

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

2. **Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA**, to present to the House the Third Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation relating to :-
  - i) **The Mizoram Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 2003**, under Art & Culture Department,
  - ii) **The Mizoram State Sports Council Rules, 2005**, under Sports & Youth Services Department  
and
  - iii) **The Mizoram Forest (Establishment & Regulation of Saw Mills and Other Wood based Industries) rules, 2010**, under Environment & Forests Department

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

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

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;  
Colossians 3:12

The hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima may ask Starred Question No.75.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned Minister of Labour, Employment & Industrial Training Department: –

- a) By whose name is the account open for Cess Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board?
- b) In which Bank or Financial Institution such funds for Cess are deposited?
- c) How many accounts are opened for this purpose?
- d) What is the condition to receive the assistance from Cess?
- e) How many have received assistance from Cess? How much had been spent from Cess fund?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte may answer the question.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member question is: -

- a) An account is opened in name of the Secretary for Cess Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board and it is jointly operated by the Director of LE & IT.
- b) Funds from Cess are deposited in the following Banks: –
  - i) State Bank of India, Main Branch, Aizawl.
  - ii) Apex Bank, Dawrpui Branch, Aizawl.
  - iii) Mizoram Rural Bank, Aizawl, Zarkawt Branch.
  - iv) HDFC, Dawrpui, Aizawl.
  - v) Central Bank of India, Aizawl Branch, Chanmari.
- c) There are five accounts opened for Cess.
- d) Registered names under Building & Other Construction Workers enlisted as well as those who are covered by the Welfare Scheme could receive assistance from Cess.
- e) There are 17,092 Nos. of beneficiaries who have received assistance from Cess and an amount of ₹16,28,39,438/- had been spent till 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- 1) Has the authorizing signatory of Cess account been changed since the change of Directors?
- 2) As per the General Financial Rules, Bank Account of Cess should be opened only in a

scheduled Bank. If so, is HDFC a scheduled Bank?

3) Is it permissible to hire a co-terminus employee under SPIO at all time?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

**PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the authorizing signatory of the account had been changed from the previous Director to the new Director. Since HDFC is not a nationalized Bank, we are in the process of transferring our deposits to a Nationalized Bank as informed by the Board. Regarding hiring of co-terminus employee, we do not have Service Rules at the moment but the Supreme Court established a Welfare Board and to put in force, employees were hired as Muster Rolls, Contractual basis and as Co-Terminus.

**SPEAKER** : I think the answer is clear enough.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, in the Welfare Board the Principal Secretary of Labour & Employment from Administrative Department. The Director is the Member Secretary and they are the only members who hold a regular post. As the Director is also busy with his concern directorate, the Welfare Board has to take initiatives as we did now. The Advisory Committee had been established recently and they will perform the observation work and the Board will perform their duties under their vigilance. The new Board has had a meeting twice and we will enquire about the points mentioned and we will take necessary steps in this regard.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to question No.76, Pu Vanlalzawma may now state his questions.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concern Minister of Finance: -

- a) Which Department funds are deposited under K. Deposit?
- b) How much is deposited under K. Deposit? When was it deposited?
- c) How can such amount of different Department funds are under K. Deposit?

**SPEAKER** : The concern Minister Pu Sawta may answer the question.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** The answers to the hon'ble Minister Pu Vanlalzawma's questions are –

- a) The following are the names of Departments where funds are placed under K-Deposit -
  - 1) Sports & Youth Services
  - 2) Printing & Stationery
  - 3) ICT
  - 4) AH & Vety.
  - 5) UD & PA
  - 6) Economics & Statistics

- 7) PHQ - Police Headquarters
- 8) Industries
- 9) Sericulture
- 10) Agriculture (R&E)
- 11) GAD
- 12) Horticulture
- 13) Agriculture (CH)
- 14) DM&R
- 15) Rural Development
- 16) Art & Culture
- 17) Social Welfare
- 18) School Education
- 19) H&ME
- 20) Health Services
- 21) P&E
- 22) LADC
- 23) PWD

b) The amount placed under K-Deposits are :-

- 1) Sports & Youth Services 1087.69 lakhs
  - 2) Printing & Stationery 240.10 lakhs
  - 3) ICT 97.35 lakhs
  - 4) AH&Vety 8630.70 lakhs
  - 5) UD&PA 2969.82 lakhs
  - 6) Economics & Statistics 50.00 lakhs
  - 7) PHQ 414.98 lakhs
  - 8) Industries 5016.01 lakhs
  - 9) Sericulture 574.00 lakhs
  - 10) Agriculture (R&E) 50.00 lakhs
  - 11) SAD 127.00 lakhs
  - 12) Horticulture 9739.36 lakhs
  - 13) Agriculture (CH) 10650.67 lakhs
  - 14) DM&R 170.00 lakhs
  - 15) Rural Development 2695.53 lakhs
  - 16) Art & Culture 80.00 lakhs
  - 17) Social Welfare 2932.53 lakhs
  - 18) School Education 55.82 lakhs
  - 19) H&ME 33.21 lakhs
  - 20) Health Services 2179.90 lakhs
  - 21) P&E 4222.12 lakhs
  - 22) LADC 752.51 lakhs
  - 23) PWD 754.66 lakhs
- TOTAL 53523.96 lakhs**

- c) Funds under K-Deposits are funds which had been released from the consolidated fund of the State. Since it is against the rules of GFR to have a large amount of cash in hand by the departments, the cash balances of different departments are deposited and these funds are the balance of sanctions of many on- going projects and other necessary works.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary questions.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –  
When will the K - Deposite amount be withdrawn from the bank? Will funds be needed to be deposited again in the New Year? Are there any initiative taken to prevent this?

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T ZOTHANSANGA may state his supplementary questions.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My supplementary questions are as follows -

- i) Does the former ministry, i.e the MNF Ministry put funds under K-deposit?
- ii) Does other States put funds under K-Deposit?
- iii) Is it possible to withdraw K-deposit directly without going through Finance Department?
- iv) Is it possible to withdraw K-Deposit under false report of project work?
- v) When was the year we start depositing funds under K-Deposit?
- vi) Is there a year in which no deposit of fund was made?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Finance Minister said there are many unfinished schemes, what is the reason for their incomplete work?

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, many of us do not understand what K-Deposit is. The government had established a committee to study this and has the report been submitted? Can their findings be reported in the House?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions is:

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- i) Deposits and withdrawals are made very frequently which means transactions are made all the time.
- ii) I believe it will be the same from now on since there are circumstances which cannot be controlled by us like the elections. We have not even received the reimbursement

of the elections conducted in the month of April which amounts to more than ₹ 2000/- lakhs. Apart from these there are instances where a department needs to give salaries to the employees and do not have any funds available. So, we have to provide them from the K-Deposit. So, we have been utilizing this for a very good cause.

- iii) As to the question by Pu T.T Zothansanga, funds have been placed under K-Deposit since 1986. Other States have also place funds under K-Deposit and their amounts are much higher than our State. But we are trying our best to decrease the amount deposited. Regarding the withdrawal of funds, we safeguard it with the system and so far there has not been any withdrawal.
- iv) Regarding the question by the hon'ble member Pu Lalruatkima, K, does not have much meaning, but 'I' means small savings 'J' means reserve and 'K' means deposit and it goes on till the alphabet 'N.' Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister does not provide an answer to my question as to why many projects or schemes are unfinished.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister does not give an answer to my question regarding the report of the study committee on K-Deposit?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalsawta, the hon'ble Minister.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding the question by Dr.K Beichhua, it is very difficult to control it from Finance. The processes are very long and though our engineers and other government employees tried their best, there are instances where they do not have enough time and also late arrival of sanctions. Anyway we are trying our best to increase the tempo of work under the leadership of the hon'ble House Leader.

The Committee have completed their studies and before officially submitting the report they want to make some recommendations and after the session, reports will be submitted and it may be made in to a intra – departmental or a public documents.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to question No.77. Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My questions are for the concern Minister of District Council Affairs Department –

- a) Who are the nominated members of Chakma Autonomous District Council?
- b) What is their address?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the nominated members of Chakma District Council are: –

- i) Pu Dhaknomi Tongchangya S/o Bilo Kumar Tongchangya.
- ii) Pu Lalsangliana S/o Sanghleiala.
- iii) Pi Sneha Maya W/o Sadhu Dhan
- iv) Pi Niharmala CHakma D/o Lokkhi Chandra Chakma ( L)

Shri Dhaknomi Tongchangya resides in Vaseitlang – I, Pu Lalsangliana is a resident of Parva – III, Pi Sneha Maya in Borapansury and Smt Niharmala Chakma in Kamalanagar – III.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, in the Electoral Roll Pu Lalsangliana S/o Pu Sanghleiala from Parva – III is registered as Lalchangliana. Can this be corrected?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker these nominated members are recommended by the Chakma Autonomous District Council CEM and is approved by his Excellency, the Governor. If there is a mistake in the registered name in the electoral roll I believe it will not be difficult to make a correction.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to question No. 78. Er. Lalrinmawma may state his questions.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concern Minister of Horticulture Department -

How many are the beneficiaries of passion fruit cultivators who are selected under RKVY/NLUP?

**SPEAKER** : The concern Minister PU P.C. Lalthanliana may answer the question.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member question is: –

- i) Under RKVY there are 30 Nos. of beneficiaries.
- ii) Under NLUP there are 29 Nos. of beneficiaries.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, the funds for these purpose was distributed earlier but only a very few beneficiaries could receive their first distribution and the rest were withheld. They could only continue their distributions after almost one year later. How was the fund for this purpose utilized?

**SPEAKER** : The concern Minister may answer the question.

**PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I believe the mentioned scheme was from Captive Plantation. Beneficiaries from RKVY have all received their funds and projects under NLUP Phase – II is still in progress and we have also distributed Phase – II in Tuikum Cluster and we will continue our distribution at the end of this month. As to the condition mentioned by the hon'ble member I believe it is under the authorization of MIFCO and at the moment I am unable to provide answers in this issue and I request the understanding of the hon'ble member.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to question No.79. Dr K. Beichhua may state his question.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concerned Minister of District Council Affairs Department: -

- a) Has the report of Inquiry Commission of Mizoram Autonomous District Council been submitted?
- b) If so, has the Mizoram Government submitted a recommendation to the Central Government?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, a Standing Inquiry Commission was established and report had been submitted. Since the Central Government may establish a 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule, we are not confident they will give importance to this Standing Inquiry Report, so, we do not submit the report to the Central Government.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, as we are all aware that the Central Government gave a notice to the Mizoram Government to establish a Task Force and the state government establish a Standing Inquiry Commission in 2009 and a report was submitted in the year 2012. The State is suppose to give a recommendation and why should not the Central government gives importance to the recommendation?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may answer the question.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the State Congress Ministry is the only Ministry who enhanced the power of the three District Councils and till now it is the same. The three councils at present made a delegation and they have discussed matters directly with the Central Government. So, we do not think it is necessary to get involved during this process. Besides we do not think it is mandatory to give the report since we already know that



the Central Government is taking initiatives to amend the 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule. So, we are waiting for the results of the meeting of the Councils and the Central Government.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is for the concern Minister of Sports and Youth Services Department: – When will the construction of Zobawk (Lunglei) Mini Sport Complex be completed?

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member questions is – The construction of Zobawk State Sport Academy is estimated to be completed on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2015.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. My supplementary question is: – How much funds for this purpose had been given to the contractor and what is the percentage of its physical and financial achievement?

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is: – When can the construction of Sakawrdai Mini Complex be started?

**PU T.T ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, we have an ongoing construction work of Sports Stadium at Zotlang, how much is allocated for this construction and who is the contractor and the executive agency? What is the estimated time for its completion and what discipline will be accommodated in the stadium?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the questions.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. As to the question of Er.Lalrinawma, the physical status is about 35 % and an amount of ₹360.60 lakhs had been given. Regarding Pu Pianmawia's question, DPR had been submitted to DoNER, we also have a routine and sanction had been moved.

As to the question of Pu T.T Zothansanga, the amount sanctioned for the construction of Champhai Sports Stadium is ₹ 220238.69 lakhs and the contractor is MBCC and funding is 100 % provided by the Central Government and the estimated date of completion is 14.9.2015 the working season will also determine the date of its completion. The stadium will accommodate a football ground, 8 lanes 400 meters synthetic athletic international standard and there will be a Boxing Hall and 35 % has been completed.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, is the Sports complex at Saiha under the initiatives taken by the hon'ble Minister?

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have surveyed the site to construct a stadium but there was no available landsite at the moment but through the Sports Council we took an initiatives and made a sanction and excavate SSB land and the from this

initiatives the SSB had also cancelled the land pass. Pu Speaker, I want to say that if there is a vacant land to establish sports complex in order to promote our youths, we are always open to take initiatives. Thank You.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I think answers have not been provided for the percentage of financial achievements.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, an amount of ₹360.96 lakhs had been utilized and the physical percentage is 35 %

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble minister tell us the amount, I will be able to calculate the percentage because we want to know if the physical and financial achievement is in proportion.

**SPEAKER** : I think it is not relevant anymore.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, it was my supplementary question and if answers could be provided I am sure my fellow members could also have a peace of mind in this regard.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker an amount of ₹1751.24 lakhs had been sanctioned and for Zobawk an amount of ₹17.5 crores was sanctioned though a DPR of ₹34 crores was made. But only an amount of ₹17.51 was sanctioned from DoNER. These sanction was made in different parts and in the former ministry many problems was faced regarding construction of Sports complex and the Central Government find them unfit to continue their sanction after taking a survey on their work but in order to avoid this, the hon'ble House Leader took initiatives to pursue this on -going project and an amount of ₹12 crores had been sanctioned again. The PWD made a working estimate from the sanction and Tender notice was made and work orders are given. Thank you Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to question No. 81, Pu Lalruatkima may state his questions.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are for the concerned Minister of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department: –

- a) How much is the estimate for purchasing piglets under RKVY/NLUP?
- b) How many piglets were distributed for this purpose? How much are the number of beneficiaries?
- c) What is the breed of the piglets and who are the suppliers and where do they get these piglets from?
- d) What is the cost of one piglet?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer to the hon'ble member questions are :-

- a) An amount of ₹130 lakhs was utilized for purchasing piglets under RKVY. The following are the amount utilized for piglets under NLUP- 1<sup>st</sup> Phase- ₹1272,20,000/, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase - ₹2522,16,000/-, and the total amounts to ₹3794,36,000/-.
- b) 2000 number of piglets were distributed under RKVY and there were 1000 nos beneficiaries. The numbers of beneficiaries along with the number of piglets distributed under NLUP were – No of piglets – 98,688 and the no of beneficiaries are – 12,336 families.
- c) The breed of the piglets under RKVY was Hampshire Crossbreed and Yorkshire Crossed breed. The piglets were imported from Assam, Tripura and Local breeders. 1125 nos were taken from pigfed and 875 numbers of piglets were extracted by them. Some NLUP piglets were bought from the local market and there were no suppliers.
- d) The cost of 1 piglet under RKVY is ₹6500/- which includes the cost of transportation. Under Phase – I the rate of 1 piglet under NLUP was - ₹3000/- and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase the rate of the additional ones were ₹3000/- and the rest cost ₹5000/ - per piglet. During the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase intervals was very long due to swine flu and we gave a report to the NLUP Implementing Board and they also upgrade the rate for us.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Does PRRS flu still prevails? There was a notice that piglets from Myanmar should not be imported but are distributed under NLUP and RKVY scheme and there seems to be discrimination regarding the beneficiaries on the basis of political party members. But the concern MLA of Chhiahtlang mentioned before that there was no discrimination on the beneficiaries on the basis of political party members. So, does this means that Vety Department have discrimination on the beneficiaries?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

**PU R.L PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, some piglets distributed under, my constituency needs to be exchanged if possible because some are given both male piglets and this will make it impossible for reproduction. Many who have chosen pig farming under NLUP now have many piglets through their reproduction and the doctors have also checked these piglets and they are in very good health. Is there a possibility of distributing this kind of breed in the next phase of NLUP?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, as mentioned by my fellow member, is there a possibility of exchanging male piglets with females since it is impossible for reproduction. What steps will be taken if two males are given to a beneficiary?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**PU LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, we are grateful that we receive piglets under RKVY scheme, but the piglets we receive at Kanghmun and five of its nearby villages all died. So, is there a possibility of replacing them? Pu Speaker, I have also domesticated pigs before and the ones we received looks like it comes from Chakma piglets breed and considering the amount utilize per piglets, it money utilized does not seem to be worth it so, I think we should be more careful in choosing the breed of the piglets. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, there are only 6 opposition MLA's, so, can favor be please shown to us regarding the distribution of piglets under our concerned constituency? They have distributed 60 nos in Saiha and I have requested the DVO to provide at least 6 nos but unfortunately I do not receive any.

**SPEAKER** : We have come to the end of our question hour but the hon'ble, minister may answer the questions.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding PRRS, all the imported piglets was tested and they are all free of PRRS. As to showing favour to the opposition party, I also have been in the District Council and there were moments when it was sometimes very disappointing. Anyway regarding receiving the piglets it will depend on our talks and discussions.

On the matter of the deceased piglets, though we want them to multiply, there are circumstances which are beyond our control like the environment factors etc and regarding the exchange of piglets I do not think it is possible since the supply had all been distributed but we will continue with RKVY scheme from next year and we will try to improve our system for the better. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister may have his time.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, when questions cannot be answered due to lack of time, House opinion is asked and most of the time, the House agrees to extend the time for answering the question. But this time the hon'ble Speaker, ends this hour without consulting the House, is this how we will carry on in the future?

**SPEAKER** : We still have other business to discuss and I believe most of the time the question hour is not extended. Anyway, how do you deal with it when I was not here?

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** It was conducted as I mentioned before.

**SPEAKER** : I do not think the question hour is extended in other places. The hon'ble member Pu John Siamkunga may present the report on, "The Mizoram Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 2003" under Art & Culture Department and "The Mizoram State Sports Council Rules 2005," under Sports & Youth Services Department and "The Mizoram Forest (Establishment & Regulation of Saw Mills and Other Wood based Industries) rules, 2010," under Environment & Forests Department, on the table of the House. The copy may be distributed.

**PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Thank you Pu Speaker. With your permission I would like to say a few words, we the members of the Subordinate Legislation examine the rules of different departments and check whether it is safe or good for the public. I thank my fellow members who are also a member of the Subordinate Legislation for their hard work. Pu Speaker with your permission I present the Third Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation on the following - , "The Mizoram Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 2003" under Art & Culture Department and "The Mizoram State Sports Council Rules 2005," under Sports & youth Services Department and "The Mizoram Forest (Establishment & Regulation of Saw Mills and Other Wood based Industries) rules, 2010," under Environment & Forests Department.

**SPEAKER** : We will move on to the discussion of our budget and each member will have 15 minutes. Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana may have his time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

**PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA** : Thank you Pu Speaker, I am glad the hon'ble Finance Minister points out the facts on the setbacks so that our officials can take precautions in the future. There are also incidents where proper UC cannot be produced in time and these results in the postponement of funds from the Central Government. Secondly, by implementing NLUP the government had uplifted the less fortunate by providing them an income generation through different trades under NLUP. Due to this the MIPF (Mizoram Poor Federation) had also plan to demolish their Federation since NLUP had become a life saving project for them and on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 the State Government signed MoU with UNO.

Pu Speaker, from the budget which amount to ₹3140 crores I suggest we should put more funds to promote our Education since it is the key to shape and mould the younger generation for a better future. We have also seen a great development in Health Department and the result

shows in the National award we received but sadly the department lacks manpower and also in their equipment. I suggest we should give attention in this matter.

As for Home Department, we all know that our State is in the border area, though we are very peaceful and our Home Minister and the officers are all working very hard, I suggest we should fill up the 1500 vacant posts as this will contribute a great deal in the security of our State. Pu Deputy Speaker, the MLA fund which is used for development work within our Constituency amounts to ₹30 lakhs. I suggest this should be increased to ₹1 crore as this will also bring a more proportional development in each of our respective constituencies. Regarding Power Sector, as reported, it is obvious that the initiatives taken will surely be more than enough to give us an efficient power supply but I think we should take care not to destroy paddy fields which are on the river banks since they are an economical area. I also suggest we should make use of our hill tops to construct wind mills to generate power. At the same time, I think we should be aware of the possibilities where compensation can be claimed. It is also gratifying to know that extraction of Natural gas is in progress here in our State. Since we do not have much time, I am unable to stress on other departments but I will conclude by saying that I support in passing this budget laid by the hon'ble, minister on the table of the House. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T.T.Zothansanga.

**PU T.T ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you Pu Speaker, first I want to say that our ministry is a bit less fortunate. Ever since we hold the ministry we have to face the festive seasons of December and then comes the Hrangturzo election and soon after this the Central Ministry changed and during all these times which occupies about almost six months we are unable to proceed with work because of the code of conduct. So, we do not have time to work, the main points for blaming the ministry is the lack of funds but in the former ministry had also faced the same issues as stated in the Newspapers Thupuan on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2003 and on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2004. The news stated that the C.M along with the C.S went to Delhi due to financial problems.

Pu Deputy Speaker we often talked about K-deposit due to unavoidable circumstances funds had to be placed under K-Deposit and we have also inquire about the status of other States and their deposited amount is much higher than our State. Regarding debts, I wonder if our neighbouring states have any but after inquiring I found out that our neighbouring States like Assam have ₹32896 crores and Nagaland have ₹7452 crores and so on which means that their debt amount is much higher than our State. Our main reason is due to the upgrading of 337 nos of schools within 5 years and the establishment of 3 nos of IR Battaliaon.

Pu Deputy Speaker, though we may say we have financial problems, hospitals had been inaugurated in Champhai and new fields had been constructed and colleges and Polytechnic are almost ready to be inaugurated. Our financial condition may not be satisfactory but I want the people to know that we can put our faith and trust in the capable hands of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Regarding our vehicles I suggest we make a central workshop in order to avoid an excessive expenditure and in many cases departments who are establishing themselves like a

society are extravagantly utilizing funds like hiring their own vehicle for ₹30,000 per month which makes their expenditure very high. So, I suggest tender system should be introduced if possible and I think they should concern GAD or Finance in this matter.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding house rent, an amount of ₹403 lakhs are utilized every month which is a very huge amount and causing an extra expenditure. In order to avoid this I suggest vacant land should be searched and department buildings should be constructed and it is also fitting for different departments to have their own buildings. I suggest all the moveable and immovable property of the government should all be registered and if we know all these very clearly it will also save us from many possible problems in the future.

I am glad that we have a very reliable Chief Minister who is concerned for the development of our state and our future. Under his leadership initiatives were taken for a Referral Hospital at Falkawn but due to political favoritism it failed but due to his determination steps are taken to complete the unfinished work for the Medical College and the hon'ble Health Minister said we may be able to inaugurate it by next year. It is important that we ponder for the long future for generations to come and I am glad we have a Chief Minister who thinks about the future of our State and I also support what the hon'ble Finance Minister had said. Thank you.

**PU LALROBIAKA, CHAIRMAN :** Who will be next?

**PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE:** Pu Speaker I am glad that I have the opportunity to talk about the budget here in the hon'ble House. To some extent I feel pity towards the hon'ble Minister since the many centrally sponsored schemes are now to be included in the plan budget. I am sure he will stress upon this very carefully regarding this issue and the opposition members have also state their views and opinions very clearly and their approach was very positive and constructive.

We have faced financial problems in our state and we will continue to do so, but we should be aware that income tax are levied on other states in India and also in other countries. So, I think we the people should know that to give taxes to the government is our duty. The Mizo people who are living outside our state also gives taxes to the government of the state they live in and the British people who are able to pay taxes take pride in themselves as they know they contribute a great deal in developing their country. So think every department should also takes time to ponder on how they can be an earning department for our State. Many of us are not aware of how much our State funds are used for solely our rice ration and water supply. An amount of ₹156 crores are used for rice ration and an amount of ₹5 crores are utilized for power supply every year and so on. So, it is high time that we consider about contribution and ask ourselves what we can do for our State instead of taking things for granted and expecting many things to be provided for free.

There are many important things which needs to be mentioned and among them is the power supply. I am grateful that the hon'ble minister plans for the surplus of power generation

from different Micro & Small Hydel projects. Among them Lungreng Hydel Project can give out 815 Mega Watt and Kolodyne Phase – II can give 640 Mega Watt and there are also others which are included in the plan. It is also gratifying that under the initiatives taken by the hon'ble House Leader, World Bank will take on the Mizoram State Road II National Transport Connectivity Project and I believe this will ensure double profit. These projects are the Improvement & Upgradation of Chhumkhum to Changte Road and Chanpahi to Zokhawthar and Tlabung to Kawrchhuapui which will provide a good trading point for in all the Borders like Myanmar and Bangladesh.

We have progressed a great deal in Inland Water Transport and now there are about 150 boats which goes up and down in Tlawng river. Since we have made great use of Inland Water transport I suggest the budget for this purpose should also increase. Pu Chairman our budget may not be much considering the previous years and considering our needs, but I think we should all set our mind in using what we have cautiously and wisely. Thank you.

**PU LALROBIAKA, CHAIRMAN** : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, during our budget discussions, I think our officials should take time to note down on the important points and I express my gratitude to the only official present here, the hon'ble Forest Minister and I hope next time more members are present during our budget discussions.

(Deputy Speaker is at the chair)

I thank our hon'ble Finance Minister for preparing the Budget speech in Mizo language. I think we should give our attention in making a surplus of our budget and I suggest Revenue Department should take steps in this regard by evaluating the lands in our State so that the owners may pay taxes to the government as this will be a good source of income for our state. I am positive this will also clear the many land issues in the future.

I also suggest that Departments which receive Bill should formulate an easier way for the people to pay Bills and they should also expand the duration time for Bill payment. Though we are facing financial issues, it is gratifying to know that an amount of ₹317.32 crores will be allocated for NLUP to reach out to the less fortunate for establishing a sustainable occupation for them. I am also glad that our government had signed MoU with UNO.

We have a substantial State Referral Hospital and is truly appreciated that we have a proposal for recruitment of 137 workers despite our financial difficulties. It is also pleasing to know that there is a new plan to upgrade the hospital from 150 to 400 beds whereas the Hospital is planned for Medical College. At the same time, I appreciate the programme of supply of electricity to the villagers under RGGSY.



It is also appreciated that the PHE Department take the steps to provide safe drinking water all over the State. But on the other hand, our water sources beginning to dry up and we will soon be deprived of such sources. With the help of our House Leader, we have an arrangement on composite water supply scheme in my Constituency which is planned to cover all villages from Khawruhlian to New Vervek. So, it is a necessity to determine setting up pumping equipment at the top of the mounting of Kepran.

It is grateful that our Finance Minister laid our Budget for 2014-2015, but there is one thing missing; which is supply of GCI iron roofing to the poor is not seen. So, I am asking to supply the materials at a convenient time. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Anyone else? If there is no one left, Shall we end our General Discussion? Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker, since this is my very first participation on full budget general discussion, I am asking if you could favor me in giving more time.

In this general discussion, we, being the first-timers are beginning to learn from the hon'ble Minister's speech, unfamiliar terms such as Revenue Receipt, Tax Revenue, Non Tax Revenue, State own Tax Revenue etc. as he has highlighted our receipts and expenditures, Sharing Tax Revenue, Capital receipts and the amount we are getting from the Consolidated Fund, 2014-2015. If we have a look at our current financial situation, member like me who had never been to a budget discussion before finds Mizoram as having a dark future. But then again, we have heard that the hon'ble Finance Minister did his very best towards his responsibility; let us all hope for the best.

One thing that comes to my mind from our Plan fund is that we got fund provisions only for our salaries and nothing more as I am concern about the declining of office working days of the Gov't. Servants under this Plan which was 650 days the previous year now becomes only 333 days. As the hon'ble Finance Minister has stated various steps to be taken under this Plan for Healthcare, Sports, Energy Sector, Human Resources Development, Transportation etc. yet, there are things I would like to say bit by bit.

Firstly, our main priority is NLUP and I hope our resourceful leaders are able to manage its finances. Regarding Human Resource Development, we all are aware that human beings cannot have development without education; it is necessary for all round development. Thus, the Education reform committee was set up during the previous ministry as the people are expected to receive a world-class education. But I wonder as to how our leaders would take us into a world class education when the SSA teachers, Hindi teachers and RMSA teachers could not receive their salaries with full payment regularly. We have to think of how much we hurt those bread-earners of a family when they are not paid for 3-4 months; this can also lead to depression. Are we willing to give this depressive psychosis to our valued teachers? So, I want to let the

members sitting at your right side know that we the people are still waiting for our world-class education system.

Secondly, in the case of Health Care scheme, the works of our leaders are highly appreciated particularly Health Care Deliveries, but I find it is not enough. As the majority of us know that in any election around the world, the Government with the best Healthcare policy often wins the election. Thus, I often wonder of the possibility to make our State a Health Care Deliveries in India. In order to make this happen, we should know that Health Care concerns having preventive, promotive and creative.

The way we delivered our Health Care seems a little bit reversed. It is, by all means our No.1 priority to make function of the Health workers under PHC at villages in order to have a well functioning Primary Health Care. If we have a well functioning PHC on PHC level, there would not be many patients at District Hospitals. Likewise, if we make our District Hospitals functioned better, there would not be patients from villages being referred to Aizawl for medical check-up. The reason why there are numerous referred cases at Aizawl is for example, there are several specialists in sub-divisional Hospital at Kulikawn and there is hardly any work having only 20-30 cases every day. They would be very useful if we could transfer some of them to the Districts. And then we, the concerned members of such constituency would also feel more rested as their medical expenses would also be minimized. I believed that there are many ways to upgrade Aizawl Civil Hospital without much financial implication.

Our road communication from North to South, East to West is quite damaged especially that of the South. So, in order to have a better and developed state, I would like to request everyone to take part in this road communication. Lastly, I would like every one of us to work together. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Let us take a break and we will continue at 2:00 pm.

### **2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will continue with our discussion. Let us make use of our time as much as possible as we have to request our Finance Minister to wind up before 4:00 pm and we also have to request our House Leader if he has anything to say. Who will speak now? Yes, Pu Ruatkima.

**Pu LALRUATKIMA** : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The Annual Budget 2014-2015 laid down by our Hon'ble Finance Minister as well as his preparation is much appreciated. This full budget is also laid down in English for the first time with various progresses.

On the other hand, the Performance budget was to be laid together with the annual financial statement as mentioned on our Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, chapter

143, but it did not appear. Our rules shows us a detail work programme wherein our work programme is not detail at all and furthermore, we have not seen the employment data for data entering. Looking at the entire budget, CSS and others have all been scooped into State Consolidated Fund, and for this reason, I believed that our budget would be much more difficult for the caretakers. In regards to the taxes mentioned by our Finance Minister, it is true that Mizoram has faced various financial problems due to tax payment and we need to be particular in collecting taxes. Rice is the most basic needs that corrode us financially and it is the Government's responsibility to provide us. So, if there is no new plan or new proposal, it is a must in our current situation to go along with the same method even if it means spending much more on the basic needs of the people.

We also see that there is major financial loss in power and water and our state has earned only 29 mega watts on Power. We imported power from other states which makes our lives possible today. Our Finance Minister mentioned that the reason for facing financial problem is due to energy power, water bill and selling of rice at cheaper rates. There is ₹3,140 crore plan fund for development and ₹3,811.66 crore of non-plan for the government's management with ₹6,951.06 crore in total and also adding CSS to the plan. So, we will be facing more financial crisis if the Govt. has no proper arrangements. Looking at our current situation and how we plan on collecting taxes, we need to make more efforts where ₹270.39 crore on taxes is believed to be collected by the state government Fiscal policies strategies statement, page 4 shows where to make an effort. Mr. Deputy Speaker, we can clearly see through the statement that the planning of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission was not at all successful. It is with certainty that we failed in attending finances as highlighted in fiscal strategy policy.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission proposed a fiscal policies strategies statement to minimize fiscal deficit for every year. On that statement, it was 7.5% of GDSP for 2010-11 but in reality, it was 8.25% and again for the year 2011-12, it changes from 6.4% of GSDP to 3.04% in reality. And in 2012-13, it was 5.2% of GSDP and in reality, 7.21%. In 2013-14, it was supposed to be 4.15 of GSDP but in reality it was 18.15%. So, I am concerned that if we do not live up to this Finance Commission reports, our state would not meet all our necessary needs from the Central Govt. I feel it is important for our Finance Minister to explain why there is so much difference between 4.1% and 18.15%. Is it because the State squandered the money? We spend a lot on vehicles including ₹341 lakhs and a half on VIP vehicles at SAD. We also simply spend IMR's finances of figures for Health & family Welfare. Within two years, there was ₹985 lakhs on revised estimate on the works of the Mizoram House, New Town, Kolkatta and it is so shameful if we calculate the price escalation. It is also important to investigate the main cause for our insufficient finances.

Apart from the fiscal strategy, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to add that this is our current situation where we often argue whether NLUP is a plan fund or not. We can know for a fact on our current budget finances. It is also necessary to carefully economize our finances.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is necessary to increase the MLA fund with at least 1crore. This Fund is used for the development at every constituency and we the opposition had none apart

from this. Planning is quite important and without it, we cannot move on and we also need to make an effort regarding policy planning.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Anyone else? Yes, Pu T. Sangkunga.

**Pu T. SANGKUNGA** : Mr. Deputy Speaker, please take note that as mentioned earlier by Pu Pianmawia, there are no officials here today to take notes and it even feels dull to have a discussion. Officials from Directorate and Secretariat would take turns when we make detailments. It is important of them to be present here especially on this general discussion.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Every Department has its own Minister and so this is the responsibility of the Ministers concerned and not the House.

**Pu T. SANGKUNGA** : I also request all ministers concern to take note of this matter.

Pu Speaker, our budget this year has come following plans submitted by all the departments and then scrutinized by the Planning department and submitted to the Planning Commission. There is nothing much for the department to manage itself with the allocated budget fund. If we look back last year, the Central released ₹260.13 crore every month to our State where ₹261 goes to the Govt. employee's salaries as only .13 remains. Vehicles, stationary, furniture etc. are all needed as well including the area development fund which was mentioned earlier. All the money thus went to the wages and I believed that this shows generosity of our Government. The Government prefers the Govt employees and then deposited ₹317 crore for the farmers and so there is no money left to manage. I think we all agree to this and we need to be careful. But then again, I highly appreciate the budget laid down and the resourcefulness of our leaders can be seen on our Finance Minister's speech, page 11. We do not have to pay our ₹252.90 crore debts of loan to Asian Bank and World Bank and the Central paid our debts including the interests. There is no way that this can be managed without our resourceful leaders. We are lucky and grateful to have a leader who could originate World Bank Road for roads, ₹270.27 crore for Improvement of upgradation of Chhumkhum, ₹222.32 crore for Champhai - Zokhawthar, wages and NLUP etc. from World Bank and Asian Development Bank including ₹8 crore on Central Road Fund where this will be resourceful for Tuipui - Biate road. I want to thank the Minister and his co-workers regarding this matter. I also find our leader and PWD Minister praiseworthy for originating ₹8 crore for the people on the border of Burma as well as ₹11.56 crore on Aizawl west and Lungdar Road, ₹56 crore on PMGSY and ₹225.43 on roads and bridges.

The improvement made on Health and the step taken by our PHE Minister is highly appreciated. Keeping in mind of the importance of water for our living, it is truly appreciative that PHE has set up sources of water in many palces. If we destroy the forest of Mualpheng, Thingsul and Tlungvel, we will have no more sources of water and if there are no forests of Sazep, Samthang, Bungzung and Vanzau, we will have no source of water.

I often wonder how Power department manages to pull on itself despite our financial problems; it is appreciative that Tuivai dam and the revived project of Tuirial are successfully completed. With the coming of a new Government, there are a lot of changes especially in regard to Law & Order and the Police Force. Insurgents cannot be arrested during the former ministry as if we were having the most unskilled Police in the whole world. This ministry, by far is much more powerful as it is often praised even by the members who are just playing an opposition role here. There is not enough time for me to mention how much I appreciate the works of various departments despite our tight finances and budgets. Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It looks like we all still have many things to say. We may say so later at Vote on Demand. So, is our group leader standing? Yes, now, Pu Vanlalzawma.

**Pu VANLALZAWMA** : Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker. It is our very first Full Budget for this MLA term and also my very first to participate at the Assembly. First, as being the leader of the opposition, I want to thank the ruling party especially our House Leader and his co-workers for listening to us with a free and open mind. Like it was mentioned before, is it normal that we laid down our budget after going through twice on Vote on account but then again, it is really good and it seems quite difficult too. In this financial year, almost 8 months had gone and only 4 months left and it can be thought to be quite difficult. One thing that came into mind is that was it at all the same as normally laying down a budget as the majority had already proceeded. We are also grateful that it highlights the amount that we contributed on rice and how much we lose every month. We also lose quite a lot of money on power, water and rice which is the most basic needs and it is inappropriate to raise the bills. The laying down of our budget by our Finance Minister which clearly shows our difficulty from way back is highly appreciated.

I would like to add a few more points to remember. Firstly, we should think of an easy access for the people to submit their taxes or bills. The taxes are sometimes paid at AMC Office Thuampui; sometimes at Revenue Department and sometimes here and there. There is no way to pay taxes for a busy person if only there is an easy way. Other countries make their payment of bills and taxes in a very simple and easy way. So it would be really appreciated if our Government has this as a major concern. Our finance Minister had mentioned that we should think of more ways to collect taxes. When these Aizawl and Lunglei World Bank Road were inaugurated, we really want them for collecting toll tax. I think it is possible for toll because people who do not want to go through this road and who do not want to pay tax for this have other ways. They can go from Serchhip to Hnahthial. This is quite similar to that of second bridge below Howrah, Kolkata where people find it not a problem to pay a fine of ₹200 and drive through a short cut rather than not paying and then driving through the long way. And so I think that a similar way like this is possible.

The Health Care Scheme which is thought to be a big deal for our state has now become troublesome in registering names. It is the right thing to make a better and easier way to enter names for the patients. Unlike the Govt. employees who can bill themselves, the poor people

with no govt. jobs cannot and their names were not entered at Health Care Scheme. So, it is necessary to give further more importance to this in particular and to make it easier to register names and handing out of money especially for these poor people. On the other hand, I would like to mention my gratitude towards our House Leader and our Health Minister regarding the Medical College in which they are really involved in. It is important to have a Medical College. Nursing school was established in the year 1928 at Durtlang and I believed that their infrastructure and finances would be really bad back then. However, this leads to our current situation where we have enough Mizo nurses and do not need any nurses from outside the state. But in case of Doctors, we badly need those other state's doctors. In order to change this, it would be great to have our own Medical College which is now under progress.

Moving on to other subjects, regarding Oil and Gas was mentioned and the ONGC is engaged with 2 blocks and 1 block by the Oil India Limited. Our Finance Minister had previously mentioned in his speech that the Reliance Natural Resources is searching through the state's southern part and if I am not mistaken I believed that they do not exist anymore. And while we are at this, if they could answer, my question is- Was Licensing Fee given by them? The way they came is different, for example, they have to pay ₹ 50 on 1km for licensing fee on the very first year, ₹100 the next year, ₹200 the next and so on. It makes me wonder if they submit the fees at our govt. I believed that the Reliance who is supposed to search within Lunglei to the southern blocks is cancelled. If they haven't paid their fees, I believe we can still make them pay as written on the agreement which will not be much of a problem. The reason I am saying this is because the Reliance still keeps and protects their license which then block the way of the others. This kind of rules exists among the companies and it will be great if we could look at it closer.

I believe that we all agree regarding our MLA Fund. If it cannot be increased by a 100 maybe at least it should be increased by 50. All our leaders know it and our leaders and Ministers are the ones who know it better. Helping our constituencies without a proper portfolio is impossible and so I believed that it would be great if this in increased. The India Govt. started the MP Fund with ₹100 lakhs and then to ₹200 lakhs and now it has increased to ₹500 lakhs. If I am not mistaken those MLA have ₹400 lakhs on their MLA Fund.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : You used up your 15 minutes but since you are the Opposition Group Leader, I will give you another 5 minutes.

**Pu VANLALZAWMA** : Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. One thing I would like to say is that our Ministers undertake great works regarding Trade & Commerce. During the previous term, all the MPs of the North-East gathered on one occasion and L.K. Advani was our Home Minister back then. I mentioned that the Mizoram State was a self sufficient and independent state before 1947 and we brought our needs from our neighbors like Burma and Silchar and from the west through Tlabung. But after we got independence in 1947, international boundaries surround us and we cannot import things from our neighbors and then we became dependent and we cannot even sell our items. Fresh Gingers from Lawngtlai could be carried

only through Vairengte and if they could be carried down through Tlabung, we would have gained much more profit. We gained access to only one place and that is Vairengte and that is where our economy decreased. It is true even though you might not agree. Everything that we need are imported from Kolkata, we carry rods from Guwahati and imported cements. Why can't we just take it from our neighbors? If we imported from Bangladesh, it would be really easy for Lunglei and Lawngtlai. This is why I said that our economy had decreased and this has always been my opinion till today. Our economy would not have decreased like now if we could just reach out our needs easily from our neighbors and exported what we have. So this Border Trade is really important for our state and it would be really appreciated if this is carried out as fast as possible. Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker for giving me more time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now end our general discussion. If there is anything left to discuss we can discuss them on Demand later. Before our Finance Minister wind-up our debate let us request our House Leader to have a discussion on whatever he has to say.

**PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** I have nothing to say much but to say thanks, Mr. Dy. Speaker. The Budget presented by our Finance Minister is well equipped with facilities and it is much appreciated. I want to thank our Finance Minister and his co-workers and on top of that, the important thing is, I have listened to all our opposition's discussions and I have marked the important ones on a piece of paper which was thrown away by the sweepers who thought it to be a waste. It touched my heart when Pu Sangthuama insist that we all should unite in prayers because the reason we are all here is for the interest of our land and tribe and I find our members praiseworthy for approaching it positively. And since we are from different parties with different views we still managed to agree on how to dig up more money for the benefit of the state. The rice rates, the collecting of taxes in higher rates and the toll tax etc are all in our thoughts but what about the people's thoughts and our co-workers from the other party? However, the unity for the benefit and independent of the state is highly appreciated.

To utilize our brain as much as we could for the betterment of our state is quite an encouragement for us and if we proceed like now I believed that we could make a great State. I have little things to say but I hope our Finance Minister would mention them while winding up so I will not say everything. The education Department tried their best regarding the Education Reform. While our Finance Minister was in charge of the Education Department, he built the Education Reform Commission with deep thoughts and lucky for us we could hire 3 eminent Educationists from India. Moreover, the Education Reform Commission was first built just after India's Independence and no other ever since. To have a sense to build up this is highly appreciated even by the Central India. The recommendations are also quite good but there are some major priorities that we still cannot achieve due to shortage of money. More than ₹700 crore is needed for those major priorities and we think of different ways on how we can get the money. The Planning Commission also thought of ways to make it happen and even made a suggestion that they and the human Resource Development Ministry would make a contribution.

Anyhow, the reason I am saying is because Education is one of our priorities and without it the state cannot be great.

Healthcare is also really important and we cannot function as planned due to financial crisis. It would be remarkable if we could at least equip our District Hospitals better and the money for the equipment is also being thought. Being referred to Aizawl is a problem for most of the people and since we got great Doctors it would be great if we utilize them in much needed places outside Aizawl. Sadly, our state is among the highest in case of cancer and we spend a lot on this disease. So, we increased the number of beds and important materials as much as we could at our cancer hospital with great doctors so that the patients who find it hard to be referred outside the state can be treated peacefully. And regarding the listing and registering of names under RSBY, we make it as easy as possible and I believed that it is the people who neglect the registration. Apart from this, we upgraded our Referral Hospital as much as we could which is planned for Medical College. It is planned to be opened by September, next year with 50 students. The number of students is believed to be increased the next year. Director is firstly needed and after a careful search, we got the Director to be. We are all in all counting on that place.

We give major importance to Border Trade. Our Border trade with Burma cannot be formalized yet because the Land Custom Station is not commissioned yet. We often request the Commerce Minister of UPA Govt. to commission it which they often cancelled again after fixing the dates. During the latest election, I asked Mr. Sharma to visit us down here where he did not showed up after agreeing to come. We are still pushing as hard as we can so that it can be commissioned as early as possible. Due to various state elections, Ministers who were supposed to come here could not make it and we want our Border Trade to be formalized as fast as possible after those elections.

Our leaders are deeply concerned regarding unclear tax payment. The Taxation Department has now thought of ways to pay the taxes online for the business people. We are also trying to make tax payments easier through online for all people. Regarding the teachers who were not paid regularly, I want to say that the money for their salary is not of the state, it is the Central's money. Last year these teachers were not paid almost 9-10 months and it pains me to even say this. We did our best in forcing the Central to give out the salaries at least in advance and to give their salaries regularly.

Lastly, it will be great if we all are interested in this NLUP because I am afraid there will be no source of income for the poor, manual workers and laborers instead of NLUP. I often think that God wants to bless us through this NLUP because in spite of lack of expertness, our scholars cast down the scheme to the Central govt. and they find it to be accurate and they wanted to make it more equipped. This is why we could not allocate the NLUP on time. We calculated that it would be a great progress if we can cover the manual workers, widows and around 120000 families with ₹1 lakh each within 5 years and for that our leaders asked for ₹1500 crore. Then the Central Govt. planned on giving us almost ₹2800 crore and that process is still going on. We



will be close to finishing up if we added 25000 families more. Those who used this NLUP appropriately managed to succeed and profit from it and on the other hand, there are those who do not use it well. Our information officers under NLUP and journalists under MJA visited different districts earlier to see how well they did. They could not visit each and every specific place but overall, they managed to use it well and our surveyors told the people who refused to use it appropriately to use them well. This is not a party programme, it is a Govt. programme where it aims to give a permanent means of livelihood to the poor like widows, laborer, farmers etc. We should all work together as this aims to give the poor a peaceful life where they can sleep safe and sound under their own roof. There can be some troubles in some places due to the mistakes or carelessness of the officials. We give punishments with hesitations to those who deserve and there are also some who were to be discontinued from providing. On the other hand, there are also some who promised to behave well and use it appropriately. Whatever party they may be, we told ourselves to be unbiased regarding this. So, as we are all interested in this programme, we would benefit more if we often checked on the people of our respective constituency. There are also some who would just sell the things that they received. For example, a man from Lengpui now owns a taxi which he benefitted from selling his scooter. As soon as we heard this news we asked the officials to ask him for explanations but there can be a few exceptions here even though what he did was wrong as he benefits from selling.

Regarding the Hydel Project, we are trying to do survey investigations on all our rivers. Some were already done and some are still under investigations and for that some companies were also assigned. But our leaders thought of ways to not include all the rivers because if all our rivers are to be dammed up, it could destroy our environmental biodiversity. We also advice our natural resources searchers especially our natural gas searchers to make more effort in taking actions. Maubuang is in the act of drilling and they also wanted to drill Keifang but the road from Seling to Saitual is damaged. So, the Oil India Limited deposited more than ₹6 crore in order to make roads on the border road as fast as possible. It has been two years and they did not make any progress. We pushed the chief engineer and the people from Oil India to carry out as soon as possible. I am saying this because if we could have plenty of natural gases, we would not need to dam up everything we owned and our environments would not be polluted. We hope that we could make thermal power with the natural gases and our neighbor Tripura also managed to be successful in this. Due to the serious damage of the National Highway in Meghalaya, the leaders of the Oil India Limited said that they could not ship their equipments and they asked us to write a letter to the central ministry to remake the roads and they even volunteered to remake them if the central ministry could not do it.

I hope that we would continue to dam up that will be useful for eco-tourism. We made various mini hydel projects earlier and they are also quite useful. It is useful for our engineers to sharpen themselves and it is also useful when disasters happen. Then again, this is not the state's money, we received the money from the new and renewable ministry and from this we started to take steps. I want to thank all the members especially the Oppositions for their participations in these debates of our hon'ble Finance Minister's Budget. That is all, Mr. Deputy Speaker, Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up the discussion.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. We are 15 members including House Leader and there are number of points to remember and to take actions especially regarding that of the taxes. I believe that if we all agree and work together in this particular House, then there would be less disobedient and rebellious people. I also want to thank especially our Oppositions. As we all know, the state budget is not like the union budget. In union budget, we can know in advance on which items are going to be cheap and expensive. Since our state did not collect on excise duty and corporate tax, our budget is incapable of reaching that of the union budget's confidentiality. In our salary and detail budget documents, our statistic shows that there are total amount of 62,829 posts on govt. jobs where 51,177 were already filled and 11,652 are still on vacancy. I am saying this because in this new world, the expanding on the amount of govt. jobs is given more attention rather than expanding the Govt. and this is why "Minimum Government, Maximum Governance" has been tried to be applied all over India. Even our hon'ble Prime Minister is also concerned about this. We also have the same thought ever since our previous govt. and the reason why we do not fill up the vacancy posts right away is not only because of our financial problem, we also think that it would be better for our land and country if we have private players, service providers etc.

We the Mizo people have the potential and ability. The Aizawl Hospital & Research Centre was taken care of by Dr. Rinawma with the help of Dr. Mawitea and others which was then surrounded and crowded around by everyone. Their knowledge is quite reliable and they also provide us with great services and so our budget has to face this way as we are always going to face in this direction. That is why I want to say that it is not all about increasing the number of govt. jobs, drivers and M.R. employees. We all wanted to move along fearlessly and bravely and it seems that we will be going. When I looked at all the plans and proposals made by our House Leader, this land is going to march forward bravely. It is true that we are facing hardship and I highly appreciate how our state govt. takes a step forward in order to fight our uphill battle. I believed that all our hardships today is just the beginning of our success and triumph just like Japan became glorious after surrendering twice in world wars. In order to have a comfortable and pleasant place, we all need to work together including the 40 of us and all the people of our state. It is clear that we do not have trouble in paying taxes looking at our offerings. So even though we are unfit, we can make our land great if all the 40 people from here work together and follow our House leader.

The previous day I asked our Principal Secretary at SAD (non-mizo) his salary amount and he told me it was ₹1,92,625 but he gave ₹40,000 for taxes every month. So it is a double luck for those Mizo who can be IAS in Mizoram and who did not give income tax and they are also really willing. It is also highly appreciated that The IAS Association even asked us to let them pay for taxes and they are even willing to pay for whatever it is necessary.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, there are 1 or 2 things that I would like to add on conclusion. First, regarding the high percentage in the fiscal correction parts which our hon'ble member Pu Ruatkima had mentioned is because the A.G side had not done it yet. It will soon be solved if the CAG take actions. The thing that we are all concerned about is the concepts of the people in regards to the steps for betterment. I know that the people's concepts can be born from this House and when I looked at the people's concept, I believed that we all want a pleasant and great land and a good government. In order to have that we are also willing and I believed that we the people, sitting on the left side who are also responsible will try our best and we will be lead by our House Leader. We have a pile of works that were stocked and we already have 58 pages of ARM for our economy and additional resource mobilization. There are also many suggestions that still came in till this Sunday. Arrangements have been made by the Ministers, Commissioners and Secretaries at the Chief Minister's office on how to have a good economy measures for the state. I want the House members to know that money is quite important. We want to build buildings, quarters etc but there is one thing that equals money in its importance-systems and processes. One important thing that our members had mentioned is that we cannot afford to let our youths lose their hopes and they need to have a gainful employment. Higher studies are not the only source for a good employment. They can have a good employment based on their own talents. We the Mizo people are extraordinary in different cases, whether it is of sports, knowledge, technologies etc.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, it is necessary and important to have a better process on how we pay taxes. We all wanted to pay tax and we are ready and willing to pay our taxes but we often had difficulty in the process of paying our taxes. One thing that I find important here today is that we haven't had much budget in quantity and I want it to be more but the most important thing is to take the steps needed by the responsible leaders. Like we had mentioned today, there are 15 members including our House Leader who had a discussion and there are also others who did not have any discussions and they waited in patience and cautions. So I am asking the august House to grant me to close up our general discussion. This will be the last for our General Discussion; I believed that we will be going on Demand-wise tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will end it for now and we will be going on Demand wise from tomorrow. We will gather again tomorrow (Wednesday), 19.11.2014, at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned.