

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18th MARCH, 2015
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:0 PM and 2:0 PM to 4:0 PM)

OBITUARY

1. **PU LAL THANHAWLA** to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries:

- 1) Pu T. Hranghluta, former member of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.
- 2) Shri G.Karthikeyan, Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

3. Discussion on motion of thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the

world.”

John 16:33

It is unfortunate that we have to observe obituary in respect of Pu T. Hranghluta, former MLA and Pu G. Karthikeyan, Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly. We will invite our House Leader and Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to speak in respect of the departed leaders.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: As you said Pu Deputy Speaker, it is unfortunate to have an obituary in respect of Pu T. Hranghluta, who was personally known to me. Pu Hranghluta was born on the 4th January, 1939 at Chawnhu and has 5 brothers and 2 sisters. He was married to Pi Hmingthansiami Chinzah in January 20, 1970 and had 3 daughters.

His educational backgrounds are as follows: -

After completing HSLC in 1961 he served as a teacher in Region High School of Lawngtlai in 1961. In 1963, he proceeded for his further study by supporting himself. He finished BA in 1966 and returned to Mizoram in 1969 to resume teaching at Region High School till 1971. He served as Revenue Officer in Pawi-Lakher Regional Council from 1971. He entered politics in 1972 and was elected as MDC in Pawi District Council election from Lawngtlai South constituency from PC party ticket. He was also the President of Lai National Union.

In 1990, he joined the MNF Party and was elected as MLA from Lawngtlai Constituency in November, 1993. Under the pressure of his constituent people, he joined the Congress Party and was appointed as Vice-Chairman, Mizoram KVI Board.

His services in Church begin when he was baptized in 1957 and spiritually rejuvenated in 1962. In 1968, he was inducted to serve his church. He was elected as Church Elder in 1977 and was ordained by Rev. V. Lalzawnga at Tawipui ‘S’ Area Church Council. For six consecutive terms, he held the post of Chairman of the Assembly of Lairam Isua Krista Kohhran Assembly and also Bial (Area) Chairman two times and three times in Tualchhung (Local) church. He also held the post of Local Pastor for three times and held different posts in the Assembly Committee. He held the post of Local Pastor in Lairam Isua Krista Baptist Kohhran in College Veng Local Church till death.

On 19.11.2014, he suffered pain in the waist and started having problems in his coordination. He was brought to Aizawl as soon as possible and was admitted in Civil Hospital. He was then affected with different cases like heart disease, kidney, liver and septicemia. While the Doctors and Nurses try their best to restore his health, he passed away on 21.12.2014.

Pu T. Hranghluta was an amiable and friendly person; he was of good tempered and not much talkative. We have known each other very well and even resided in my house two or three times when he visited Aizawl. As previously mentioned, he was deeply involved in the society and church and always walks along with the church. It is unfortunate that we have to observe obituary in respect of him today and it is not only the loss for his family and friends but also for

the Lai people and Mizoram.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Pu G. Karthikeyan, Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly died on 7.3.2015 (Saturday) at 10:30 PM in Health Care Global (HCG) Hospital, Bengaluru at the age of 66. Many of us does not know him and never seen him. However, I have known him as we often meet in some Party Conventions.

Pu G. Karthikeyan was born on the 20th January, 1949 between Pu N.P. Gopalla Pillai and Pi L. Vanajakshy Amma in Varkala, Kerala. He was married to Dr. M.T. Sulekha and had two sons.

His educational qualification is BA. LLB and had entered Student Movement at the age of 14. During his years as a student, he held the posts of Unit President to President of the Kerala Students Union (KSU); he was a member in Kerala University Senate; Secretary to the Kerala University Union; General Secretary and State President to Youth Congress; General Secretary and Vice President of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) and member of AICC. He also held the post of Chief Whip and Deputy Leader in the Congress Legislature Party.

He was elected six times in Kerala Legislative Assembly. In 1982, he was elected from Trivandrum North and for four consecutive times in 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006 from Aryanad. In 2011, he was elected from Aruvikharra. He took the charge of Pu A.K. Anthony as a Minister of Power & Electricity. In 2011, he served as Minister for Good & Civil Supplies Department and Devaswon & Culture. In June 2, 2011, under the head of Chief Minister, Oomen Chandi, he held the post of Speaker. He was a hard working man and took active role in the society and his party. He was fond of reading and writing and some of his writings are published in some Magazines.

He started having problems since 2014 as he was then diagnosed with liver cancer. He underwent treatment in Mayo Clinic, Rochester, USA for some times and returned to India. On 19th February, 2015, he was admitted in Health Care Global, Bangalore and the Doctors and Nurses done their best but failed to make progress. On 7th March Saturday, he passed away for Hepatic Cellular Cancer (Liver Cancer) at 10:30 AM.

On hearing his death, the Kerala government, in respect of the departed leader pulls the National Flag at half mast for two days. The Kerala government had even announced seven days mourning. His body was carried to his Bungalow at Kerala by a special aircraft. On 9:00 AM at Sunday, his body was placed at the Assembly Member Lounge and at 10:00 AM, the KPCC party workers shown their respect. At 11:00 AM, his body was taken to the Secretariat Durbar Hall and and he was brought to his constituency Aruvikkara at 12:00 noon. At Aryanad Higher Secondary School of his home place, the people gave their last respect to their departed leader. On the 8th March at 6:00 PM, his body was taken to Shanti Kavadam and was laid to rest in Thycadu at 6:30 PM.

As already stated, some members may not know him well; however, he was an active

party member and a useful leader for his State. We often meet each other in some meetings; he had an amiable personality unlike others Indians. He also had spoken words of praise to our former Governor, Pu Vakkom Purushothaman as he became the next Speaker after him. It is unfortunate for us to loss such a leader of high figure and also for his State and the people. I am grateful that we have the time to give him respect in this House. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the Group Leader Pu Vanlalzawma of the opposition.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. As we have listened from our House Leader, we are deeply mourned by the loss of the aforesaid leaders. So, today, we have to observe obituary in respect to them.

Firstly, we are deeply mourned by the untimely demise of Pu T. Hranghluta as it is a great loss for us, for his family as well as his colleagues from LADC. Much as well, the whole state mourned his death.

We do not know each other personally but I have learned from my party leaders that he was a good man and easy to work with. While he was Chairman of the KVI Board, I travelled with him to Buarpui for YMA programme and came to learn that he was a good person. In 1999, I went to Lawngtlai on MO campaign and he was the campaign Director. During that time, he was the one who guides us and consoled us in times of chaotic situation. He had said 'everything will be alright' and the situation alleviated as he had just said.

As I gather about him, anyone described him as of God fearing who served for his church on regular basis. In regards to his work for our state, he was an honest, reliable and amiable to work with. It is unfortunate that we have to observe obituary in respect of him today. We, the opposition group are grieves for his dead and deeply mourned for his family.

Another obituary we have to observe is Pu G. Karthikeyan who was not known by many of us. He was the Speaker of Kerala Assembly at the time of his death. It is believed that he was a good and reliable man as he had held an important post in the government. I want to say that the opposition group also mourns for him and expresses our condolence to the departed family. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I request all the members to understand that no other members may not be called upon to make obituary speech due to limit of time.

Now, we will observe one minute of silence to show our respect to the departed leaders such as Pu T. Hranghluta, MLA and Pu G. Karthikeyan, Speaker of the Kerela Legislative Assembly.

(One minute silence is observed.)

We will now take up Questions. I call upon Pu Lalthanliana to ask his question.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for School Education Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Will the Gov't Aided teachers be regularized?
- b) If so, when?
- c) If not, at what status they would be placed?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister, Pu H.Rohluna to give the answer.

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

- a) Yes, step is being taken for their regularization.
- b) The time cannot be set as it need approval of the DP & AR and Finance Department.
- c) They are going to be regularized.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question to be asked by Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, is there a plan to terminate the post of the Laboratory Assistant and 366 clerks under RMSA? If so, what is the reason of the government for many of them have families to support and even takes loan?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Concerned Minister to give the answer.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the PAB (Project Approval Board) decided to terminate Laboratory Attendants and School Clerks under RMSA throughout the country as RMSA is in short of funds. But order for their termination has not been received and clear decision could not be made as yet.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am thankful for the answer. I request the hon'ble Minister to determine regularization of the 47 aided teachers. If there is a plan for their regularization, it will be much appreciated if immediate step is taken as some teachers are old and quite senior in their services also.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is not necessary to give the answer as it is just a request. Next, Starred Question No.2 will be asked by Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment & Industrial Training Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many trained under the sponsorship of Mizoram Youth Commission have already received job placement outside Mizoram?
- b) How many are male and how many are female?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) 85 persons.
- b) There are 20 males and 65 females; 25 females in the 1st Batch and 20 males in the 2nd Batch plus 40 females from IQST, Guwahati, totally 85.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

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

- i) In which agencies such females are placed and if it is safe for them? Whether the government inspected such agencies?
- ii) Various departments of the Gov't of Mizoram calls for many tenders under CCS. Is attchement of the document of Labour Welfares for such tenders safe enough and if it is checked regularly? Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Minister may give the answer.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, my answer is: -

All the applicants are trained under the Skill Development Initiative Scheme, Ministry of Labour & Employment and Industry. The training component is done as per the National Skill Qualification Framework. SDIS training expenditure are reimbursed by the Ministry of Labour & Employment and contribution of the State government is minimal.

As far as my knowledge is concern, no unsafe placement has yet been made as most of such agencies are of Airlines and Five Star Hotels. Pu Dy. Speaker, most of the Labours in Mizoram are unorganized and therefore difficult to get specific information. However, initiative is made to improve the system.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Are we clear?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me extra times. This is a tender floated by the State Project Director of RMSA and nothing is written about the assigned Labour Welfare. So, the workers are liable to face problems in their career as no reliable proof is seen in such documents. I request concerned Minister to examine the tendered document thoroughly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : One moment. What is in your hand, is the RMSA tender? If so, the Labour & Employment has nothing to say about School Education.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as concerned department, it is the purview of Labour & Employment to look into the welfare of the workers.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : May you give the document for the property of the House?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I may, if the House wants it.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the member is right in his question. We have implemented the Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund Scheme throughout the country. However, the workers are ignorant to apply registration which causes problem. As stated by the hon'ble member, if any worker meets with accident or even dead, he cannot make any claim to the government without registration. We have Protection Scheme for labourers engaging under any construction project. We need to have awareness campaign in this regard in order to avoid problem. It is under the work programme which should be followed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : One moment, please. May we proceed according to the answer which may be given as there is no question in your speech?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the subject of labour welfare and at the same time, here is another point which concerns the Contractor. Workmen's compensation etc. are included in PWD rules with a provision that a contractor should give insurance to the assigned workers when the situation arises. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Question No.3.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I ask the hon'ble Minister Starred Questions No.3 a,b,c and d.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call up the concerned Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.3 is: –

a) Revenues received by the government from HSRP are as follows:

2012-2013	-	₹1,73,177.00
2013-2014	-	₹4,58,953.00
2014-2015	-	₹3,62,400.00 (upto January, 2015)
TOTAL	-	₹9,94,530.00

b) HRSP supplier/contractor is M/S Shimnit Utsch, India Pvt. Ltd.; 8th Floor, Regent Chambers, Nariman Point, Mumbai-21. The Gov't of Mizoram floats the tender to any contractor/supplier/firm approved by the Central government and the contract was given to the lowest bidder.

c) It is a fact that HSRP is not effective for prevention of all vehicles from missing, but there is a non-replaceable chromium hologram IND in it which may be helpful in many cases.

d) Yes.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, are we satisfied with the quality of HRSP supplied by the assigned contractor? What is the guarantee?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any another question? Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my Supplementary Question is: -

I have seen in the newspapers that HSRP is not a mandatory to old vehicles. Is this the order of the Supreme Court?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If there is no other question, let us invite the Minister to reply.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the Supreme Court order to apply HSRP in any vehicle, however but it is not done in old vehicle by mutual understanding.

The Contractor is doing well right now. The contract was for 15 years that cannot be altered. The State government has no say in this matter as it is the order of the Central government. Pu Deputy Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble member, Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No.4.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I ask the hon'ble Minister for Rural Development my Starred Question No.4 (a, b, c and d).

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the concerned Minister Pu R.Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to the Question of the hon'ble member, Dr. K. Beichhua is: -

a) Number of Job Card holders in Mizoram is 2,14,324.

b) Amount of funds received by the Mizoram for work execution under MGNREGA is as follows: -

2013 - 2014 - ₹25668.964 lakhs

2014 - 2015 - ₹11366.713 lakhs

c) It is received in full.

d) Distribution of work to each District according to Labour Projection and Job Card holders during 2014-2015: -

(1) Aizawl - 25 days

(2) Lunglei - 19 days

(3) Saiha - 19 days

- (4) Champhai - 20 days
- (5) Kolasib - 20 days
- (6) Serchip - 21 days
- (7) Lawngtlai - 18 days
- (8) Mamit - 19 days

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary question is: –

- i) As per directed by the Ministry of Rural Development, is the funds being released within 10 days of the received?
- ii) If not, what is the reason?
- iii) 100 days labour does not own up its name. What is the reason for the uneven distribution of the said fund in each District?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, one question. Is Fund received on 3rd November, 2014 under MGNREGA amounting to ₹32,33,10,000/- being released? If so, how for many days work?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the Hon. Minister to reply.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, to answer the question of Pu Lalruatkima, it was all distributed and we now receives another amounting to ₹10,00,00,200/- on 5.3.2015 and will soon be distributed.

We cannot release the fund as per direction i.e. within 10 days not only for this scheme, but only for another schemes due to financial problems. It is true that 100 days labour does not owns up its name as the work sometimes takes 80 to 90 days. Now, the Central government cut down at 46% of labour budget and therefore impossible to carry out the scheme as we wish.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If we think it is not clear enough, we may ask it again but I will proceed to another question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Aizawl Post dated 2.3.2015 stated that funds for 100 days labour as being released three times, first on 21st May, ₹17,30,00,000/- and that the State government released the sanction on 21st August for work execution; on 21st August, 2014, ₹55,53,20,000.13/- and on 7th November, 2014, ₹32,33,00,000/-. While this is the case, it seems that we did not release the sanction as per directed. Can we release such funds as per direction of the central government? And, is there a way to increase the work day as there are many who are not eligible to receive NLUP as there is no alternate source of income to such families? Can the hon'ble Minister take initiative in this regard? Lastly, how many work days remains before the end of the year?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister may give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is not our fault that the fund is being reduced to 46%, the same is done throughout India. It is true that the distribution is not equal as Aizawl District received 25 days as the General Assembly of YMA will be hosted at Ratu as most of the work were being allotted to that side.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No.4

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether foreign piglets already being imported as planned? If so, what is the rate per head?
- b) Which breed and how many?
- c) Who is the assigned supplier and if advance payment is made?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu C.Ngunlianchunga to reply.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) No, it has not been imported as yet. The rate is ₹98,000/- per head. To elaborate it further, the rate shown in Er. Lalrinawma's Unstarred Question as ₹11,50,000/- is of Canada. However, due to epidemic which prevails in Canada, we cannot go through Health Protocol and so we abandoned the plan and look elsewhere.
- b) The plan is to import Pure Breed Large White Yorkshire and Pure Breed Landrace of 48 to 50 Nos.
- c) As recommended by the SPAB Dated 14th February, 2012, S.S. Services Pvt. Ltd, Guwahati (IMV France Authorized Agency) was selected. ₹50 lakh was deposited at Standard Chartered Bank, Delhi in the form of Letter of Credit.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, my supplementary questions is: –
What is the agreement for supply period and when was LoC deposited in the Bank?
When was the supply order being issued and why no supply has yet been done?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Any supplementary question? Let us invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, what is the estimate cost of a full-grown pig which may be purchased at the rate of ₹98,000/- as piglet?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there any other question?
Dr. K. BEICHHUA : He does not get my question that is the cost of such piglets when they become full grown.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Clarification is granted and you may ask the Chair if you are not clear.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, it is my fault. It is not the price of the piglet that made it costly but the procedure to go through supplemented the cost. All I can say is that it will be very costly when it becomes full grown as they are of a pure breed. After 7 months, the current pig we farmed in Mizoram becomes 40 to 43 inches while our import will be 45 to 48 inches. Whereas the local breed gives birth 7 to 9 Nos. in general, but this will give 9 to 12 Nos.

Regarding the signing of MoU and the time for its distribution, I cannot give the answer right now as I am not prepared for that. However, we can always give the answer in writing from the office. We cannot make any distribution as we faced a problem in health protocol. Now, we are facing problem with England as the Government of India, on our behalf sends application to health protocol.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the minister should not give the answer in that manner. It is not a problem to collect the answer from his but I supposed it is not difficult for him to give the assurance.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : He said that he will give it to you from his office.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, if he could come to my office, I will explain it to him clearly.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, yes that is the right manner to answer. However, I thought that it is easy for him to give the assurance.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, I can give him in written during this session also.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If that is so, it is good. Now, let us invite the hon'ble member, Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No.6.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for PHE Department be pleased to state: –

- a) What is the increase percentage of water connection per a connection?
- b) What is the increase rate of service charge?
- c) Whether water meter currently in used is in function?

- d) Whether a new meter is being introduced after increase of tax?
- e) How much is being charged to consumers from public points and tube-wells?
- f) Will the tax also be charged on water we received from natural sources such as rain water, rivers and from water points?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have 5 more minutes; I hope that the Minister may give his reply within this time. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 6 is: –

- a) In consultation with Consumers Union, Mizoram, the bill was increased to ₹100 to ₹200 (100%). In some cases, it may also be increased by 50% according to the supply one received.
- b) Increase rate of service charge is as follows: -
 - (1) 5,000 lts. @ ₹100 to 200 per kl.
 - (2) 5,000 to 10,000 lts. @ ₹30 to 45 per kl.
 - (3) 10,000 to 20,000 lts. @ ₹50 to 75 per kl.
 - (4) 20,000 to 30,000 lts. @ ₹60 to 90 per kl.
 - (5) 30,000 and above lts. @ ₹70 to 105 per kl.
- c) Legal Metrology tested and approved the meter before installation.
- d) No meter is being installed after increase of tax.
- e) Under Water Supply and tube-well scheme of PHE Department, ₹30/- is charged on water supply through gravitation. If any other charge is made, it is in the purview of the local level committee.
- f) No, the government will not collect taxes from the natural sources of water supply.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, as you have given the minister an extra time, may I have as well?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Since it is for an unfinished question, we allow him to give his answer. It does not concern for other supplementary question. Panel of Chairmen were appointed as follows: -

- 1) Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana
- 2) Pu S. Laldingliana
- 3) Pu Lalrobiaka
- 4) Pu Vanlalawma

We will go to our next business, that is discussion on Motion of Thanks. Yesterday, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu has moved the Motion and was seconded by Pu Chalrosanga Ralte. Let us invite Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to move the Motion.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Yesterday, the hon'ble Governor delivered his speech which concern the development works done by the government given in 42 points. I am thankful to be the one to move the Motion and am grateful

to our leaders for selecting me. Besides, I am thankful for your words of welcome for me in this House.

I may not be able to go through the entire speech however, I will try my best. First, I want to discuss about NLUP. As he has pointed out, NLUP was introduced throughout Mizoram. Many families see the light of the day because of NLUP. While some failed, some prosper from NLUP. The government objective is to uplift the condition of the poor and cultivators throughout Mizoram and was much grateful to the government. The introduction of NLUP shows that the government sees to the condition of the poor and knows their plight.

Regarding women condition, we can say that this government is a government that uplifts the status of women. Never in Mizo history do we have a bill pass concerning women, however, under this government, we passed “The Mizo marriage and Inheritance of Property Bill, 2014”; I want to convey my thanks on behalf of the mizo women. Meanwhile, we know from the previous Municipal Council that women are not inferior to men. We are going to face Local Council and Village Council election in the near future, and this government gives us a reservation seat which is much appreciated. Step taken by the government in the development of women show its fruit as I am standing here today in this august House as member and that we are going to improve our status and reach beyond.

The main objective of the government is abundant supply of pure drinking water throughout the country. Water supply scheme was introduced in many places and I praise the concerned department in their works. Under PHED, SIPMIU is working on cleaning Aizawl and to have abundant supply of drinking water.

Development work under UD&PA was also highlighted in the Governor speech. Under this department, houses were built for the economically weaker section. This is appreciated by many as we receive many feedbacks from them. It is a dream come true for them and shed many tears of joy for having a government that saw to their welfare.

On law & order, we have peace where we can go as we please without any trouble. Insurgent Camp we used to hear are eliminated and supply of illegal arms are also stopped.

Among the development works done by Social Welfare as highlighted by our Governor, the most significant is the making of “The State Resource Centre for Women”. This will help our situation educationally and socially. Women Cell was also open under the Police, however, this need much improvement.

As mentioned in the speech, it is verified that there are sources of Gas within Mizoram as the search is in full swing. The development work done by Pu Lal Thanhawla’s headed government will develop our economic condition which will be inherited by the future generations.

On Medical, Referral Hospital which was abandoned by the previous ministry was revived which needs much improvement. Meanwhile, we are going to have a Medical College as well as a Nursing College. It is thankful that many departments work for the development of the country under the leadership of our Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank the Governor for his speech highlighting the development works done by this government. We cannot go through his speech as much as desired; however the point he highlighted clearly shows the works done by this government. I, therefore, move that all members give their support in this speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will invite Pu Chalrosanga Ralte who supported this Motion if he has anything to say.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, I have seconded this Motion moved by Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and so have to say a few words on it.

I want to discuss about 2 points from our Governor speech. First, on NLUP, and with your permission, I want to read out what he says 'NLUP shall continue; all commitments made by the Government shall be fulfilled; Fund shall not be constrained. Instead of stopping, the role of NLUP will be expanded to make it more comprehensive'. Recently, in every district we have a revitalization programme on NLUP. Here, the line departments shows the fruit of NLUP harvested by our cultivators and it made me happy. Hearing that our cultivators have benefitted income of 1 to 3 lakhs, it is truly welcoming.

Secondly, on Tourism, this government takes it step in development such as Eco-tourism, Trekking Routes, and Adventure Sports. If we continue this work, we will soon attract many tourists which consequently will increase our revenue. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you for keeping your time well. Let us not delay if we have anything to say. I am not going to wait for you. Now, Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The Governor pointed out the election of Lai and Chakma Autonomous District Council, where seat reservation was made for women. Women reservation is a common topic among the politicians, however, the reality is always another.

However, in this government, the talk comes into reality and women have now seat in the election. Women are very useful whether it is in a political field or church, as known to us all. They fulfill their task very well in everything they plan to do. If they are more involved in politics, we will see their usefulness more and more. The Governor also pointed out that this achievement is the effort of the government, political party, NGO and others. This shows that the working relationship of the government and NGOs in Mizoram is good enough.

The economic condition of numbers of poor is alleviated with the help of NLUP. In my constituency, many families who are engaged in broom cultivation benefits large amount of income through NLUP as the government does not control the rate and they sold it at a good price. Broom is harvested in a year, and during the harvest season i.e. January, it is kind of hard to find labor to be employed as most of them are working in their fields. While this is the case, it is regretted as the opposition tries to stop the fund by signing their names. However, as we can see in the speech, the Central Cabinet released the entire fund without a problem. Meanwhile, the UNO also signed MoU with the Mizoram government and has even opened the office here in Aizawl.

I would also want to point out that our rice production increases from 2.09 metric tonnes to 2.20 metric tonnes as a result of transition of our cultivation system from jhumming to NLUP. Our harvest is now increased with 0.11 per hectare. Besides, implementation of NLUP resulted in the increase of our milk production, meats and brooms etc as we are able to see remarkable achievement. Now, our farmers have income ranging from 20,000 to 25,000 lakh according to our Governor speech and I am pleased to hear this. Even in my constituency, Bilkhawthlir alone had generated annual income of 10 to 14 lakhs from betel nut plantation.

In page 7, we have seen 340 metric tonnes of cocoon, 7.5lakh of silkworm seed and 39.7 metric tonnes of raw silk being produced. Besides, 25 kilowatts solar plant being installed at Zemabawk Sericulture Complex with the help of NLUP; infrastructure fund will become very useful in the future. Some claims the government servants as not being able to draw their salary due to NLUP, however, this is wrong. The Central Government released fund twice the amount which our leaders had proposed. Now, we are able to receive large amount of funds under RKVY as a result of allotment of more than 11% on NLUP for agriculture. Due to the achievement of this ministry with NLUP, many have joined Congress Party. We have more than 189,000 families under survey and 135,000 families already being selected for beneficiary. All such families could not be of Congress party families, they are also from MNF and ZNP, Pu Chairman. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Who will be next? Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Chairman, thank you. While there are many points to discuss from our Governor speech, I, at the outset would like to express my appreciation to the Governor speech for giving important of the welfare of the government servants.

We have learned from the newspapers that Sixth Pay is not being implemented as yet in some States. While that is the case, we are fortunate for being able to enjoy the Sixth Pay due to the strong and efficient government to back us up. While there are many States in which DA are not received, we receive 100% from the basic pay. Employees under the Government of Mizoram are fortunate as we are able to take home various kinds of funds that employees under the central government and some states government could not. While the Central Government Servants have to pay 30% taxes from their pay, we are fortunate for being exempted from such

payment. Apart from that, while the Central employees have to contribute 10% of their pay as medical facility, we are able to enjoy free medical treatment inside and outside Mizoram not only by the government servant himself, but also by his family. It is, indeed a privilege to enjoy all that and I would like to point out that the former leaders of the Government Servants Union deserve much credits.

Pu Speaker, I am happy to learn that NLUP will be continued but a slight change in the strategy as recommended by the 14th Finance Commission. It is now increased to 247.34%, but Plan Fund inclusive and so we have to be careful in its calculation. So, we are fortunate to have a House Leader with vast experiences in Finance Commission as he knows well how to present our requirements. Due to his vast knowledge and hard work, we are able to receive 12,183 crore from the Finance Commission. But we have to utilize such funds wisely as for development and also to compensate victim families of the natural calamities. Pu Speaker, it may be noted by the members that there are numbers of family who deserve assistance from NLUP even from ZNP and MNF; I am glad the strategy is improved so that any deserving families are covered by NLUP.

The good news is regularization of the 227 Nos. temporary employees which seldom occur in India. The Minister for Health deserves much credit for his effort for regularization of numbers of doctors and nurses who are spending most of their services on temporary basis. I, at the same time would like to request our Minister for Finance as well as DP & AR to keep a close attention to the needs of smaller departments who are not that influential to convince higher authority.

Regarding law & order situation, we have witness changes as some criminal cases which could not be solved are now being solved. It is truly appreciated as the Governor highlighted that law & order in our State is now under control thanks to the cooperative efforts of various NGOs. I hope that we all would support to pass our Governor Speech. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Chairman, thank you. I must say that one of the global problems today is inappropriate conduct of the election. In the context of Mizoram, we had often encountered various problems as in the election of village and district level, MLA and even in the election of MP. But now, it is quite a change not to hear any allegation against the process of the election or EVM in bye-election of Hrangturzo constituency, election of VC level, District Council and even of the election of MP of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. It is quite delightful to hear about free and fair election which happened in Mizoram. Besides, I am happy to hear from the Governor words of praise to this government for achieving seat reservation for Women.

While this is the case, it is regretted to hear about a joint memorandum submitted by the opposition parties such as ZNP, MNF, BJP, MDF and MPC requesting the Prime Minister to stop NLUP in Mizoram by giving a copy to the Union Home Minister and Finance Minister.

Even so, the central, knowing our exact needs approved the entire sanction provision and released the amount in full. According to the recently held Survey to 2,14,705 families, 1,59,000 families are NLUP beneficiaries which mean 84% received NLUP. This indicates the beneficiaries are not only of pro-Congress party but other parties as well. As the Governor highlighted in his speech, 62,567 families already has received the amount in full while 72,433 families, some portions. The said memorandum is, therefore, hateful to concerned beneficiaries especially to those 24,528 families who are anxiously waiting for the provision.

NLUP is necessary for Mizoram as the majority are of poor economic background whose condition are so low that they have no means to support their livings. It is their dreams to alleviate their condition with the help of NLUP. While this is the case, it is sad that some parties moves against implementation of NLUP in Mizoram which I opine as an act of jealousy. They should consider the future of the families with poor economic background. However, we have learned from the Governor that NLUP will be continued despite the effort of the Opposition parties to stop it. It is a blessing for the people of Mizoram; it is much appreciated that the scheme is extended for another 5 years.

On Agriculture, a huge development is seen as our rice production increases due to implementation of NLUP. The department of Agriculture truly deserves credit for introducing the new system of cultivation which results in increase of our productions. In this connection, I have to inform concerned Minister that the majority within my constituency also is engage on cultivation but some are left handicap with the loss of their cattle last year and they have to stop their cultivation. I was asked to help them mechanized their cultivations by means of Tractor and Power Tiller on subsidized rate. It will be much appreciated if concerned minister note down the problem within my constituency.

Thanks to the effort of our Rajya Sabha MP, Pu Ronald Sapa, experts from Taiwan are now studying our grapes. We have two Wineries at Champhai but the market decreases due to implementation MLPC Act. So, I appeal to the Minister that the alcohol content may again be increased which was once 14% but being reduced at 11% due to the demand of various churches. Otherwise, those families who are engaged in plantation may not be able to continue with their occupation. In this connection, we have winery experts who stated that the quality of grapes in our state is good enough for processing Vodka on which we are having a high confident as we are planning to approach the government to take initiative in this regard.

Our Tourism Minister takes intensive measure for improvement of tourism industry. It is known to us all that our youths hardly have a place to enjoy their pastime. However, we will soon have trekking routes and others facilities which will be attractive to the tourists as well as for the local people.

Lastly, being in the opposition does not mean we have to attack the ruling in any possible mean. If one is not able to give his support to this government, he may face the same problem when his part came into power. So, instead of condemning the government, we have to give our

support by giving some advices, and if the government takes a wrong step, we should give constructive criticism which is necessary for the government in any developing our country. With Thanks, I give my support to our hon'ble Governor's speech.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us invite Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am also concern for the matter stated by the member before me. Being the opposition member does not mean we have to criticize the ruling in every opportunity.

Let me start with Land Revenue and Tax. Though no remarkable improvement is seen, I believe revenue is increases with our collection of taxes. Yet, we need to give more efforts. As I am unable to calculate the rate, I do not know what the increase percentage is. If we move towards development, it is acceptable that we increase tax and revenue. However, there is nothing to see in development work, I have found no reason to increase the taxes. The Assam Governor announced Assam as a self sufficient State recently; however, it is not the result of increase of taxes in their State. Likewise, the AAP who is now in power to a self sufficient State is not intending to decrease the electricity bill to 50%. While this is the case of other developing states, we are increasing taxes without being self-sufficient.

On page 14, Health Department, it is truly appreciative that we have a plan for setting a Medical College in our State. I am thankful to the Health Minister for taking initiative in this direction. While this is the case, Pu Deputy Speaker, we have to consider that our government has a mounting debt in some hospitals outside our State and the problem with credit facilities. Is there a way to resolve the problem particularly to patients with cancer, kidney transplant and heart disease? It is appreciative that any one is able to admit himself in our Civil Hospital but it takes a lot of money for any patient for one has to purchase anything from outside as nothing is provided. Not only this, the hospital is in short of enough doctor and the government has to give more attentions to this concern.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I do not criticize NLUP as a mean to help poor people but I do not understand why the provision is allotted in our budget. It seems that many departments faces problem with the development funds. It may be taken for granted that the supporters of any party other than the ruling Congress has also benefitted NLUP but what is wrong in the process is the need for one to affiliate in the Congress party so as to receive such benefit and, allotment of only 2% to such newly affiliated where as others received the amount in full.

Regarding midday meal, the Governor speech pointed out to be successful and is being carried out without interruption. But I want to say is that wages for the cooks have not been paid since July. However, payment was made only for September but not for the previous six months. Some teachers therefore have to pay from their own pockets in such a way to keep up with the routine. I request concerned authority to maintain such routine and without having unpaid wages. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, now let us invite Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, government of the former ministry upgraded 337 Nos. school just before the elections where there are 48 Nos. Gov't schools, 83 Nos. Gov't Aided schools and the rest are to be aided with an amount of ₹1.5 lakhs to ₹1.3 lakhs. As the budget for the year 2008 - 2009 was passed in the month of March, it brought up financial crisis for the new Ministry as the opposition parties take this opportunity to criticize the ministry during the election campaign. The hon'ble Chief Minister then wisely made an approach to the central and so manages to resolve the problem. It was considered carefully by the Central Government and they were convinced that Mizoram could become a model State for others by implementing this policy. So, an amount of ₹2,871.92 crores was sanctioned for the implementation of NLUP.

Regarding the increase of Taxes, I want the people to know that in any developed country, people take pride in paying taxes as they know that by doing so, they contributes a great deal in the economic development of the state. So, it is important that the people support us in this matter and we should be more aware of our reason for increase in our taxes. I urge the educated and experts to carefully study on this matter. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a short recess; our discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will continue with our discussion and Er. Lalrinawma may have his time.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I want to stress on the allocation of NLUP funds. As approved by CCEA in 2010, the total amount allocated was ₹2873.13 where an amount of ₹1000.84 will be from CSS and another ₹1526.14 crores from either of ACA or SPA and, an amount of ₹346.15 crores should be made from the beneficiary contribution. Is this amount contributed by the beneficiaries of NLUP and what is the progress of work of the beneficiaries? If this scheme should be continued, how will the Central government be funding this scheme since we have received all the funds allocation for this purpose?

It is gratifying to know that cultivation of Oil Palm is being promoted. At the same time, I suggest the rising price of milk should be controlled since the production of milk is increasing. Initiatives are taken to promote the cultivation of Tung which had been very problematic for the people of my constituency. We have also taken initiatives to manufacture soap from medicinal plants like Aloe Vera and as it takes good packaging materials, we have even submitted the application to that effect. I suggest we should also establish an Agriculture Market Information

body to keep the farmers well informed regarding the Market of different plantations.

Regarding the Old Age Pension, I suggest we should give more attention regarding their monthly pension scheme and so far from the last record, an amount of ₹400 has already been received for the month of Dec, 2013 to April, 2014. Widows have also been given an amount of ₹900 for 3 months and from the last record, it was given on the 9th of Dec, 2014. I suggest we should be more efficient in dealing with this matter.

After studying the food security scheme, 8,000 metric ton of rice is being purchased where as 6,400 metric ton could be purchased under Food Security Scheme and the rest 1,600 metric ton could be saved. I request the hon'ble Minister to take note of this. We are glad that Referral Hospital will be established in Mizoram but the main problem seems to be of transportation. I suggest we should provide a line bus for the convenience of the people. I also suggest a medical officer should be posted in the Emergency room for emergency cases since there could be a problem for the people concerns.

Regarding law & order, I request we should be more severe in implementing MLPC Act. It is seen in the newspapers that there was an incident in Kolasib that three drunkards lay hands on a police while he was patrolling and that he had to run away from them to avoid severe injury. It is very disgraceful to know such kind of act. So, in order to prevent such kind of incident in the future, I suggest we should be more severe in the implementation of law & order. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Judging from the Governor's speech, NLUP seems to be very successful, but it is learned from the following paragraph that revitalization program will be continued which makes the success of the scheme quite doubtful. If it had been as successful as reported, why would it need to be revitalized? Another thing that caught my attention is the point regarding increase of substance abuse and drug trafficking. If we do not give more attention in this regard, our tribe will be assimilated very soon. We have learned that HIV is wide-spreading and I suggest we should organize more awareness programme. In order to be more efficient in maintaining law and order, I think Excise & Narcotics department should be manned with more staff and much needed equipments.

His Excellency, the Governor also mentioned that sanctions for the year 2014-2015 had already been released for MADC; but from the hon'ble Chief Minister's Speech on the 3rd March, it is learned that the ministry faces financial problem right from the start and they have to borrow funds from the 2st Installment for payment of the salary of Gov't servants. If the State government allocated sanction provisions to MADC, why did the government need to borrow funds from the 2nd or 3rd Installment to run the ministry? Whereas 50% of the arrear for 6th Pay was given and the rest is still pending, it is learned from CEM, MADC that any amount so required were borrowed from various available sectors. Does it mean that it was borrowed from funds received from some Central Sponsored Schemes? Maybe, for this reason, I, the concerned

MLA of the constituency is not included in the BRGF Board members. Since we have only 10 minutes, I may conclude for now but hope there will be enough time in our future session to mention other important issues. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Though the Governor has given his praise to the Election Commission, but in reality, it is known to us all that election of the Village and Local Council had been postponed twice which show their failure to conduct the election on time. This further indicates inefficiency of the government and I hope such kind of incident is not repeated in the future.

The increase of tax is also a great burden for the people and we have also raised our voice as a party to drag down the increasing percentage. We should also give more effort in maintaining law & order and I think initiatives should be taken with different NGO's and churches. Regarding NLUP, from the economic measure, we can say the scheme fails. We do not attain self sufficiency in poultry and other meat products. The same goes for agriculture, so, I suggest we should try to build up a sustainable source of development in order have a economic independency.

Old pension schemes cannot be distributed regularly so I request we should give attention in this matter. We have now implemented MLPC Act and we are facing quite a problem in our society and if we do not deal with this problem, I am afraid our society will face a very bad consequence. I suggest we should also give the monthly salary which amounts to only ₹1000/- per month to all the cook of Mid –day meal since salary cannot be provided to them for a long time.

As mentioned by the hon'ble Minister, I support that The Mizoram Land Revenue Act, 2013 should be reviewed since there are many complications. A few days ago, I came across in facebook, an approach to developing growth strategy for Mizoram, and I suggest we should have a proper preparation for monitoring, surveillance and planning for this issue. Regarding the increase of taxes, as the hon'ble member mentioned earlier, people in the West take pride in paying taxes because there is transparency in their government and they know where their taxes are utilized. Here in our state, judging from the economic measures, even a layman could know that the taxes paid are not utilized as expected hence this makes the people hesitate to pay the tax.

Regarding Sports & Youth Services, I am grateful for the development we have achieved so far and I hope this continues in the future and I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and the concerned minister for the initiatives they have taken. Many have also controlled their substance abuse so they could be physically fit. I hope we also have a better planning and strategy to reach for higher goals. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding our topic of discussion, NLUP, we must know that every ministry have their own developmental policy and NLUP is one of them. Organizations like UNO have also studied the project and they find the scheme to be pleasing and are signing MoU with the Mizoram government. There are many who have started their own Petty Trade. We have also seen success in permanent farming system and all these shows that NLUP is successful.

In order to uplift and empower women, the government had also passed ‘The Mizo Marriage, Divorce & Inheritance of Property Bill’ in 2014. As questioned by the hon’ble member regarding the revitalization of NLUP, yes, it needs to be revitalized. Just as a student needs to face an exam at the end of the session, we need to examine the positive and negative impact on the project and build a strategy to improve on the project.

I am glad that the government has approved the ‘Approach to developing growth strategy for Mizoram’ which will improve the state economy to a great extend. Regarding the Old Age Pension there are also 1925 nos of registered widow who are between the age of 40-59 and who enjoy the privilege of Old Age Pension Scheme.

Regarding taking austerity measures, the state government had ended all the VIP quotas and the government is taking severe steps in this matter. We should also be aware that paying taxes contribute to the economy of the state and a direct example will be our churches. We contribute earnestly and hence we can have nice church buildings in almost every locality. So, it is wise to make our contribution by paying taxes regularly and we will no doubt uplift the economy of our state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble Home Minister Pu R.Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will react only to a few points and my first one is NLUP. As mentioned by the hon’ble member, the project is a success and we can see the results from different success stories which we have seen. Through this project many under privileged had established themselves to have a sustainable income through the different trades they have chosen.

Regarding MLPC Act, as the hon’ble House Leader said, we will put a test on the Act and if the results are not desirable, we will amend the Act for the better. So, I do not think it is wise to oppose this before putting into practice.

The issues mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma, the incident happened before we implement MLPC Act, so, we will take an enquiry and if the incident happens just as mentioned by the hon’ble member, severe actions will be taken on the person responsible. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will state a few points regarding MLTP Act; we have implemented the Act for 15 years but failed. So, I suggest it is better not to have any rules or restrictions regarding alcohol. I believe Pu Zoramsangliana raised his hands.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I will state only a few points regarding NLUP. Though many have tried to block NLUP scheme, it is the one project that provides economic independence to many families and to discontinue this scheme will be like taking away their life source. So, in my opinion those who favor the discontinuation of the scheme do not think about the underprivileged. In each of the paragraph in the Governor's speech, there is an expression of gratitude and if there is other substituting which will be better than NLUP to provide a sustainable income, we will no doubt study it. But from the results of survey the programme had been very successful and from the Governor's speech, we see that the programme will continue and I also support the mover and express my gratitude in this regard. Thank you.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, We have been discussing NLUP for quite sometime and our point of views is very different on the success rate of the beneficiaries. So, I think our source of information also differs. The stories we heard so far regarding NLUP had not been very encouraging or good, so it may only be good in theory but not very practicable. From the survey conducted by Synod Social Front 88% of the beneficiaries are from the ruling party. I am sure our leaders are well aware that if 50% or 60% of the beneficiaries are successful with their trade, we will have economic stability in our state. So before the beneficiaries received their money, I suggest proper instructions should be given very carefully.

Regarding the increase rate of rice which was ₹ 5.50/- I suggest information should be given beforehand so we could be more prepared and the same goes for the increase of taxes. Residents of Aizawl may manage but it will be a burden for people living in rural areas. On the matter of implementing MLPC Act, we are now facing problems regarding the outlet. The majority of the localities do not want the outlets to be in their area. So I think it will be wise to review this Act once again.

Last night, water supply pipe bursted in Lawipu and I went to the spot. The pipeline was buried in 1986 and from the condition, it is obvious that the pipe needs immediate replacement otherwise it may cause a disaster for the nearby areas in the near future apart from the fact that it will cause a problem in the supply of water. So I suggest immediate replacement should be made before further damage is done.

I want to point out that the Governor's speech does not highlight any kind of financial control or economizing strategy. On the 2nd of March, in Vanglaini, I read that travelling expenses by helicopter of the hon'ble Chief Minister cannot be calculated which I find very confusing. We know that the rate is ₹ 7000/- per hour and the Chief Minister will utilize it on important matters. But to state that the expenditure cannot be calculated is quite bothersome.

We should also give more attention to Health Department, after conducting a survey on different hospitals, we should give more attention to sanitation in hospitals since many private hospitals are located in the midst of Aizawl city and their waste could be toxic and hazardous for public health. There are many topics I would like to stress on but I will conclude by pointing out that we should also give a proper name to Kulikawn Hospital since even the employees are not sure about its official name. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 14 members have had their time, so I will now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am glad that we could discuss the Governor's speech under a calm environment. I thank my fellow members specially the opposition members for their constructive thoughts and ideas.

On the matter of helicopter travelling expenditure, we receive it from Home Department at a subsidizing rate of 75 % and from that we make some adjustments. Regarding the increase of taxes, we need to realize that it is a step to develop our state's economic status. But the increase of monthly water bill is no doubt incorrect and it may be due to the improper functioning of the meter that was fitted in the former ministry. We wanted to know the supplier but we were unable to find him. The increasing price of rice also does not affect the underprivileged which we named BPL families. Regarding the increase of taxes, we have to know that by paying our taxes we are contributing to develop the economic condition of our state.

Regarding power development, we are now taking initiatives to construct Tuirial hydel project and we hope to complete it in 2015. Tuivai hydel project, which could generate 210 megawatt, had also been handed to NEEPCO and initiatives are taken on other hydel projects like Lungreng, which could generate 815 megawatt, Chhintuipui that could generate 460 and also Kawlchaw hydel project. We are also considering the possibility of using other natural resources to generate power supply.

In order to maintain law & order regarding smuggling of sandalwood and drugs, we have submitted an application to the Central Ministry to establish a Mizo Reserve Heart & Home battalion and if we get the approval, it will provide employment to many and at the same time we will be more efficient in the investigation of drugs and other smugglings.

Regarding financial condition of our District Councils, it is sad that many do not hesitate to corrupt and to prevent this we have also established a committee to enquire the utilization of funds before and we are now planning to establish an Ethics Committee for their efficiency.

As mentioned before, the increase of harvest and the decrease of jhumming cultivation are due to NLUP. Our harvests had increased by 40% and under the leadership of our former Agriculture Minister and our present Agriculture Minister our agriculture scientist, use their skill and hence it results in the increase of the harvest.

To uplift the status of women, we have passed a new Act and women all over Mizoram seems to be very pleased and the credit goes to the Law Commission Chairman and its members along with our legal experts. Women will have a place and a voice in the Village Council level to AMC level and I hope this step will open doors for women to take a lead in many other areas.

As for NLUP, I am not saying the scheme is 100 % successful, but from the surveillance which was conducted by Synod Social Front, the results were very positive and they encourage us to continue with the project and many have a stable source of income because of NLUP and we have also heard many success stories.

I also want to encourage the cultivation of Tung which could be used in the production of soap and other.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : hon'ble House Leader, since it is almost 4 :00 O'clock I have to ask the permission of the House so we may continue to discuss this motion. Do we all agree to continue? The august House had agreed. You may continue.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, NLUP has been a life changing project for many families in our state. The project was also very much encouraged by the Central Government and they help in making a better scheme and they also doubled the sanctioned funds. We came to know that five parties submitted a file of complaint to the Central Government but they were unsuccessful. In many rural areas the selection board consists of Congress party members and if they show favor to the party members regarding the selection of beneficiaries we are not aware of it. We also hope NLUP will bring about a better social and economic development in our state. Though there are rumours that funds had been diverted, I want to say that we are determined not to divert funds sanctioned for this purpose since this project is solely to uplift the underprivileged in our state.

Lastly, I thank all my fellow members for their participations and I am happy that we could discuss the Governor's Speech under a very calm environment.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to wind up her Motion.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I express my gratitude to all my fellow members for their constructive thoughts and ideas. I also want to say that though they may have many negative opinions about NLUP, we know that this programme uplifts the underprivileged by providing a sustainable income through the trade they choose. So, we will continue to pursue this project. I also request the august House to pass this Motion of thanks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon'ble member Pi Vanlalawmpuii had appealed to

pass the Motion and all in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say "No" Since there seems to be no objection the 'Ayes' have it. So, the Motion of thanks is unanimously passed by the House.

We have come to the end of our session for today and we will continue our session on 19.3.2015 (Thursday) at 10:30 P.M.

Sitting is adjourned at 4:14 p.m.