level as well. I thank for Olympic Vision, 2016.

Pu Speaker, achievement in regard to Medical College is commendable and I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister for their achievements.

The Governor spoke of various development projects under Agriculture Department. It is pleasing to know that WRC harvest is moving the government to take further step as there are still vast areas of waste land available to enhance and capitalised the harvest to attain self-sufficiency.

Pu Speaker, I request the Government to take further step in regard to LPG. This year, my family received only 2 cylinders so far. Despite additional distributors, the people are still facing huge problem and I want to remind the hon'ble Minister. Further, I request the hon'ble Minister to increase the rice quota of adult which is only 4 kgs in rural area. This is insufficient in rural area. The Government needs to give priority in essential commodities.

Coming to communication, Pu Speaker, our condition is unsatisfactory. I request the hon'ble Minister to kindly take note that the roads within my constituency need top priority. In regard to railway it has been mentioned for the past five years that sanctioned have been received where as nothing has been

implemented. I request authorities to take the step in this regard. Pu Speaker, few words in regard to life time tax; I suggest the authorities to come up with alternative scheme. So is the case with high Security Registration Plate. Pu Speaker, for my last point, the authorities should come up with scheme where Revenue tax can be paid in every locality. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Minister in charge.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : First of all, opposition MLA's are first timers except for one. It was pleasing to hear their speech. Pu Speaker, from their speech, one can assume their quality and maturity. I thank all the members.

Pu Speaker, with the winning of Santosh trophy, it indicates that there is nothing impossible. The whole state rejoices to this championship. Under the guidance of the House leader and with the efficiency of Sport Minister, we are able to attain the present situation. Thus, there is no doubt that we can still move forward; there is no reason why Mizo Christian youths cannot be World champion. This win gives me hope and expectation.

The House Leader give his heart and soul to NLUP as he takes full responsibility knowing the fact that it is for the upliftment of the poor. It is due to his determination that we have attained the present position.

It was pleasant to know that hon'ble members gave priority to self-sufficiency in agriculture. During MNF Ministry, the Chief Minister promised to make Mizoram a self-sufficient state within three years there by which he took up Agriculture. However, after three years, the department was handed over to Pu H. Rammawia. I am grateful they still give priority to self-sufficiency in Agriculture.

In regard to mistake mentioned by hon'ble members, the figure in the Governor's speech is typing mistake. The correct figure is from the Economic Report. Whereas, in regard to mistake mentioned about the figure for WRC productivity hectare area, the Economic Report is round up figure which is 2.10 metric tons while figure in the Governor's speech is 2.09 metric ton. In regard to statistical handbook the product highlight is of previous year. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Anyone else to speak? Pu Vanlalzawma.

Pu VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. Since the mover seems to be satisfied and content with the Governor's speech, it would be unpleasant to show displeasure of the speech.

Pu Speaker we have heard of the Santosh Champion Trophy. What I would like to mention is, Football in India, as a whole has become inspiring sport and has turn out to be a mean for self-sufficiency for the youths. I was wondering if incentive cash award could be awarded to the players as it would serve as an inspiration for the future.

Pu Speaker, I wonder why PWD has not been mention in the Governor's speech.

In regard to PHE Department, Pu Speaker, I think we should take up rain water harvesting scheme. When English missionary came to Aizawl, they constructed rain water harvesting pond at Tuikhuahtlang and as we all know, it is still useful till date. If this method is applied to the rural area, I believe it will be beneficial for the people.

Pu Speaker, recently vehicle accident rate has gone up with the population ratio. I request the authorities to look into this matter. What could actually be the cause?

Next point, I would like to highlight is border trade. Pu Speaker, if the state is ready for the border trade, the most important factor is Central Government. I was a committee member in External Affairs Committee. During my tenure, I have mentioned the need for border trade with Myanmar. It is required for the growth in economy to have border trade with the neighbouring countries.

One last point I would suggest is various Departments should come up with easy channel for paying tax. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thank the hon'ble members for having a pleasant discussion of the motion. It is essential we

contribute constructive criticism and the government should also be flexible in its approach. Today, the opposition members show in their speech for which I am very grateful.

I thank the Governor for remembering the football team for the achievement. The Mizo youths have taken huge steps in football, be it at All India Football Federation, FIFA International Football Academy in Pune, FIFA grass root training, their achievement is commendable. Under the guidance of Sport Minister, preparation is on for Olympic Vision, 2016. Hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua spoke about Saiha. Hon'ble Sport Minister have been looking for appropriate land in Saiha, it is earmarked.

Pu Speaker, we are taking various steps to develop the youths. In education, we have setup IIT, Mass Communication and preparation is on to institute of Hotel Management. DOEACC has also been upgraded.

Pu Speaker, it is our desire that our youths join Army. Thus, we are paving ways. As of now, we have a couple of youths in the British Army, French Legion and a number of personal who could be a probation officer in the future.

The youths have realized that through sports, they can earn their livelihood. As for incentive cash award for Santosh Trophy, the hon'ble Sport Minister kept silence because we are bound by the election code of conduct.

Steps are taken in regard to Polytechnic, but due to financial constrain, we are unable to make progress as desire.

As for Tourist Lodge, what we should realize is that it is supposed to be profit making institute as so cannot be ran with lost. Thus, we cannot run tourist lodge everywhere.

Hon'ble member Pu Sangthuama mentioned about railway. Pu Speaker, it is the same case as Tuirial Project which had been delayed due to compensation. I would like to remind hon'ble members that it may not turn out as expected due to compensation. We are, at present quite loss with the situation. Due to compensation, it seems we will face hindrance in various coming projects as well.

Coming to NLUP, I must say that it is God's project, thus no one can misuse this scheme. The beneficiaries have to be responsible and so are the officials. The central government too has shown great keenness in this project. Pu Speaker, in fact, it has knock open the door of UNO. Recently, a group from UNIDO, UNDP, Food & Welfare Organization and various UNO Agency have visited Mizoram to study the project. Likewise, Japan Overseas Development Fund has also come to study the project. Pu Speaker, the authorities are taking every possible step for the smooth and progressive implementation of the project.

As for Rain Water Harvesting, Pu Speaker, it was a common practice in the past. As of now, we are functioning under experts from Planning Commission. I don't exactly know what their actual proposal is. Experts in rain water harvest from Central Government have visited twice. Authorities are looking into the matter.

Pu Speaker, in regard to border trade, step has been taken by the government even before Look East policy was proclaimed by Central Government. We expect it to materialize soon. We have requested Central Government to inaugurate the border trade at Zokhawthar, but due to time constrain to fulfill the commitment; they are unable to do as yet. However, it will soon be commissioned with or without the Central Government.

Pu Speaker, road has also been constructed from Lawngtlai to Burma border for approach road to Bay of Bengal. Formation cutting of 75 km has been completed sometime back. I am not sure of how far the work is completed.

Various steps are taken to improve trade with Burma. Burma Ambassador has visited Mizoram, and we have taken the delegates on spot visit. I had dinner with the delegates before they left and they were happy with the progress. Recently, before the Prime Minister visited Burma, he sent a special adviser Pu Nayar to enquire what I would like the Prime Minister to speak of on his visit to Burma. Therefore, we are having satisfying relationship with our Burmese counterpart.

As for trade with Bangladesh, the Prime Minister, Shiekh Hassina fortunately visited New Delhi as I was invited for official dinner in which I discussed border trade with her. The next day at press conference, she stated the need for border trade. Subsequently, when the Prime Minister of India visited Bangladesh, I was

official delegates. Thus, providing opportunity to discuss the matter, the Prime Minister showed earnestness in border trade. Then by which, she appointed two Ministers to look over the matters as the appointed Ministers come and visited Mizoram and held discussion with the Trade & Commerce Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo. On our parts, Pu Speaker, World Bank had sanctioned fund for approach road to Bangladesh which is from Lunglei to Tlabung to Kawrpui-chhuah. Thus, progress is going on for border trade with neighbouring countries. Pu Speaker, I highlighted these points since opposition members spoke about border trade.

Hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua, being a doctor showed deep concern in health care. It is true we invested huge sum in health care for our State. The cancer rate in our society is quite high. Previously, we had cancer hospital with 3 or 4 beds which is now upgraded to 30. Now the Central Government has sanctioned for 100 bedded and we are grateful indeed. Pu Speaker, we have constructed Mizoram House just a stone throw away from Kolkata Cancer Institute. Huge fund have been invested for health care. In fact, like hon'ble member has mentioned, refer cases have increased and huge fund has to be diverted to that effect due to unavailability of instruments.

ICU is very essential in hospitals, I am grateful that the hon'ble members spoke about the facilities. I did not realize that there is no CT scan in Civil Hospital. Thus, all these indicate that there is huge space for development.

Any way, I will not be able to react on all topics of the Governor's speech. I am grateful today that we are able to discuss the motion under warm and graceful environment. I thank the opposition members for their attitude towards the government. I thank all members for the discussion. I expect the motion will be passed unanimously. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call the mover of the motion, Pu T. Sangkunga to wind up the discussion and request the House to pass the motion.

Pu T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I thank the hon'ble House Leader for appointing me to move the motion. It is my maiden speech in the House.

There are points I would like to clarify which the House Leader and concerned Minister did not have time to clarify.

Hon'ble member Pu Ruatkima and Pu Thanliana mentioned about wrong figure in regard to control and meditation of landslide area. The correct figure is in page 77 of Supplementary Demand i.e. ₹555.55 crore. Thus, correction is not required.

Another point mentioned by hon'ble member is regarding para 10 of the Governor's speech. It is ongoing project included under 'Mualpui Multipurpose Indoor Hall' of Mualpui. As for incentive cash award, it is pleasing to know that there is initiative.

Opposition leader spoke about Rain-water Harvesting and the hon'ble House Leader spoke in support. I expect the hon'ble PHE Minister to take note.

I am grateful that we are able to have warm and friendly atmosphere while discussing the motion. I believe with such agreeable atmosphere, we will be able to bring huge development to our State.

Now, Pu Speaker, I request this august House to pass the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Speech.

SPEAKER : Now that the mover of the motion has requested the House to adopt the motion. All those who agree say 'agree' and those who do not agree say 'disagree'. The House has adopted the motion.

We have come to the end of our business for today. Meeting will be resumed at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, the 20th March.

Sitting is adjourned (3:30 p.m.)

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 20th MARCH, 2014
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

1. **Questions** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.
2. **ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES** to elect Members of the three Financial Committees.

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Report of the Director of Local Fund Audit on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within Aizawl District, Champhai District, MADC, LADC and AMC) for the Accounting year ended 31st March, 2012.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

4. **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014 AND VOTE ON ACCOUNT (APRIL-JULY, 2014).**
 - i) Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for 2013-2014.
 - ii) Discussion and Voting on Vote on Account (April-July, 2014)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

5. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, (No.1) 2014”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

AND

to move that the Bill be passed.

6. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) (Vote on Account)Bill, 2014”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

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SPEAKER : Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10

We will now take up questions. I call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to ask starred question No.21.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : My question is for hon'ble minister for PWD: -
 a) How is the government plan for construction of Kawlchaw-Phura?
 b) When will the Bridge of Kawlchaw be constructed?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Construction of Kawlchaw – Phura road has already been handed over to BRO in 1st October, 2011 as nothing much to be done for the State government.
- b) The bridge asked by the member is of Kawlchaw – Tongkalong road, I cannot give a specific answer as it is known when fund may be sanctioned from BRO. For information of concerned member and of the House, the road in question is of 54 kms long whereas no step has yet been taken for Kawlchaw – New Latawh of 0 – 20 kms. As of New latawh – Lohry of 20 – 30 kms, the work is in progress but for construction beyond Lohry, no step has yet been taken.

Since construction of Kawlchaw – Tongkalong which is 0 – 60 kms, the work has already been handed over to BRO. As far as my knowledge is concern, sanctioned for 0 - 20 kms has already been received but could not be started as yet due to the on-going dialogue on compensation between the central authority and the concerned Autonomous District Council. As of construction of bridge, it is not the purview of the state government but since it is of public interest, I will discuss the matter with BRO authority and I will inform the outcome.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I opine it is important for the government to determine its plan of development of road by East-West corridor as the

economic road had been existed in the previous years. It is regretted as there are various roads being constructed in the direction of North-South but being left incomplete with number of missing gaps. Is there a way to resolve this problem?

SPEAKER : The area suggested by the member is quite long and also of Phura road.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, it is not that long as it is up to Kawlchaw only. As of my suggestion, Champhai road, despite being an international border road, there is no alternative route when there are some blockages. As such, missing gap in between Chhingchhip to Khawhai may also be considered as I and the hon'ble Chief Minister have once verified the spot in 2010.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief minister may answer it if it is felt necessary.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Speaker, most of our roads lie in the direction of north-south and vice versa. For this reason, we opine it is important to give our attention to east-west road as some plans have been made to this concern. While making this plan, it is as well important for concerned authority to determine the safety our forests in order to maintain our status of Mizoram as of the best green forest area in the country.

SPEAKER : Owner of the question, Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, I am pleased to learn that the hon'ble Chief Minister is going to approach the official of the BRTF for construction of road in my district. In the meantime, I would like to express my regret as there is no plan as yet for the repair of a portion of Kawlchaw road which has been destroyed by heavy rains just recently. Is there any chance to include it in the plan for it concern the lifeline of the people in my constituency?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, bridge on Kawlchaw - Tuipui has been constructed since we are aware of the importance of this

road and will soon be completed.

SPEAKER : Next, question, No.22 to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my question, starred question No.22 is for the hon'ble Minister for Sports & youths Services Department: -

- a) Whether the department of Sports & Youths Services already have site for construction of the Directorate Building?
- b) If so, where?
- c) When will the construction be started?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) It is within the premise of the New Secretariat Complex, Plot No.B-16 of 1085.12 sq. metre.
- c) It will be constructed as soon as fund provision is received.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the site allotted for the said purpose is obviously done from the top of the table as it encroach some private lands which allegedly prevent the department to go ahead. I suggest that from now on, such kind of cases should be resolved only after being verified on the spot.

SPEAKER : The question answered itself and no need to react.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary question is: - If the department is presently renting a private building and approval is being obtained to that effect?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister may now give his answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : As known to us all, Pu Speaker, Sports & Youth Services is of a small department which is functioning in a rented building since 1986. As the ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla assumed the government, we have determined to have a separate building for the department as fund provision

for construction of the building may be made from the savings of NBCC projects under the Central UD & PA. The fund has already been obtained as plan for the construction being readied. But due to change of the policy by the central, it is decided to be taken up along with the project of laying of artificial grass-turf at Ramhlun Sports Complex.

However, as the Aizawl Municipal Area came into existence as Aizawl being declared as Mission City, JNNURM, within its jurisdiction no longer permitted utilization of such Savings of NBCC. As a result, plan for construction of the Directorate of Sports & Youth Services building was immediately withdrawn. In determining an alternative source of provision, we have applied ₹1,227.30 crore to NEC as we are in the top-priority list.

So, we has no other choice than continue renting a private building for the office. However, as the owner intends to use the building for other purpose, we were compelled to move in to Hauva Building of Dawrpui locality without prior negotiation of the monthly rental charge. As we have learned monthly rate demanded by the owner which is quite high for the government to afford, we been searching for another building.

SPEAKER : Coming to the next, question, starred Question No.23 and Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the hon'ble Minister of PWD: -

- a) When will black-topping of Darlawn – North Serzawl road be started?
- b) Is there a plan for black-topping of Sakawrdai – Vaitin road?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister, who is in-charge of PWD, may give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) Black topping of Darlawn – North Serzawl road will soon be started.
- b) Likewise, black-topping of Sakawrdai – Vaitin road will soon be done.

For information of the House, Pu Speaker, DPR to that respects are now being prepared and will be submitted to the central ministry as soon as it is ready for further sanctioning.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question did not come up yesterday which concern plan for black-topping of Sakawrdai – Zohmun road which had been initiated in the previous MNF ministry and being resumed by the next ministry of Congress but remains uncompleted till today. Will it be possible to continue with the remaining unfinished portion?

SPEAKER : I invite concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the actual condition is as stated already. If our financial condition is improving, it is planned to be taken up as a whole. As of point raised by certain members, I could give a specific answer as to how much, how or when.

SPEAKER : We will move to next question. Pu Lalruatkima to ask starred question No.24,

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker my starred question No.24, which is for concerned minister of Industry Department: -

- a) Have Mizoram been allotted quota on coal?
- b) If so, from which coal field the delivery is made?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) We were once allotted but had been stopped due to the exorbitant rate.
- b) From the North Eastern Coalfield of Assam.

SPEAKER : As no supplementary question is asked, we will move on to starred Question No.25 to be asked by Pu Lalthanliana.

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, starred Question No.25 which is for concerned minister of P & E: -

- a) Is there a plan to install more distribution transformers at some localities within Aizawl?
- b) If so, in which localities?
- c) When will the installation be started?
- d) What is the capacity of such proposed transformers?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is:

- a) Yes.
- b) At various localities within Aizawl.
- c) It is expected to be done during 2014-2015.
- d) Transformers of various capacities.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, transformer near Electric Veng Hall damages on regular basis. It will be much appreciated if it is included in the list and the condition of the remaining within my constituency may also be checked.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalthanliana.

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that the two transformers of Ramhlun 'N' are now becoming less sufficient to feed the whole locality as no new connection could be given whereas one of the transformers fail to function very often which further affect livelihood of number of concerned families. May a new transformer of 500 KVA be installed at Ramhlun 'N'?

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, the feeder of Ramhlun 'N' i.e. Zuangtui 132 KV line passes number of localities such as Armed Veng, Roman Mual, Chite and PUC. The route therefore is quite long as we are bound to suffer whenever a problem is existed in other localities. So, Pu Speaker, I would like to suggest that the feeder for Ramhlun 'N' may be shared from Durtlang feeder through Ramhlun Thlanmual.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.26 to be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - Is there any plan to resume Zilngai irrigation project of Tlungvel which has already been started?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANZARA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the project in question has already been resumed.

SPEAKER : Next question, from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my question, starred question No.27 is for the hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs Department: -

- a) Is the problem of supply of LPG being resolved?
- b) Whether step is taken to improve the supply?

SPEAKER : Let us call the concerned Minister to give the answer.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) At present, no major problem is faced.
- b) Yes, intensive effort is made for improvement of LPG supply.

For information of the House and of the member, intensive effort is being made for improvement of supply of LPG whereas IOC has its own procedure on issue of the supply. There is a proposal for improvement of bottling plant of Mualkhang but due to land dispute on the proposed site, we have been searching for other convenient place in the vicinity.

In order to resolve the problem in rural areas, 16 Nos. of Gas distributors has already been commissioned under RGGLV whereas 9 Nos. of additional distributors has also been selected as Letter of Intent is now in process. As for Aizawl, Kapliana Indane Service of Kulikawn has already been commissioned as a fullfledged LPG Distributor. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary question is: -
LPG distribution for Darlawn has already been set up where as for Sakawrdai, it is under processed. Since the distributing agency of Darlawn could not cover the whole area, there are some families who are not receiving LPG for six or more months. So, in response to my request to the Food, Civil Supplies Department, Biakkungi Gas Agency entered my constituency. However, they did not continue it after the implementation of RGGLV which mounted to our problem. So, it will be much appreciated if extended point or the service of other distributing agency is provided in my constituency. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, extended could not be provided since RGGLV is implemented. As of shortage of the supply, we will look into the matter.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble minister clarify the main reason for scarcity of LPG supply?

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalruatkima.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, answer given by concerned minister is hardly satisfactory despite scarcity of LPG supply. If the government is giving a deaf ear on the existing problem, I opine we need to examine ourselves.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I think Pu K. Sangthuama also needs some sort of clarification on his statement in which only 2 cylinders as being delivered by his family within this year. But today, he again claimed as only once.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : I beg your pardon if I mentioned yesterday as only once. Pu Speaker, it is often stated that the government as not being involved in the dealing of some companies or agencies. On the contrary, it may be

noted that such company or agency could not function without the government as the rate of all the commodities is fixed by the government. As such, it is important for the government to exercise its roles effectively particularly in dealing with any kind of the business of some companies or agencies. As of supply of LPG, I opine we receive enough quantity as we enquire the company but the problem persisted which is quite confusing. Thus, it is necessary for the department to give more efforts so that the practice of black-marketing is minimized.

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to give the answer.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Ruatkima claimed that I as being mentioned yesterday that the government to have been unaware of the problem of supply of LPG. Pu Speaker, I didn't say that. What I have mentioned is that the government did not face a major problem.

Regarding the question of Pu K. Sangthuama of our main problem with supply of LPG, he himself, being concerned minister of the previous term should know better than me who has been serving barely for a month or two. Anyway, it is regretted as we often use this issue as an accusation to ones opponent political parties. It should be noted by the members that 70% of the supply is of imported, yet the demands remain high which is our problem. Hence, the government is making an intensive effort to improve the situation by concentrating on accurate measurement and checking of black-marketing and we will continue to do so.

SPEAKER : How about his claim that the commodity to have been freely available on black-market?

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, necessary action should have been taken if a report of such practice is received. We have discussed this problem with the distributors as they also express their dislike of such illegal practice. If black-marketing of LPG is found by one, it is in appropriate for him not to report the matter to concerned authority.

SPEAKER : Next, starred question No.28 to be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, starred question No.28 is for the

hon'ble Minister for Home Department: -

- a) For how long those 3rd IR Battalion posted at Assam since 2010 will remains there?
- b) Obviously transfer and posting of only the Havildar is being processed. How to deal with the remaining cases?

SPEAKER : I call upon Home Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, being an important question, it is asked by three members. The answer is: -

- a) It is unknown.
- b) Regarding the case of transfer and posting, it is done for the Havildar as the remaining under process.

Pu Speaker, since the 3rd IR Battalion has already been recruited in Assam for three years, permission for the release is being applied to the Ministry of Home Affairs. But we are informed that any battalion who are recruited in Assam since 5.5.2103 could not be released as yet. Thus, it is not known for how long they would remains there. On the other hand, we did not like to press the central for their release as the present place of posting, though declared as a disturbed area is rather peaceful as disturbance is not heard of. Hence, we are afraid that the said battalion may be released from the present place and be posted back to other place of more disturbances.

As of the case of Havildar of the 3rd IR battalion, their posting have already been processed. They are further allowed to choose the place for his next posting. As such havildars are not that less in number, processing of some cases have been barred by the election yet, will be done soon.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: -

- i) It is learned that TA/DA of such IR Polices are given only for one way travelling but not to and fro. What is the reason?
- ii) It is learned that provision of their ration money is being deducted. Is not this allowance compulsory to any military force?

SPEAKER : Home Minister to give the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, ration money should not be deducted; I do not think we did it. As far as my knowledge is concern, their pay also increase by ₹600/- and for this reason, some of them chose to remain there.

Regarding TA/DA being given for one way only, it is possible if the transfer is done on personal choice. We have PHQ order in the case of transfer that TA/DA is applicable for one way only which I opine should be reviewed.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister stated that ration money should not be deducted. I have discussed the matter with number of concerned police personnel and they all have claimed the said is deducted. What is the meaning?

SPEAKER : I call upon the Home Minister to answer it.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, but I did not have discussion with them.

Er. LALRINAWMA : One moment, Pu Speaker. I opine this should be reviewed as I have been informed many grievances of the police personnel for deduction of their ration money.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.29 to be asked by Pu K. Sangthuama.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, starred question No.29 is for the hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department: -

Is there a plan for bifurcation of the Consumer Affairs from Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

Proposal for bifurcation of Consumer Affairs is submitted to the government vide letter No.A11013/06-Est/DTE(FCS&CA) Dated 18.06.2009 but no response is received till date.

SPEAKER : Next, starred question No.30 to be asked by Pu Lalthanliana.

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the hon'ble minister for Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department: -

Is the fund provision for rehabilitation of landslide victims of Ramhlun Sports Complex Veng and Ramhlun Vengthar which has been applied to the License of Disaster Management Authority by the state government and has been approved by the Planning Commission meant to be used only for these two particular areas? How will this fund provision be utilized?

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to give the answer.

Pu C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, before answering the question, I have to make correction to the figure shown in the Governor's speech i.e. ₹55.55 crore which should be written as lakh.

Now, to answer the question: -

Yes, it is meant for these two particular areas for the following purposes: -

Management	-	₹80,00,000/-
Civil works	-	₹19,04,74,200/-
Procurement of instruments & equipments	-	₹1,00,00,000/-
Sample Testing	-	₹1,65,300/-

Pu LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated as my confusion is now being cleared-off. I am happy to learn that the government laid down appropriate plan for maintenance of this disaster affected areas as well as the victims. Nevertheless, I truly appreciated the efforts made by Pu H. Liansailova, the then Finance Minister as well as the hon'ble Chief Minister which I have learned from this report.

Active as he seems to be, the concerned minister immediately visited

the spot and set rehabilitation centre right away as initiative for construction of the approach road was immediately taken much to our comfort. However, Pu Speaker, the progress of work is now on halt while we are anticipating for the completion. It will be much appreciated if the construction be resumed so that it is completed before rainy season? Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred question No.31.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : My question is for the hon'ble Minister for AH & Veterinary Department: -

- a) Is it possible for AH & Veterinary Department to place a Hospital/Dispensary at Sakawrdai?
- b) Is it possible to place Rural Animal Health Centre at Zohmun?

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) As usual, we have follow norms that RAH centre is upgraded to Dispensary; Dispensary is not given directly. Even if permission is issued by the government, RAH should be set up first.
- b) Application for setting up of RAH at Zohmun was received and being processed but could not be fulfilled due to shortage of fund.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, with the approval of the hon'ble Chief Minister, RAH centre has been set up at Mualcheng South as staff has also been appointed but we have no staff quarter as yet. May the hon'ble minister provide us staff quarter there?

SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to answer the question.

Pu C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER : As of now, Pu Speaker, it is not possible to mention since it depends on our financial situation. It may be noted if the situation is improved.

SPEAKER : Question No.32, Pu K. Sangthuama to ask.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for hon'ble Minister for Environment and Forest Department: -

Is royalty taken from Broom sticks i.e. ₹7/- per kg which allegedly is being proposed for reduction has already been put into practice?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister will give the answer.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

Since the question does not concern royalty collected from the whole area, it may be noted that my answer is based on our collection from the reserved forests which is at the rate of ₹7/- per kg (dry form). The Supreme Court does not permit revision of any rate in a decreasing form; hence, any proposal in a decreasing form could not be considered in condition now.

Pu Speaker, the Media gives much interest on my answer as well as the question raised by my fellow member, Pu R.L. Pianmawia. I should have made an appeal for correction, but I did not, for a reason. Whereas on the contrary, it is wrong to allege Pu Piana as giving the House wrong information and so, some sorts of explanation has to be made in this regard.

The fact is, it is not shown in the departmental report that staff quarter is existed at Sakawrdai or staff being posted therein. Whereas there is no reason for the department not to believe information that the said staff quarter is actually existed, no record of the department is found to proof the same.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this is a controversial case as Pu Piana claimed he was a contractor of the building. We have already listened to the department version and so may be wise to listen to the version of its contractor.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, one of the two contract works was done by me during the time of the late Pu Rozika, DFO.

SPEAKER : We may close this chapter for now as it is Zero hour.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, since this is Zero

Hour, I would like to take the opportunity to clarify the point regarding issue of ration money claimed by Er. Lalrinawma as have been discontinued. I believe whoever has informed my fellow member is a liar. Pu Speaker, ration money received by those IR Police personnel recruited in the Assam is more than that of others of the same rank by ₹1,300/-.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I think the hon'ble Minister misunderstood my question as I did not say that they have not received but the amount they received in Mizoram is deducted.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : If the said allowance is drawn in their place of posting, the same drawn in Mizoram should be stopped for it is impossible to receive the same allowance twice.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Is it so, Pu Speaker?

Pu LALRUATKIMA : One moment, Pu Speaker. Going back to Environment & Forest department, I would like to know how broom sticks produced under NLUP from those outside NLUP be classified as I supposed it is kind of difficult to classify when royalty is determined.

SPEAKER : You may ask it by the next Session.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is regretted as some religious persons and even the leaders of churches are the ones who are not true to themselves. The government incurs large amount of loss for it is difficult to make classification of broom stick productions. Concerned department is now facing an intensive problem in determining concession in respect of those produced under NLUP. As pointed out by the concerned minister yesterday, some of our Surveyors, instead of being the one who bury-the-hatchet while dealing with land dispute are willing to receive some pieces of land out of it. So, in pursuance of my concern for the need to check this practice, the concerned minister takes a strong action as officials who were involves in such illegal practices did not last for long as they hardly attain full retirement.

Pu VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to make clarification

on the written answer which I have received later that amendment proposal of the Mizoram Forests Establishment & regulation of Saw Mills and others Woods-base industries rules, 2010, as being approved by the government and the same as being put up to the meeting of Councils of Ministers for further vetting by the Law & Judicial Department. Pu Speaker, what is the meaning? How can this be forwarded for vetting whereas it is already being approved by the government?

SPEAKER : May you give the answer?

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as the government proposed the amendment, it is forwarded to the Principal Secretary of Environment & Forest and then to the next stage as per instruction of concerned minister. In order to legislate, it is necessary to put forward to the meeting of Councils of Ministers and then be laid on the table of the Assembly. That is the process, Pu Speaker.

Pu R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it may be noted that any rule, even if it is passed by the Cabinet Meeting could not be put into practice unless it is laid in the House first or unless ordinance is made to that effect.

SPEAKER : Coming to our next business, members who are nominated for the post of the committee member in respect of the 3 Financial Committees are exactly as much as the number that should be constituted by each Committee. So, we have to declare that those nominated are elected uncontested. The members are: -

Public Accounts Committee: -

Pu S. Ladingliana
 Pu R.L. Pianmawia
 Pu Lalrobiaka
 Pu K. Sangthuama
 Pu Lalthanliana
 Pu Lalruatkima
 Pu Chalrosanga Ralte. And,
 Pu K. Sangthuama, for the Chariman.

The Estimate Committee: -

Pu Lalrinliana Sailo

Dr. Ngurdinglana
 Pu Vanlalzawma
 Pu T. Sangkunga
 Pu R. Vanlalvena. And,
 Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, for the Chariman.

The Committee on Public Undertakings: -

Pu J.H. Rothuama
 Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana
 N.K. Chakma
 Pu John Siamkunga
 Dr. K. Beichhua
 Er. Lalrinawma
 N.K. Chakma, for the Chairman.

SPEAKER : Our next business is Laying of Papers. I Call upon hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta to lay the Paper on the table of the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the House, I, hereby lay 'The Report of the Director of Local Fund Audit on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Council within Aizawl District, Champhai District, MADC, LADC and CADC) for the Accounting year ended 31st March, 2012, on the table of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

Coming to the financial business, the hon'ble Minister for Finance laid on the table of the House, the Budget as well as Supplementary Demand and the statement of Vote on Account. The minister may now submit the Supplementary Demand for 2013-2014 and Vote on Account 2014-2015 so that it is passed by the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the House, I move 'the Supplementary Demand for 2013-2014 and Vote on Account, 2014-2015' so that it is passed by the House.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has submitted to the

House, the Supplementary Demand for 2013-2014 and Vote on Account, 2014-2015. These Papers may not be discussed and the members too, should agree to pass it without discussion.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Since the Bill has already been forwarded to the House, I opine I should now introduce it as so I ask your permission.

SPEAKER : You may now introduce the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, this Supplementary Demand is of the budget which has already been spent for the year 2013-2014. With your permission Sir, I may now read it out names of the department and the amount demanded in year-wise, such as: -

1. Legislative Assembly	-	₹65,23,000
2. Governor	-	₹10,30,000
3. Council of Minister	-	₹7,33,000
4. Law & Judicial	-	₹3,29,33,000
5. Vigilance	-	₹19,84,000
6. Land Revenue & Reform	-	₹6,29,04,000
7. Excise & Narcotics	-	₹1,06,54,000
8. Taxation	-	₹3,30,37,000
9. Finance Department	-	₹5730.12 crores
10. Mizoram Public Service Commission	-	₹29.60 crores
11. Secretariat Administration Department	-	₹192.36 crores
12. Administrative Training Institute	-	₹17.26 crores
13. Planning & Programme Implementation	-	₹563.58 crores
14. General Administration Department	-	₹6653.31 crores
15. Home Department	-	₹5401.37 crores
16. Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	-	₹12045.85 crores
17. Printing & Stationery Department	-	₹398.98 crores
18. Local Administration Department	-	₹510.49 crores
19. School Education Department	-	₹15053.21 crores
20. Higher & Technical Education Department	-	₹12820.10 crores
21. Sports & Youth Services Department	-	₹1716.79 crores
22. Art & Culture Department	-	₹57.36 crores

23. Medical & Public Health Services Deptt.	-	₹9793.54 crores
24. Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt.	-	₹7965.46 crores
25. Information & Public Relations Deptt.	-	₹174.05 crores
26. District Council	-	₹6989.59 crores
27. Labour & Employment Deptt.	-	₹56.43 crores
28. Social Welfare Department	-	₹11737.08 crores
29. Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt.	-	₹570.35 crores
30. Agriculture Department	-	₹10,437.20 crores
31. Horticulture Department	-	₹9,220.72 crores
32. Soil & Water Conservation Department	-	₹4,280.52 crores
33. Animal Husbandry Department	-	₹11,870.61 crores
34. Fisheries Department	-	₹2,499.64 crores
35. Environment & Forests Department	-	₹6,110.30 crores
36. Co – Operation Department	-	₹317.78 crores
37. Rural Development Department	-	₹3,481.50 crores
38. Power Department	-	₹11,612.93 crores
39. Industries Department	-	₹6,397.80 crores
40. Sericulture Department	-	₹907.70 crores
41. Transport Department	-	₹110.80 crores
42. Tourism Department ah	-	₹67.98 crores
43. Trade & Commerce Department ah	-	₹67.95 crores
44. Public Works Department	-	₹33,474.45 crores
45. Urban Dev. & Poverty Alleviation Department	-	₹10,615.15 crores
46. Minor Irrigation Department	-	₹36.70 crores
47. Info. & Com. Technology	-	₹515.46 crores

Pu Speaker, the Grand Total amounting to ₹2,12,000.05 crores. This is the Supplementary Demand and may I proceed with the Vote on Account?

SPEAKER : We may take it separately.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The Minister may now move the House to pass the Supplementary Demands 2013-2014.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and on

the recommendation of the House, I move the Supplementary Demands as the amount which has already been given, to be passed by the House.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister has moved the Supplementary Demands for 2013-2014. Do we all agree to pass it?

(The Supplementary Demands are voted and passed by the House.)

We will now take up the Vote on Accounts for the year 2014 and the minister may now move the House to pass it.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the House, I move to the House, the Vote on Accounts for April – July, 2014 in respect of various departments for passing, such as: -

Legislative Assembly	-	₹9,80,60,000.00
Governor	-	₹3,53,000.00
Council of Ministers	-	₹2,06,41,000.00
Law & Judicial	-	₹6,64,39,000.00
Vigilance	-	₹1,62,78,000.00
Land Revenue & Reforms	-	₹7,13,08,000.00
Excise & Narcotics	-	₹8,46,45,000.00
Taxation	-	₹4,11,1,0000.00
Finance	-	₹1,64,59,19,000.00
Secretariat Administration Department	-	₹29,32,00,000.00
Parliamentary Affairs Department	-	₹17,81,000.00
Personnel & Administrative Reforms	-	₹86,10,000.00
Planning & Programe Implementation	-	₹1,57,39,22,000.00
General Administration Department	-	₹20,13,30,000.00
Home Department	-	₹1,86,30,43,000.00
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers' Affairs	-	₹8,35,88,30,000.00
Printing & Stationery	-	₹4,59,25,000.00
Local Administration	-	₹24,93,62,000.00
School Education	-	₹3,00,52,38,000.00
Higher & Technical Education	-	₹39,90,88,000.00
Sports & Youth Services	-	₹6,51,47,000.00
Art & Culture	-	₹3,98,62,000.00

Medical & Public Health Services	-	₹72,69,17,000.00
Water Supply & Sanitation	-	₹56,70,83,000.00
Information & Publicity	-	₹4,16,57,000.00
District Councils	-	₹75,30,33,000.00
Labour & Employment	-	₹2,97,67,000.00
Social Welfare Deptt	-	₹51,62,89,000.00
Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Deptt	-	₹4 4,84,7000.00
Agriculture Deptt	-	₹19,14,42,2000.00
Horticulture Deptt	-	₹95,7,00,000.00
Soil & Water Conservation Deptt	-	₹58,95,6000.00
Animal Husbandry Deptt	-	₹15,2,236,000.00
Fisheries Deptt	-	₹25,46,2,000.00
Environment & Forests Deptt	-	₹34,05,08,000.00
Co-operation Deptt	-	₹7,91,14,000.00
Rural Development Deptt	-	₹93,25,25,000.00
Power Deptt	-	₹98,43,08,000.00
Industries Deptt	-	₹15,67,33,000.00
Sericulture Deptt	-	₹48,41,3000.00
Transport Deptt	-	₹15,53,52,000.00
Tourism Deptt	-	₹21,28,5000.00
Trade & Commerce Deptt	-	₹32,52,4,000.00
Public Works Deptt	-	₹2,33,38,85,000.00
Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Deptt	-	₹79,60,08,000.00
Minor Irrigation	-	₹36,22,13,000.00
Information & Communication Technology	-	₹29,13,3000.00
Grand Total	-	₹21,82,55,14,000.00.

(The Vote on Accounts in respect of various departments
is voted and passed by the House.)

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the Legislative
business.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : One moment please. May we have the chance to

ask the hon'ble minister to clarify some points which are not clearly understood?

SPEAKER : You should have asked before it is passed.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : As usual, Pu Speaker, we made a query after it is passed and you have even told me that I would have a chance to ask.

SPEAKER : But I supposed you should have made a query before it is passed, but you did not.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, he should have proposed to have a discussion when you asked opinion of the members as to whether we agree to pass it without discussion.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, we have precedence in the proceedings of the previous years.

SPEAKER : We are now going to take up the Appropriation Bill and the minister will then move to the House to adopt it. You may then make a query but without discussion.

I now call upon the hon'ble Minister for Finance to move to the House to introduce the Appropriation Bill (No.1), 2014 so that the Supplementary Demands which have been passed will be adopted by the House. He may now introduce the Bill.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the House, I move to the House to introduce the Appropriation Bill (No.1), 2014.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? Yes, we do. Let the copy be distributed. You may now move the House for consideration and then for passing.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce the Appropriation Bill (No.1), 2014 and ask for consideration of the House as well as for passing.

I have to make some explanations in this regard. Firstly, those points I have read out should be voted by the House for passing. Yet, we have 'Charge on the Consolidated Fund of Mizoram State' which may not be voted.

So, Pu Speaker, with your permission, I move to the House to consider this Bill as necessary.

SPEAKER : Is there any query regarding this Appropriation Bill?

Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to express my opinion in regard to TA/DA which is claimed as not being given for replacement 3rd IR Battalion. Before getting to the point, I would like to express my appreciation to the hon'ble Finance Minister for being able to lay on the table of the House the mizo version of the budget as it has never been done before.

Pu Speaker, there are points in various demands which I have not clearly understood. In Demand No.15, it is learned that we have large amount of outstanding bill for hiring helicopter despite the state share is 25% only whereas 75% is of the central government.

Secondly, in Disaster Management & rehabilitation (interruption)

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER : As appropriation is the process of permission for adoption of the Demands which have been passed. I opine it is not the time to make a long discussion but we have to follow the norms.

Pu LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, It is understood that this is of interim budget for 4 months only and there is nothing much to be discussed. But I have already enquired official of the Assembly of our procedures of the previous sessions so that I did not cross the line.

My next, point is regarding attention of the government towards the disaster of Ramhlun only whereas there are other areas affected by the disaster such Laipuitlang, Tuikual, Champhai and Mamit.

SPEAKER : No answer is required since the matter is of

outside the Supplementary Demand Bill. As the hon'ble minister has laid the bill, he may now move the House for passing.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I move the House to consider passing of the appropriation bill which I have read out be passed.

(The Appropriation Bill (No.1), 2014 is voted and passed)

SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed the Appropriation Bill (No.1), 2014.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Next, this Appropriation Bill (No.2), 2014 is Vote on Accounts. The hon'ble minister may now move to introduce the Bill. Do we all agree? Yes, he may now introduce the Bill.

Pu K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I opine, from now on, arrangement should be made so that we may be able to discuss the points which are not understood.

SPEAKER : As usual, there is no discussion on Vote on Accounts as it is of circumstantial compulsion. The hon'ble minister may now move the House to introduce the Vote on Accounts.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I move the House to introduce the Appropriation Bill (No.2), 2014. Thank you.

SPEAKER : You may introduce it as it is permitted already. We will pass the Supplementary Demands first and then the Vote on Accounts.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I move that the Mizoram Appropriation Bill and the Vote on Accounts Bill, 20014 (No.2) be passed by the House.

(The Supplementary Demands are voted and passed by the House.)

SPEAKER : The time now is almost 1:00 p.m. It is grateful as we are able to conclude this session smoothly.

During this Session, the Governor has addressed the House and was followed by discussion on the Address as the Motion submitted by Pu T. Sangkunga.

During this Session, 143 Nos. questions were being received out of which 14 Nos. were rejected by the House as answer is being given to some questions. We have 8 Nos. unstarred questions whereas one was rejected. The total number of question including starred question which were not provided the answer is 93 Nos.

In this Session, the Supplementary Demands for the year 2013-2014 and for April-July, 2014 were unanimously passed by the House.

We also have taken up 8 Nos. of Laying of Papers and 4 Nos. Report such as: -

- i) The First Report of Business Advisory Committee.
- ii) The First Report of Rules Committee.
- iii) The First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation.
- iv) The Second Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

We will now conclude our Session. I extend my appreciation to all the members for actively participated in the discussion.

The House is adjourned *Sine die*. (12:35 p.m.)