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LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 17th NOVEMBER, 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 ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2014.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR
THE YEAR 2014-2015**

3. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2014-2015 (to commence)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6

Starred question No.56 to be asked by hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, Thank you. My question to the hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare Department- Why are those Medical Officers who were supposed to get promotions from Grade-I to Special Grade did not get any promotions within 3,4,5 years?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara, concerned minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, my answer to hon'ble member Dr. K. Beichhua is that proposal for their promotions have been sent to DP & AR.

SPEAKER : Let the owner of the question asked first if he had any supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, My supplementary question is: -

- a) When was this initiated and when was this submitted at DP & AR?
- b) When will it be processed?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, In order to get promotions, DP & AR demanded allocation of sub-cadre and final inter-se seniority list. Previously, the final inter-se seniority and allocation of sub-cadre of both General Duty Medical Officer and Dental Surgeon sub-cadre had been published and now the proposal of the promotions of GDMO sub-cadre Grade-I and Dental Surgeon sub-cadre Grade-I to Special Grade has been worked on. Since there is a problem regarding seniority in Specialist sub-cadre Grade- I, the final inter-se seniority could not be published for now. In order to solve the problem, Mizoram Health Service Rules amendment proposal is under processed.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My supplementary question is: -

- i) Since there are numerous insect-borne diseases these days, could the Minister provide instruments for the discovery of such diseases at every hospital here in Mizoram? If this is impossible, could he at least provide the said at Darlawn PHC, Ratu PHC and Sakawrdai CHC?
- ii) Could he also take a step forward to make Ratu PHC recognized?

SPEAKER : Another supplementary question from Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Despite assurance of the hon'ble concerned minister of the previous ministry, no X-Ray Technician has been appointed till today at Phaileng PHC though we have the machines. May the hon'ble Minister provide us as he has assured?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, we will look into the matter stated by Pu R.L. Pianmawia and we will try to provide them at least in every District Capital.

In response to the point raised by the hon'ble member Pu Lalrobiaka, we will see to it if it happens just like our previous minister had assured you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In order to recruit Medical Officers, MPSC issued an advertisement on 21st July to conduct examinations but the written exam was then postponed. And on the 24th July, the advertisement on local newspaper Vanglaini stated the recruitments will be done through personal interview only. Doctors who did their internship from outside the state came home to give their written exams but MPSC failed to do so and earlier, we forced those nurses to give their exams which they were unwilling to give. I am asking what kind of law alters "The Mizoram Health Services Rules, 2009" and "The Mizoram Health Service Competitive examination" which concern written examinations for recruitment of Doctors.

Apart from this, Mr. Speaker, we all are aware of our shortage of Medical Officers especially Specialists and I wonder why we send our Specialists at different societies under Health Department when there is shortage in various District hospitals and Aizawl hospital. Could we gather them to work at Hospitals and not in such society?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Those who were about to get their promotions are a time bound promotion and when the time has come for their promotion, why are they said to be bound to get promotion? So, I am asking our Minister to settle this issue.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr Speaker, with reference to the statement made by our hon'ble member, Pu Lalruatkima – In case of the Medical Officers, there are some who

take a step forward to conduct exams but the Council of Ministers made a decision to recruit through interviews only as they found the Medical Officers fit and pardoned them as they had been employed and worked at villages for years.

PU LALRUATKIMA : A few days ago, the nurses requested and begged but nothing was done. Then they suffered injuries and some even got arrested. Is it right to conduct written exams for some and sometimes not?

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, we are recruiting 75 nurses and we wanted to confirm those nurses working around 1998 who were not yet confirmed by the previous government and on the other hand, there were new nurses who passed their examinations and to make sure those new nurses have chances as well, we made a decision to conduct exam under MPSC. The remaining 25 will not go through written exam which will be based on seniority.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could Doctors and Nurses be recruited every year like MCS and MPS?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, this may not be my place to answer as a Health Minister but like his enthusiasm, it is also our wish and desire to recruit much more Doctors.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.57 to be asked by Pu. R.L. Pianmawia

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Mr. Speaker, I ask Starred question No.57 to the hon'ble Minister of Home:-

Is there any immediate attempt to provide vehicles to Police Station at villages?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, there is an immediate attempt to provide Police Station vehicles at villages.

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

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Mr. Speaker, Is there a way to provide coupons for petrol quota rather than providing petrol itself for those who were out posted at villages? And, is there any plan to provide Fire Station at Darlawn?

SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My supplementary Question is: - Lunglei Police Station received a second-hand vehicle in 2008 which was bought in the year 2006. It is still being used for Investigation and Law & Order but is now becoming unworkable. So I asked our hon'ble Minister if a new vehicle could be provided at Lunglei Police Station.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you Mr. Speaker. Dampa Constituency is full of insurgencies and there are a lot of emergencies. But the vehicle in Marpara Police Station is not functioning well. So we ask if you could provide us with a new vehicle.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Home Minister to answer the three questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, it is opined as more convenient to provide petrol than issuing coupon as there are times when no petrol is available and so is more convenient to stock at PHQ which also is easier for the Police Station as well. However, we will see to it depending on the situation.

Due to financial problem, there is no plan to put Fire Station at Darlawn for now. We know it is required in cities and the government will look into it according to its importance.

About providing of used vehicle at Lunglei Police Station, a few days ago 8, vehicles were provided at other places like Aizawl, Serchhip, PHQ, SP, CID and CELL and we will look to it later. When such vehicles are provided, the better working ones could hardly arrive at Police Station and important out-post places. So due to shortage of fund, we the Police DIG who keeps two vehicles will keep one and 2 or 3 will be kept at pool. We intend to make it use as the need arise.

SPEAKER : There are 3 supplementary questions already. Let us take another one from Pu Nihar Kanti.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My Constituency Tlabung has a wide range of Police Station Jurisdiction and apart from this; it is a place with different tribes. We do not own a vehicle so I am asking if the Minister could provide us one.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you Mr. Speaker. We have seen in the newspaper that Thenzawl Police Station has often received many VIP guests but there are no settled vehicles there. So, I asked if they could provide as soon as possible. And my supplementary

question is: - Last year, a bullet proof vehicle of Mitsubishi company was bought and I asked where the vehicle is and if it is still serviceable.

SPEAKER : Next Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are a lot of insurgencies in East Tuipui Constituency as insurgents are everywhere on the route to Myanmar. Innocent children, teenagers and old people often visit the historical sites and even though there is a Police Station, it seems like there is none. A few years back, Assam Rifles Captain was shot dead at Farkawn by insurgents; they seem to be everywhere as they would go shopping with their Uniforms and walk around freely; chaos could happen suddenly or unexpectedly anytime. So, Could the Police Station be more equipped and if a vehicle with good condition is provided?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: We wanted to provide vehicles to all the Outposts but as I said earlier, there is not enough provision as yet. Orders were now given to provide vehicles to Outposts including New Vervek. There are precisely 4 outposts that do not own a vehicle such as Saiha Tlangkawn, Lungden, Bungtlang South and Bualpui NG outposts and they are to be provided with it as soon as possible.

I would also like to mention that there is also a plan to provide motor-cycles as well as light vehicles at Thenzawl and East Tuipui Outpost. The finest vehicles do not go to Outposts and Police Stations because we made an allotment from PHQ and the allotment was given to the concerned Heads and SP. These SP kept the finest for their leaders and thus the remaining poor shares went to the needed places. These vehicles were also often used for driving lessons by the OCs and the second OCs which results in making the condition worse. However, I find it interesting if all soldiers and officers learn how to drive as it will do good if the driver was shot and they could drive themselves to safety. We have in mind that it would be better to buy vehicles like Sumo which the officers are not quite fond of and then placed them at the allotted places. Thus, they would be provided with new vehicle.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.58 to be asked by Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is for the hon'ble Minister of Trade & Commerce Department: - Why is Thingsai not included in the list for the construction of Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Centre?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister of Trade & Commerce to answer the Question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the answer to hon'ble member Pu John Siamkunga's Question is: - Even though Thingsai Border Trade Centre is one among the 30 of

the basket lists of the 12th Five Year Plan that has been approved by Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the Government of India, it was not included in the agreement signed by India and Myanmar for the construction of Haat Border which makes the progress slow.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Thingsai Border Haat was inaugurated by our hon'ble former Chief Minister on the 15th July 1997 and later Bazar shed was also constructed. New roads were constructed from Myanmar up to Tiau by the Myanmar people. In 2002, the heads of the Myanmar army thought it to be reliable so they came to examine the place and providing us with information as well. There exist a free land and roads were constructed up to Thingsai under the guidance of our leaders.

Under the 12th Finance Commission, as our Minister has mentioned, it is an 8 crore earmark. We often received answers telling us that V/C had never submitted whether there is a free land. The free land exists and our leader has even inaugurated. Here, Hnahlan, Vaphai Saikhumphai, Farkawn, Sangau and Chakhang are all included except for the senior most. Is there a way that the senior most can be included?

SPEAKER : Your supplementary question is quite lengthy. Now, the Minister will answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, the supplementary question of our hon'ble member is important and the Department thinks so too. Thingsai was included among the 30 lists of the 12th Five Year Plan Basket. But in the year 2012, the Government of India and Myanmar made an agreement at Nau Pey Taw on the 18th of October, 2012 regarding the Border Haat and Thingsai was not included among the 4 proposed locations namely- Vaphai, Hnahlan, Pangkhua and Zote which is beyond the power of the Government of Government.

Our Government gives preference to Thingsai location but we find it improper to take steps when the two countries had already signed the agreement. If we ever receive direct funding, we will carry out the work. But, it is difficult to take effect in this situation for now.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Chief Minister.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: The roads at Thingsai Boarder Haat were constructed and when it was inaugurated, we were pleased to see the people gathering from 8 Mizo villages of the other side. Those people have no roadways except for one 8-miles road constructed by us. So, everything including the lands was earmarked by Thingsai V/C and it is such a pity that it was excluded. That place was all set to be ready and a shed was also already constructed. Therefore, we can still force the Central Government to take up with Myanmar Government. Likewise, Chapui of the hon'ble Speaker's Constituency which was once included is now excluded. This is also necessary to take it up because the Mizo people across the border

did not have settled roadways and we constructed roads so as to reach Thingsai and we are working on it and we will go further. We constructed 4-5 roads on Myanmar side. We invited the former Burma representative to have a look at the work and he was quite pleased with it. He is now the Vice Foreign Minister of Foreign ministry and we could ask him to urge the Central Government to take up the task.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Previous week, I visited Zokhawthar and came to learn that Trade & Commerce has no check gate there. Fresh vegetables come to this centre building everyday from Myanmar and we did not even take Revenue. How will our Minister step up to the situation where the people of Mizoram give taxes but these foreigners did not? My supplementary question is- Is there any intention to make the center a better functioning?

SPEAKER : The Minister for Trade & Commerce.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Zokhawthar land customs station is not yet commissioned officially and that is why everything went as informal trade. Taxes are not collected for now because the Government of India and Myanmar ought to make it a joint commission. But it has not been officially opened till now even though we as well as our Chief Minister urges to make it happen. This is why the business is baseless.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.59 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My Question for our hon'ble Home Minister: - Is there any plan to demolish the Inner Line Reserved Area?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Home Department has no attempt to demolish as this is not the authority of the State Government but the Government of India.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary Question?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Some of our fellow Mizo people owned teak garden in the reserved forest area and it is difficult to put these up on sale, so it often went as a property of the Assam side. If we gather different writings of our scholars, we might have an advantage to address our discontent. I am saying this because the India government released the Cachar inner line in 1875 at the Notification No.2299-P, Dated Simla 20th August, 1875 and so the Lushai Hills and the British India boundary were settled. Two years later, on the 17th March, 1877, the 509 sq. miles wide within the Lushai hills area was suddenly announced as an inner line reserved forest area. And so, the Lushai Hills entered the British India which was

then published at the gazette on the 16th March, 1895. Back then, the Assam Government (the British Government) had no authority outside its land and there was no consent from the Mizo Chiefs which affects us today. So, I am asking our hon'ble Home Minister if there is a way to clarify the problem using all these documents written by the scholars and with the help of our expert lawyers.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mizoram has certain boundaries with different states such as Assam with 123 kms, Tripura with 66 kms, Manipur with 95 kms, Myanmar with 404 kms and Bangladesh with 130,318 kms. We haven't had much difficulty with these states unlike Assam. Mizoram was signed under North-East India on 16.09.1859. Then, under the British India forest Department, Inner line forest reserve area was looked after by the Cachar forest division corresponding the inner line Notification No.2299 dated 28, 1875 and appendix to Assam Forest Manual 189. At first, inner line forest reserved area was 509sq.km but this has now been completely occupied for home settlements. The reserved has been in the hands of the Cachar forest division for years and the Mizoram Government has no intension to demolish it. With the help of Pu Bawlliana and others who were aware of the situation, we asked the Assam government to voice out the issues with us and they agree to it. We did our best regarding this situation.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.60 I shared by Pu Lalruatkima and Er. Lalrinawma, and, Pu Ruatkima to ask.

PU LALRUATKIMA : My Question is for the Hon'ble Tourism Minister: -

- a) Is there a plan to privatize some of our Tourist Lodges?
- b) If so, which Tourist Lodges?
- c) When will it be privatized?
- d) What is the reason?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister to answer the Question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: My answers to Starred Question No.60 shared by our hon'ble members Pu Lalruatkima and Er. Lalrinawma are:-

- a) There is a proposal to privatize 15 Tourist Lodges as tender has been set out for this.
- b)
 1. Tourist Home, Luangmual
 2. Highway Restaurant, Chhiahtlang
 3. Tourist Lodge, Buhchang
 4. Tourist Lodge, Sakawrdai
 5. Tourist Lodge, Bairabi
 6. Tourist Lodge, Saipum
 7. Traveller's Inn, Vairengte
 8. Highway Restaurant, Thingdawl

9. Tourist Lodge, Tawipui 'S'
 10. Tourist Lodge, Pangzawl
 11. Tourist Resort, Hmuifang
 12. Tourist Lodge, Paithar
 13. Tourist Lodge, Changsil
 14. Tourist Lodge, Darlawn
 15. Tourist Lodge, Khanpui
- c) It is planned to be settled within 10 years.
- d) It is mainly due to shortage of fund to create the post of caretakers and the Department, on the other hand, has no fund for the maintenance. Apart from the opinion that the department benefitting some from the assigned persons, it will provide means of support and living to some people as well.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Supplementary Question, Mr. Speaker. There is one Tourist Lodge on the way to Sailam and its roadsides are covered with thick weeds. Is this lodge included for privatization? If so, it may be taken for granted but I hope the individuals will have accurate agreements to evade further problem.

SPEAKER : The Minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it has not been added to the lists for privatized at the moment. Anyway, different places will be set to be privatized. Now, this has been done for Phase-I and we will act carefully regarding the agreements.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My question to the Minister is: - There is a calm and comfortable site of Tourist Lodge at Chalfilh Tlang, Vanzau which was constructed during the previous ministry. It is mentioned that concerned minister and the department has a great plan in regard to this lodge. May I know what the plan is?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, the Government under the previous ministry of MNF constructed some buildings in the area but it becomes to no purpose. But still, there is a sanction for phase-II from the Central Government. Since there is no power supply, arrangement has been made to draw power and water supply as well. We are also planning to set up trekking routes from Chalfilh Tlang passing through Tualbung and then Tamdil with resting places in between. As contract work is floated, we received number of applicants for the tender as allotment of work is in the process.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, My Supplementary Question is: - It seems that our State Tourism Department gives a lot of attention on tourist lodges. So, what is the main principle policy to attract tourists? There was ₹400 lakhs allocated for setting up the Palak destination. For what purpose the funds were utilized?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Mr Speaker, Sir, plan has been made to privatize some lodges as we have more than enough. Plan has also been made to set up trekking routes including Palak Dil.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.61 to be asked by Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My Questions to hon'ble Minister for UD & PA: -

- a) Since when Mizoram is not having a regular State Election Commissioner?
- b) Why has the appointment not been made in this regard?
- c) When will a regular appointment for the said Commissioner be made?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister for Urban Development.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: The answer to Starred Question No. 61 is: -

- a) We have a regular State Election Commissioner at present.
- b) The Chief Secretary took the charge when there was no State Election Commissioner.
- c) Appointment has already been issued on the 31st October, 2014.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, let me add that appointment had not been made when my question was submitted and so it is not relevant anymore. But it is a regretted as it was unsettled for so long. Thanks to the concerned minister for a clear answer.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 62 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. This is for our Health Minister: - Do we still continue to employ those 3F Medical Officers who were appointed by the Government?

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: 27 out of 35 Medical officers were still under employed.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, your constituency Tuipang has 3 PHC with no doctors except those of 3F. If we look around the whole country, I think it is the only

constituency of the hon'ble Speaker where no doctor is available. After recruiting 86 Medical Officers, why not we appointed those on the panel lists without interviews?

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. Sub-District Hospital was constructed at Hnahthial with Phase-I being completed. When will Phase-II be started?

PU LALTHANZARA, MINISTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. My answer is: -
3 out of 4 PHC in Saiha District were given Doctors, namely: -

1. Dr. Roy Lalliantluanga, PHC, Phura
2. Dr. Lalnuntluanga Ralte, PHC, Tuipang
3. Dr. Joseph Dena, PHC, Chhuarlung

All of them are of temporary employees and are now preparing for their exams for permanent jobs whereas the Government does not officially know that they are not at their respective posting places. Regarding panel list, it is now ceased to function due to charges lodged against the 3F Doctors.

For now, I cannot say about the continuation of the construction of Sub-District Hospital but we will look into it and then give notice to the hon'ble member.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : As we all know, Saiha is the highest priority area in IMR as there were 108 IMR deaths between April – September. So, being the highest priority, I request the hon'ble Minister to think about the situation as soon as possible.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir. This happened not only at Saiha but Suangpuilawn as well. My question to our Minister is:- In reference to the 3F Doctors, Phuaibuang doctor took PG courses and went away, so Phullen doctor took a dual charge and visited Phuaibuang only once a week. I am asking to fill up the remaining days. Apart from this, our previous Government had constructed a great building which is not yet inaugurated. Could you provide us with doctors when inaugurated?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is learned that 38 vehicles were bought for IMR and allotted at different PHC. I ask if the vehicle could also be allotted under the Speaker's Constituency.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Dr. Beichhua is truly concerned for IMR in the southern region and the department will also make an effort towards the said area. MPSC has now recruited 10 specialist doctors and will be recruiting 37 more. With the help of this, we will make an effort to reduce the IMR death rate. The answer to Pu Ruatkima is that we also attempt to provide vehicles for Saiha and the extreme corner areas will be given preferences. The answer to Pu Ngurdingliana is that we are recruiting more Medical Officers and then we will try to fill them in at empty places including the place you had mentioned.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.63 from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. Is there any plan to renovate Sairang Police Station?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the renovation has been started.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Sairang quarter is now becoming old and there are not enough Police with only 12 Constables, 2 Sub-Inspectors and 3 Head Constables. So I ask if you could provide us with at least 20 Constables and a motor-cycle. It might be irrelevant but the Home Guards at Central Jail Barracks with fewer salaries paid for their own electricity Bill. So, is there a way to solve the problem?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Mr. Speaker, there is a tender to construct a police quarter and why are 4 which are among in the act of tenders constructed in advanced and who are the contractors?

SPEAKER : Pu Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir. As we all know, our constituency is a demand area and is very sensitive. I believed that there is a proposal to build IR Barrack at Khawlian and Suangpuilawn. I am asking what steps has been taken so far in this regard.

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is a fact that we have a proposal to put more Polices at Sairang Station. But there are 19 of them right now with 1 Sub Inspector, 2 Asst. Sub Inspectors, 3 Head Constables and 13 Constables. There are around 1,500 posts to be filled up at Police Home Department. If we consider this, we are already 900 short on constables where the posts are available but which cannot be filled up. Since the previous Government recruited 2 IR Battalions without considering the financial involved, we spend around 38 crore every month. As this is the situation, we cannot recruit nor give more posts.

Regarding providing the bikes, we will continue to do so. Since the aforementioned place is a city where accidents often occurred and it is also important that they can cover the Airport areas. We are providing it according to the needs. And regarding the Central Jail, if such Home Guards paid for their electricity bill, it is a rule, we will have to enquire.

It is a fact that 4 advances are given without tender at Chikha in the case of emergency as kidnappings here happened twice. Forest Department asked us to build it temporarily but we refused to do so as we want it to be a safe and settled place for our police. But without tender, we have to face the audit as required by the law. That is why we built them as planned and add it to the tender.

SPEAKER : Question hour is now over. Our hon'ble member Pu S. Laldingliana, Vice Chairman, Lunglei High Power Committee has applied leave of absence to undergo his treatment at Mumbai and we accept his request; we wish him the best as well.

Now, we will move on to another Business. I, now request the hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga to proceed with Laying of Papers for "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2014".

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay "The Mizoram Municipalities (Procedure and Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2014" on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copies be distributed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now proceed to Financial Business. General discussion on the Budget for the year 2014-2015 was laid on 11.11.2014 (Tuesday). Is it acceptable for every member to have 15 minutes for this General Discussion? Is anyone willing to start?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : There is a lot to discuss regarding our Budget and I will try to cover as much as I can in that 15 minutes. The Budget was discussed at Assembly since 1976 i.e., 42 years ago. It has been 27 years that we became a state and during these years the budget process has always been more or less the same. So I want to discuss about making a change in that matter.

It seems that we often agree to the Budgets laid out by the high ranking Officers without much discussion. During my 2 terms Ministry, there is no moment, not even once to have a discussion regarding the budget with the ministers and it remain the same for the past 42 years. It would be reasonable if our 12 Ministers carefully allocate the budgets according to their Departments needs because using the same process over and over again can be troublesome even for our Finance Minister. The suggestion I would like to make is that if we start making a change regarding this budget process, the change might even help us in reaching greater Budgets.

Our officials are proceeding with the Budget like a chorus and the financial provisions for our Plan Fund Budget every year looks like it had been distributed away. It is true that it should be, but, there are some members who looked after 3-4-5 departments which concerns the people.

In order to make our state better, it would be great if we deposit more money on Agriculture, Education for example. I was wondering if we could make a change in our budget.

Mr. Speaker, there is 7951.06 crore for Consolidated fund in our Budget, 5,766.42 crore for the management of the Government, 1,184.65 crore for improvement of capital expenditure which can be seen at the hon'ble Finance Minister's speech and 6951.06 crore for cross budget. If we deducted all those stock suspense, then it became 6770 crore and 79 lakhs. For example, if the money to be used is ₹7 then ₹6 is for expenses; then there is hardly ₹2 for improvement. Our Budget was hardly 1,000 crore in 1998 when the MNF Ministry ended; then it increased by 2,140 crore for the past 6 years. Even though our Plan Fund has increased by 356.66, the money for improvement is not so much.

184.65 crore in our budget is not enough even though it will be difficult to make a plan for its utilization. It is also important to give a thought in our Budget to produce better income for most of the people. The thing that we need the most in our current situation is to use money wisely and to earn more money. In order to be more function and to earn more money, we need the people's agreement. I want to address our Finance Minister to move and take a step forward wisely. We spend 22 crore every month on rice for the poor and altogether we spend 264 crore in one year on rice and sugar. Then, 156 crore is for subsidy which is distributed to the people. Here, the central Government cannot subsidize all to the poor but only on 52,210 qtls every month and the rest 80,000 qtls at a retail price which often cause complication. Anyway, if we look at our Budget, there is only 224 crore in the budget provision of Food & Civil Supply and this has always been our problem. So, Mr. Speaker, I am asking our leaders to give a new thought concerning Food & Civil supply.

Apart from this, the Government provides us with plenty of subsidies regarding supply of water and power as well. We can see in the speech that apart from the government's expenses, our expenses is not much. It is also mentioned that the Mizoram Government gives more than 300 crore like a subsidy every month. So it is important to teach ourselves more regarding the water bills, electric bills etc.

And one more thing, we can see in the Minister's speech regarding electric powers generation. I find the expenses a little too much as numbers of small lake are listed to generate only 2/3/4/5 mega watts. So, I was wondering if we give more thoughts on 1 or more huge projects which we can concentrate on because if we take up various small lakes, years will pass by and we would not be able to complete them. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Being a first timer in the House, I beg your understanding prior to my speech if I made a mistake. I found the Budget presentation of our Finance Minister to be quite good and I express my opinion in this regard.

Firstly, in the Explanatory Memorandum of Budget, we have seen that CSS are also included in the Plan Budget as so NLUP. If we subtract the total earmarked scheme which is ₹2,694.17 crore from ₹3,140 crore, only ₹445.83 crore remain in the Plan Budget. If the CSS and NLUP had not been included, it would be very less. It means that there will not be much improvement during this financial year as plan budget alone. A huge expenditure goes for purchase of rice, water and power supply. I appreciate that our Finance Minister frankly spoke about the subject.

I also would like to talk about NLUP. The Government gives great importance towards NLUP as ₹317.32 has been allotted for the program. What has been left for unemployed and the needy? Do we give importance towards Health and Education? Do the poverty stricken people benefitted from it? I opined that we have to evaluate the progress through NLUP by now as we have already distributed to 12,000 families. Do we make real development through NLUP? Does NLUP lift our economy? We need to have in depth study of the scheme rather than generalizing as a whole. We are now reaching 15,000 families; we need to have fair and un-bias knowledge about its success. This will also help us in proper financial management.

It seems that our Finance Minister is very sincere about the budget. I hope that he would devise a way more judicious financial expenditure. Those are the main point I would like to highlight. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You managed your time very well. Let us now call upon Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir. I am glad that we can have a full Budget today. We can know from or Finance Minister that our plan size is ₹3,140 crore. Looking at our plan size, I think it is a pity for our Finance Minister. We have already had RKVY, BRGF, AIBP, JNNURM in CSS flagship programme, the total of which is ₹318.97 crore. If we subtract all the CSS flagship programmes from the total ₹1031,96 crore, it becomes ₹712.99 crore. If we again subtract that amount from that ₹3,140 crore, our actual plan size is ₹2427.01 towards the previous plan size ₹2,500 crore, if I am not mistaken. This means that our plan size is smaller than before. It seems that we are not sincere enough regarding financial matters and it is very much objectionable.

For instance, looking at our Revenue Deficit, in page 1 of the Annual Financial Statement, ₹381.8097 crore surplus has been expected in 2013-2014 Budget estimate but in the Revised Estimate, ₹616.0643 crore deficit has been made. I think that this is really a financial shortcoming. Making this much estimate in a single year requires improvement at the part of our financial experts.

Also in our Fiscal Deficit, the expected Fiscal Deficit during 2013-2014 is ₹73.6483 crore but in reality, it became ₹1612.4234 crore. In 2014-2015 estimated deficit is ₹586.6720 crore, however if we are going to operate as the previous year which is 22 times more than the

estimated amount, it may become ₹1284.3 crore. I would also like to talk about Electricity. The Government had spent ₹183.14 crore during 2013-2014 and income from the electricity is ₹109 crore. I think this could be a mistake. Revised Estimate and what is written here is not the same amount. Regarding P&E Department, Budget Estimate for 2012- 2013 is ₹119.11 crore and income is ₹111.2078 crore; but in 2013-2014, our revenue collection is ₹53 crore which is less than estimated. We need to look upon this fact.

What I am glad that the Capital Expenditure is mostly meant for development works. In 2010-2011, it is 15.76%, in 2011-2012 it is 13.86%, and in 2012-2013, it decreases to 11%. However, it increases in 2013-2014 to 20.90%. In 2015-2016 it is expected to be 11.025%. It is desirable if it keep on increasing. However, fiscal deficit is not favorable if calculated from GSDP. In 2011-2012, it is 3.4% which is nearly as recommended by 13th Finance Commission. But in 2012-2013, it becomes 7.21 and in 2013-2014, it rises to 18.5%.

We all are aware of our poor financial condition. We need to consider about our expenditure. It will be a good if we could reduce our traveling expenses and also room entitlement of officials as well as office expenses be regulated. It is stated that ₹156 crore has been given allotted for purchase of rice, nothing much to commend on it for rice is the staple food in Mizoram.

I also want to talk about dams. We are undertaking numbers of project of dam. Meanwhile, page 12 of the budget speech stated that natural gas has been found at Meidum. If so, I think that it will be better if we turn towards Thermal Power plant. I have seen it in Rokhia in Agartala; it requires lesser land and cause less damage to forests. So, if gas has been discovered, it is better to undertake thermal power plant. In connection to that, I request that the catchment area of Serlui B Hydel Project be attended properly. It is inappropriate to undertake cultivations in the catchment areas as is currently practiced. Thank you.

(Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana at the Speaker's chair)

CHAIRMAN : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I do not quite understand since I am a first timer and I am still learning. It seems that our Government is quite unfortunate for we are facing financial problems since the Central Government has stopped the Planning Commission and we have no one to turn to. We find it in our Finance Minister's speech that we are facing a lot of problems financially. There is one point that I am not familiar with i.e. page 2 of No. 6 which indicates Power & Electricity contributes 74.14 crore in a year. But the English states that "for every unit approximatelyconsumed and the monthly expenditure on subsidy portion is approximately ₹ 6.19 crore." It means that the State Govt. loss approximately ₹74.12 crores every year for power subsidy. It is pointed out that the contribution and loss but I do not clearly understand. I hope our Minister explained this later.

It is further stated that about ₹156 crore is lost every year for purchase of rice and 60 crore for water. If so, the total amount of loss would be quite high. We purchase rice from the central and sold the supply in our state at cheaper rate. Thus, our expenditure is quite high and the same goes to the power supply. We should determine more resources in order to obtain more taxes. So, in order to improve the economy of our state, we have to have more sources of tax and our budget will then increase as well.

We have large numbers of Gov't Servants in our state such as Group A - 4091, Group B (Gazetted) - 1709, Group B (non-Gazetted) -12348, Group C -18283, Group D - 8126 and around 626 Nos. of work charge employees. I wonder if professional tax collected from certain groups of employees is excessively high. If I am not mistaken, we charged ₹2,500 regardless of employees Group. It would be better if we collect taxes according to the status of the employee. And again, whether it is Transport, Taxation, Police or Trade & Commerce, I suggest we have a proper plan for collecting revenues at Vairengte Check Gate. As mentioned before, taxes are not yet collected at Zokhawthar and it would be much appreciated if it is done immediately. Our budget is expected to be increased by 90% if we collect more taxes from the people and that interest will be benefitted by all.

CHAIRMAN : Before we proceed, I think it is wise for us to make the best use of our time than discussing the needs of a particular constituency. You may now proceed with your speech, Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Chairman, this Budget presentation is highly appreciated for it is prepared both in English and Mizo version. It also clearly indicates the Annual financial Statement with the help of graphs such as pie chart and bar graph which will certainly help the members to easily understand the statement.

I first of all would like to mention that in the Budget Estimate of 2014-2015, the revenue receipt shown under the total receipt clearly indicates the amount of tax collected by the state government such as from the tax revenue and non-tax revenue where as the rest is shared by the central and state government.

The Hon'ble Minister, through this budget statement, indicates the needs of the state government to put more efforts so that tax revenue as well as non-tax revenue is increased which should be carefully determined by the members. The Fiscal Policy Strategy clearly indicates the Report of the 13th Finance Commission and its objectives. We have further seen in the Annual Financial Statement and the framework of Macro-economic Statement where as medium of the term of Fiscal Policy Statement is clearly underlines.

To understand more clearly as to how other states manages themselves with contribution of tax and why it should be treated as our essential duty, I would like to explain that in other states, every citizen below 60 years of age with annual income of not less than ₹2,50,000/- generally contributes 10% of the annual income; 1%+2% totally 3% for development of

education and higher education. Thus, in other states, annual tax contributed by such citizens becomes ₹32,500/-.

In the same manner, factories and manufacturing units have made their contribution with the average amount of 30% of the annual income. However, with a view to upgrade the economic status of the country, 18.5% of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) has also been charged in addition to their main contribution which is believed to have its result with increase of GSDP of the country. As such, this financial statement further indicates that our government too has determines as well how to increase the GSDP of our state with the hope to stabilize our fiscal position.

On the other hand, Pu Chairman, our government has many areas in which large amount of loss is incurred such as supply of rice and electricity in which ₹156 crore and ₹74 crore respectively is lost every year as the same goes with supply of water. As such, it is important for each citizen to necessitate tax so as to receive a regular supply of the said items and at the same time to improve the economic status of the government.

Besides, we have seen in the budget, regarding the Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Teachers which I opine as much appreciative. We have implemented Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in the previous year and now, much appreciated Special VRS which will obviously entail quality education as there are many unqualified being employed as teachers which hampers the progress of education in our state and the objective of Human Resource Development. Yet, it is just the beginning as we still have a long way to go.

Coming now to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Pu Speaker, Maharashtra state ranks the highest by contributing 15% whereas in the North-east region, Mizoram ranks among the lowest states by making contribution of only 0.07%. Thus, it is important to all the people of Mizoram to put more efforts in this regard as it is our responsibility to upgrade our economic status in the country. As of Manipur, the deficit from GSDP is quite high with a margin of 8.24% as the recommendation of the 13th Finance Commission in respect of Manipur, therefore, is much higher than Mizoram. Thus, it is important to all of us to understand that we are not able to afford as yet to go in-tune with the 13th Finance Commission.

In regard to NLUP, ₹317.32 crore is allocated. Barely 3 years passes since the implementation and I opine it is too early to speak ill of the policy or concerned ministry as larger portion of the projects could not be achieved within just 2 or three years. As such, assessment could not be made as yet in regard to NLUP. In the meantime, I would like to stress the need for the general people not to look down any locally produced item such as passion fruits juice and orange juice as we have a proof on our tour to other states under MIFCO and COPU that ours have more flavors than that of imported ones. At the same time, the problem with us is the need for the manufacturers to find its own marketing for the products whereas it is a common practice in other states to hand over the charge of marketing of such products to a particular

agency. In fact, it is necessary for us to improve our system so that we may be able to obtain ISO certificate to any locally processed item.

Regarding Healthcare Scheme, Pu Dy. Speaker, intensive step has been taken under RSBY covering the whole BPL families as there are many who benefited the scheme for improvement of their health. It truly is a blessing especially to those families in rural areas. In the same manner, this scheme is enjoyed also by APL in which no member of the family is employed under the government.

It is grateful to learn that step has been taken for upgradation of Referral Hospital of 150 bedded to 400 bedded. Apart from this, there is a proposal for setting up Medical Hospital with MBBS training for 50 MBSE seats thanks to the concern of this ministry.

Nevertheless, Pu Deputy Speaker, it is truly appreciated as there is a proposal to make intensive effort in regard to improvement of Power Supply in our State. As stated by various members before me, the amount of budget we have been discussing is not satisfactory as not a budget is known which is passed with an ideal amount as even US with Gross Domestic Product of 18 trillion dollars consider the amount as less sufficient. It is obvious from the bar chart shown in the budget statement; we are going to have surplus revenue. But in order to minimize the amount, we need to be careful in maintenance of our revenue expenditure. Our economy is expected to grow to a certain extents with 115 crore of revenue deficit shown in the budget statement whereas it may be noted that deducting the expenditure from our plan fund i.e. 3,140 crore rupees is not the correct calculation of the budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now take a recess and discussion will be continued at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

SPEAKER : Before we continue with our discussion, let me remind the House that having UID is essential to each citizen as so to the members. Any member who has not applied as yet may submit his name to the Office of the hon'ble Deputy Speaker during office hour.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Pu S. Dinga is scheduled to leave tomorrow to Delhi for medical treatment. I would very much like to visit him today as so other members. So, may we put of our discussion for tomorrow as it is obvious that not much members remains to participate in the discussion?

SPEAKER : I am afraid every member is willing to participate in the discussion tomorrow. We may continue with the discussion as members who are willing to visit Pu S. Dinga may do so after this session. Pu Zoram Sangliana, if he has something to say.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I think it is appropriate to take the opinion of the House in regard to the suggestion of Pu K. Sangthuama as it is believed that only few members are left to speak.

SPEAKER : If so, what is the opinion of the concerned minister, Pu Lalsawta?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I opine it is not a parliamentary practice to have a discussion only by the Ruling members. So, if we have to permit leave of absent to some members, I would also like to visit the ailing member as well but it is up to you, Sir.

SPEAKER : If so, we may conclude today's session but we should continue with the discussion tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. with limited members to participate in it.

(Sitting is adjourned.)