

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 :-
 - 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) Mizoram Information Commission (MIC)s Annual Report for 2012-2013 (1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013).
3. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :-
 - i) Appropriation Accounts 2012-2013 Government of Mizoram.
 - ii) Finance Accounts 2012-2013 Volume-I & Volume-II Government of Mizoram.
 - iii) Notification relating to Money Circulation Scheme (Banning) (Mizoram) Rules, 2013.

- iv) Statement of Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister 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 minister 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. LALTHANLLIANA, 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 their 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. Laldinglana 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 Dungtlang 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.
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- 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.

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- 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.
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- 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 Antidoxyclyne 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.)