

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 20th MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY, VAKKOM PURUSHOTHAMAN, Governor of Mizoram to address the House.**
2. **Pu R. SELTHUAMA**, to move Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor in the following form :

“That the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 20th March, 2012”.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

1. Hon'ble Speaker and distinguished Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, It is a great privilege for me to address the tenth session of the Sixth Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I extend my greetings and best wishes to the Hon'ble Members and to the people of Mizoram. In this session, the Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2011-12 and Vote on Account on the budget for the year 2012-13 will be presented. I am confident that the House will function with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose, and that the reputation and dignity of the House as also the high standard of debate will be maintained.
2. We are living in times of high expectations of the people from their elected representatives and from the governmental machinery. We therefore need to strive for an accelerated growth for the State, while ensuring that this growth is inclusive, with benefits reaching all sections of society, especially the poor and marginalised. My Government is committed to providing good governance and administration which is clean, responsive, and accountable and target oriented.

1. The recently held General Elections to Village Councils and 1st General Elections to Local Councils of Aizawl Municipality which went off peacefully and smoothly have been hailed as successful and well-conducted elections by all stake-holders. The record 76.54% voter turn-out in respect of General Elections to village Councils and 68.33% voter turn-out in respect of General Elections to Local Councils are significant indicators that a healthy democratic spirit prevails in our State.
2. I take pride in the fact that peace and tranquility continues to prevail in the State. Securing the safety of the citizens and providing an efficient and just administration at all levels of governance remain the top priority of my Government. There has been no major outbreak of law and order in the State during the past year mainly due to the concerted efforts of our efficient law enforcing agencies, non-government organisations, religious institutions, media and the general public. Our police force are being provided with the latest equipment, advanced weaponry, efficient fleet of vehicles and building infrastructures to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness under the Police Modernisation Scheme. Mizoram is one of the frontrunner in implementation of the Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network System (CCTNS) Project in the country. The Economic Offences Wing and the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit have managed to solve a number of cases pertaining to economic offences, cyber crimes and human trafficking during this year.
3. With continuous endeavours of our able political leaders, government servants and the people of Mizoram, the state today is ideally placed for an economic ascendancy. The image of peace and prosperity that Mizoram projects has augured well for the state and encouraged private investors to make larger investments. My Government would strive to use this favourable condition to increase the pace of development so that the gap with the developed states is bridged at a faster pace. In order to ensure that this growth is both sustainable and inclusive, steps are being taken for the development of the most backward sections of society.
4. My Government is committed to have an efficient, transparent, responsive and corruption free administration. Towards this end, the State Module of Centralized Public Grievances Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) – ‘MIPUI AW’ was successfully launched by the Chief Minister on 29th February, 2012. The system, developed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India in technical collaboration with the National Informatics Centre (NIC) aims to enable effective and expeditious settling of grievances both online and manually. Training in this regard was successfully conducted in all districts of Mizoram before the launch, with trainers from the Government of India, NIC (Mizoram) and Information and Communication Technology Department, Mizoram.

5. The New Land Use Policy (NLUP), the flagship programme of my Government, officially launched on 14th January, 2011 is also gaining momentum and beneficiaries of various trades under the programme are now actively engaged and being monitored in their respective trades. Detailed land use planning exercise has been undertaken to ensure proper planning and quality in the project implementation. ₹413.27 crores have been earmarked for the implementation of NLUP during the current Financial Year, and under its aegis as many as 20000 beneficiaries are being assisted. I am confident that the programme will gradually transform the economy of the State and usher in an improved and better quality of life and environment for its people.
6. My Government is acutely aware of the fact that agriculture is perhaps the only safety-net for our economy. It continues to be the main source of livelihood of the majority of our population with roughly 60% of the total workers engaged in agricultural activities. During 2011 – 2012 jhum cultivation area has been brought down by about 42% as a result of the implementation of National Watershed Development Programmes for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRRA) and Watershed Development Projects in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSCA). There has been increase in the area of Wet Rice Cultivation (WRC) which has subsequently led to increase in production of rice to the tune of 51,948 MT during 2011 – 2012. Net cropped area has also increased by about 46%. Farm power availability and fertilizer consumption have increased significantly during the current year. For all round development of Agriculture and Allied Sectors, my Government is also undertaking construction of basic infrastructures like irrigation facilities, approach roads to potential areas for transportation of agriculture inputs and outputs, farm roads, field drains and protected seedbeds through land levelling and shaping. To bring in more areas under irrigation, a number of major, medium and minor irrigation schemes are under implementation with funding under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP). 49 such projects covering Culturable Command Area of 2,339 ha will be completed within the current financial year. A number of projects are being taken up under Anti-erosion Scheme under Flood Management Programme and Command Area Development programme as well.
7. Under Horticulture Department, my government is assisting poor farmers to abandon shifting cultivation and settle to more profitable and sustainable system of permanent farming. Plantation and cultivation of various horticulture crops have been taken up under Area Expansion Scheme. We have managed to increase our production of Anthurium cut flowers, chayote (iskut) in vegetables, Mandarin orange, banana, pineapple, grapes and lemon in fruits, off-season cabbages, turmeric, ginger and chillies in spices. Horticulture Centre of Excellence at Thiak has been established wherein infrastructures are being installed for production of quality planting materials and various other needed facilities. Besides, a number of nurseries have been established throughout the state which resulted in production of more than 2 lakh quality planting materials for distribution to selected growers. Scion Bank

for citrus is being established at Horticulture Centre, Chite for collection of disease free bud-wood scions for budding.

8. Animal Husbandry is an important sector for improving the socio-economic condition of the people particularly those living in the rural areas. My Government has taken up a number of programmes for livestock development in the State, like programme for improved and enhanced fodder production, backyard poultry development, artificial insemination and control of animal diseases through massive vaccination. The project for establishment of Veterinary Polyclinic at Aizawl had been approved by the Government of India and financial approval of ₹482.30 lakhs for the project has already been received. Approval for ₹500.00 lakhs project on National Mission on Protein Supplement has also been received and will be implemented soon. A number of Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries are being established and strengthened, construction of Rural Slaughter Houses at Mualpui, Lunglei and Serchhip are underway. The Liquid Nitrogen Plant at Lunglei has been commissioned during this financial year and 200 units of Biogas Plant have been installed for dairy farmers all over the state. Under NLUP, the department covers 9827 beneficiaries with a financial outlay of ₹7325.40 lakhs during the current fiscal.
9. Fish farming has emerged as an important component for our economic growth. My government has been taking steps to increase fish production. During this year, 47.70 ha of new ponds have been developed and 129.34 ha of existing ponds have been renovated. The Freshwater Prawn Hatchery and Backyard Ornamental Fish Hatchery at Lengpui are expected to start production from June 2012 coinciding with the breeding season. Three new district offices are opened at Lawngtlai, Serchhip and Champhai. Under NLUP, 1445 families have been covered with anticipated production of 2373 MT of fish and 60 MT of prawns at the end of 2012 – 2013.
10. We have brought about substantial increase in the production of cash crops like Rubber, Coffee and Broom. Broom plantation alone is expected to yield the farmers ₹19.70 crores in the coming year, and these activities will be given further thrust under the New Land Use Policy to boost the rural economy. A well regulated marketing system will be developed to protect the interest of the farmers as well as the State Government.
11. My Government has been trying its best to provide adequate means for upliftment of the people in the autonomous districts of Lai, Mara and Chakma. General Elections to the District Councils, as per the laws passed by them, are being entrusted to an independent body i.e. State Election Commission, for the first time. Entrustment of functions to the Autonomous District Councils under paragraph 6(2) of the Sixth Schedule has been revised and my government has been sincerely trying to implement it in letters and spirit, to avoid duplicacies of functions in these areas as best as possible. Developmental projects in these areas will be reviewed on regular basis in the light of the recommendations of

the Commission, already set up for the purpose. Efforts are on to restrict non-plan expenditure and to increase plan allocations so that more developmental projects can be undertaken for the benefit of the people in these autonomous districts.

12. My Government will continue to focus on providing quality education and skill development. To cope with the new requirements under the Constitutional mandate for ensuring Rights of Children for Free and Compulsory Education, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has appropriately been re-oriented and many new interventions have been taken up. As many as 2776 teachers and additional classrooms for class VIII students have been constructed in various Schools. Under Rashtriya Madhyama Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), 154 existing Secondary Schools are being strengthened and 161 teachers and 222 laboratory attendants are being appointed. Out of 23 High Schools now under construction, work for 15 schools have been completed and work for the remaining 8 schools are in its final stage. The Right to Education Protection Authority has been constituted to look after all relevant matters of the RTE Act like school administration, buildings and rationalization of teachers. Construction and infrastructure development of a number of Government Colleges have been undertaken during the current financial year. We have made significant progress in taking up the construction work for infrastructure development of 4 Govt. Colleges (at Saiha, Lunglei, Serchhip and Zirtiri), of Mizoram Law College at Luangmual, Aizawl, Post-matric Students Hostel at Aizawl, new polytechnics at Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai and Mamit. The construction works for Govt. Colleges at Lawngtlai and Champhai as well as new Polytechnics at Saiha and Serchhip are to begin soon.

13. The year 2011-2012 has been a watershed year in the history of sports in Mizoram. Our sportspersons won laurels at various disciplines at different levels of competition. While the credit of such success goes to the talented sportspersons, government's progressive sports policy and vast expansion of sports infrastructure have also contributed in a sizeable measure in creating a sports-friendly environment in the state. There has been tremendous growth in sports infrastructure for the last few years. Laying of Artificial Turf at Thuamluaia Mual, Lunglei, laying of Astro Turf at Boys' Hockey Academy, Kawnpui, construction of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui, cricket stadium at Sihhmui, indoor stadium at Aizawl, Champhai, Bungtlang and Keitum, StateSports Academy at Zobawk, Mini Sports Complex at Lengpui, Regional Sports Training Centre at Saidan, Kolasib are some of the projects taken up recently. Mizoram Sports Incentive Cash Award amounting to ₹22,02,250/- was awarded to 302 sports persons in the first week of March 2012. To add more colour to the already decorated sports calendar, the people of Mizoram will witness sports extravaganza in the form of the 26th North East Games beginning today at Aizawl. I take this opportunity to wish all the athletes the very best in their dedicated pursuit of excellence. I do hope that this great event will boost sporting activities and channelise the energy of the youth.

14. My Government is alert to the need of undertaking Disaster Risk Management initiatives as Mizoram is prone to natural disasters such as landslides, hailstorms, flash flood and cyclonic storms and is also lying within Seismic Zone V. The State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister has been formed and in its first sitting approved the 'Mizoram State Disaster Management Policy', revision of the 'Mizoram Urban & Regional Development Act, 1990', 'Mizoram Urban and Regional Act, 2005' and enforcement of 'Mizoram Urban and Regional Development Act, 1990'.
15. My Government has initiated a number of steps to promote efficient public transport system by strengthening and expanding the bus fleet and associating the private sector to supplement the public transport facilities. The Ministry of Shipping, Government of India has approved our Inland Water Transport project at Tlawng river at an estimated cost of ₹527.93 lakh. Smart card and high security plates for vehicles will soon be introduced to improve our efficiency and security. With the amendment of the Mizoram Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 2011 which came into effect from 1st September, 2011, revenue of ₹3.30 crore is expected during the current financial year. The Ministry of Urban Development approved purchase of 25 Urban Buses at an estimated cost of ₹325.00 lakh, out of which 14 buses have already been purchased, which are expected to be on the road soon. Steps are being taken to improve our transportation facilities and infrastructures at various places.
16. My government is taking all possible steps to augment our power generation. The problem in the hydro-mechanical system in the power channel of the recently commissioned Serlui 'B' SHP has now been rectified and the power plant has resumed generation of power since February 2012. Construction of 2x2.5 MW Tlawva SHP in Champhai district at the project cost of ₹5749.08 lakh is underway and is expected to be completed within 3 years from award of the work. Construction of 210 MW Tuivai HEP near Ngopa Village, 100 KW micro-hydel stations at Tuiriza near Phullen and Tuiching near Hrianghmun Village are about to commence soon. Necessary formalities are being undertaken for construction of Lungreng HEP (815 MW), Chhimtuipui HEP (635 MW), Mat HEP (76 MW), Kolodyne Phase-II HEP (460 MW), Tuirini and Tuivawl HEPs. Construction of 132 KV line from Khawzawl to Champhai at an estimated cost of Rs 764.00 lakh was completed in the month of July, 2011. Construction of 132 KV line between Kolasib to Aizawl at an estimated cost of ₹2497.00 lakh and that of Melriat Sub- Station to Luangmual Sub-Station at an estimated cost of Rs 499.00 lakh have also been undertaken. The construction of 33KV Double Circuit transmission line from Lawngtlai to Saiha at a total cost of ₹1020.00 lakh is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) 4 nos. of 33/11KV Sub-Stations have been covered and electrification of 137 un-electrified villages, intensive electrification work in 570 already electrified

villages and provision of free service connection to 27417 nos. of BPL households are being undertaken.

17. Improving the basic infrastructure of our state is a priority of my Government. The stretch of NH-154 within Mizoram is being widened to lane from Bilkhawthlir to Assam border. Out of the entire stretch of 53Km, about 50Km of formation cutting and 18 Km of pavement have been completed. Similarly, section of NH-54 between Kawnpui and Buichali (Sairang) is also being upgraded to 2-lane national highway standard under SARDP-NE Phase-A. Nearly 26 km of formation cutting and 10km of pavement have been completed. The whole project is expected to be completed by the end of 2012. In addition to 2-laning, resurfacing of various national Highways have been taken up and about 54km have been completed so far during 2011- 2012. Double-Lane Highway to connect Lawngtlai (NH-54) with sea port at Sittwe in Myanmar is being constructed under Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project. The portion of the highway within Mizoram is about 100 Km. the project is to be completed in four years time, i.e. by 2014. About 25 Km of formation cutting have been completed and the work is progressing smoothly. Re-construction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi is now at completion stage and is slated to be ready by the end of March, 2012. Many more building projects are undertaken under Public Building and Government Housing.
18. My Government is committed to providing adequate, safe and potable water as well as basic sanitation facilities to all the people of the State. A number of projects under Rural and Urban Water Supply schemes are being taken up through different programmes at various levels. Out of the targeted 128 rural habitations to be provided safe drinking water during 2011-2012, 64 habitations are so far covered. 86.167% of the on-going Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase-II has been completed; Durtlang Water Supply Scheme is being taken up with an estimated amount of ₹341.93 lakh; augmentation of Greater Lunglei WSS and Greater Serchhip WSS under JNNURM has also been undertaken. Greater Water Supply Schemes for Saiha, Tlabung, Saitual, Lawngtlai, Hnahthial, are also underway. Construction of Link Drain within Aizawl city amounting to ₹150.00 lakh is earmarked during 2011-2012.
19. A number of steps have been initiated in the field of Financial Administration. Under The Mizoram Treasury Manual, 2011, treasury payment by Cheque system is being implemented in Aizawl North and South Treasury from 1st October, 2011 as a pilot project. This will usher in a new era in financial administration by simplifying the transaction of bills between Treasury and Bank. My Government has also extended the scope of family pension to dependant disabled siblings of retired government servants. The Mizoram New Contributory Pension for Un-organised Employees and Workers (NPSLITE) Scheme, 2010 was notified on 8th June, 2011 to provide old age income security to the unorganised sections of employees. The Mizoram Money Lenders and Accredited Loan Providers (Regulation) Bill, 2010 and

The Mizoram Public Demand Recovery (Amendment) Bill, 2010 have been passed during this year and the draft ‘The Mizoram Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishment) Amendment Bill’ is being completed. The implementation of the Mizoram Public Resource Management Programme (MPRMP) is bringing about changes in fiscal operation of the State. It aims to bring in a balanced and sustainable fiscal situation and to enhance the revenue earning capacity of the State. The programme component includes Tax and Non-Tax Reforms, Debt Management, Public Expenditure Reforms, Sector Improvement in Health and Education Sectors, Pension Reforms and PSE Reforms.

20. Under Taxation Department, exclusive web-based VAT MIS software under Mission Mode Project-Commercial tax for State of Mizoram is being developed, under National e-Governance project (NeGP), a scheme of the Govt. of India. The new system, called VAT soft, was formally launched in 8th December, 2011 and will cater to the needs for State’s specific tax administration. In our endeavour to effectively streamline the e-governance system, an electronics tax portal is put into operation within the State for the very first time. This will offer services such as epayment, e-registration, e-waybills and e-returns. Plans are underway to integrate other tax related services.
21. Amongst the top priority of my government is ensuring food security, availability of essential commodities and protection of the rights of the consumers. In spite of many hurdles we have ensured uninterrupted distribution of rice through the Public Distribution System. Due to the special efforts of my Government, besides normal monthly allocation of rice under APL (2841 MT), BPL (1470 MT) and AAY (910 MT) the additional quota of rice 16,000 MT (APL) for November/December 2011 and 6001.46 MT of OMSS rice in February 2012 and 5000 MT of Additional BPL and 3000 MT OMSS rice were received for March 2012. And for the poorest District of Saiha, additional quota of 40.0 MT for BPL families and 30.5 MT for AAY families was also received for one year. Depending on this, another 233 families of BPL and 145 families of AAY were selected in addition to the normal and existing BPL & AAY families. My government is committed to provide social security to the aged, widows, destitute women, specially-abled and other vulnerable sections of society. More than 25,000 persons of different categories are receiving financial assistance under different schemes for the welfare of the aged
22. My Government accords high priority to provide quality healthcare to all. A number of schemes have been taken up at the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary level towards this end. Various programmes under the flagship National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) are being implemented with renewed vigour. To ensure that our children are healthy with hope for the future, School Health programmes were conducted in 2140 schools and as many as 1,14,752 children were examined. Malaria Control Programme and T.B. Control

Programme are continued with full vigour. A number of advanced machines and equipments are being procured and installed in various hospitals during this year. The construction of Referral Hospital, Falkawn which commenced in the year 2000 is in the final stage of completion. A plot of land has been allotted at New Secretariat Complex for construction of Directorate of Hospital & Medical Education building. An amount of ₹370.5 lakh has been released by Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, for upgradation of Nursing School Aizawl to Nursing College Aizawl, and construction work is in progress.

23. My Government recognises the importance of development in the industrial sector in the socioeconomic upliftment of the people of the State. A special initiative is being taken up to change the land use system by providing permanent engagement through the NLUP and a pro-active role needs to be taken by all the stakeholders so that the policy meets its objectives. Steps are being taken for development of industrial area at various locations. Zuangtui Industrial Estate, Export Promotion of Industrial Park, Lengte and Industrial Growth Centre, Luangmual are completed with basic Infrastructure requirement like water supply, power supply, industrial plots and other necessary facilities.
24. My Government continues to place development of rural areas and poverty alleviation on top of its agenda. Rural families are provided basic infrastructure, gainful employment opportunities, skill development and credit linkage to uplift their living conditions through various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Integrated Wasteland Development Programme (IWDP), Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Indira Awas Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana. National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) is being introduced recently by restructuring the existing SGSY and several preparatory activities are undertaken for effective implementation of the scheme in the State. Under Border Area Development Programme (BADP), an amount of ₹3702.00 lakh is allocated and a total of 465 works are being taken up during the current year.
25. Under Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department, a number of schemes and programmes on urban housing and urban poverty alleviation are being taken up. Projects worth of ₹12,896.62 lakh are to be taken up under the Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UI&G) programme. Under the Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP), projects for Housing for Economically Weaker Section worth of ₹9131.97 lakh are underway. Renovation of Lunglei Greater Water Supply at an estimated cost of ₹867.64 lakh and renovation of Serchhip Greater Water Supply at a cost of ₹687.60 lakh are also being undertaken under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT). The Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) contributes 8 Projects for EWS Housing worth of ₹3926.84 lakh. An amount of ₹359 lakh has been allocated by the

Central Government for 2011-12 for taking up various programmes of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). My Government is planning to make full use of the Central Government's special dispensation for North-Eastern Region in the 10 per cent GBS of plan fund under Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation wherein total projects worth of ₹23,551.25lakh are under implementation. We are taking various preparatory steps towards successful implementation of the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) Scheme in Mizoram.

26. Under Trade and Commerce Department, construction of a number of market infrastructures is being undertaken including repair and renovation of existing infrastructures. Trade Facilitation centre at Tlabung at a cost of ₹108.07 lakhs has been commissioned. With an aim to promote Indo-Myanmar Border Trade, the Land Custom Station (LCS) at Zokhawthar, Champhai District in Mizoram has been completed and is ready for commissioning. Projects for improvement of roads in the border areas need to be given priority and a comprehensive DPR has been submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GOI. Development of border trade with the neighbouring countries will have special significance to the economic growth of the states of North-East India due to its geographical isolation from the mainland and its relative proximity to the vibrant market economy of the neighbouring South East Asian Countries. Access to South-East Asian Countries will be provided by the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport on both inland and water through Aizawl to Sittwe port in Myanmar via Lawngtlai, Zorinpui, Kaletwa and Paletwa. The site identified for Land Custom Station at Zorinpui in Lawngtlai District on the Indo-Myanmar border where traditional informal trade transactions have been carried out for generations by the people of both the countries is due for an inspection by an inter-Ministerial team of Govt. of India within the next few months.
27. Significant strides have been made in Information and Communication Technology. E-Governance Road Map and Capacity Building Road Map have been prepared. Office Procedure Automation Software and Advances and Recovery Maintenance Software have been developed and are being put to use. State of the Art State Data Centre is being established with a capability of storing all the State Government information for many years to come. A pilot e-district project for Aizawl is being implemented under The Mizoram State e-Governance Society (MSeGS) which aims at computerisation of district administration so that citizen-friendly services will be provided more efficiently and accurately. The entire State Wide Area Network (SWAN) project is expected to be operational soon.
28. My Government is concerned about the ill effects of climate change and global warming and is committed to create awareness among the people for protecting the environment. Under National Afforestation Programme (NAP), Ministry of Environment & Forests has accorded sanction amounting to ₹1336.02 lakh during 2011-2012. So far, NAP has reached 598 numbers of

villages in the state. Under the National Bamboo Mission project, Bamboo Plantation has been carried out in 1600 ha Non Forest Area and 5150 ha Forest Area during 2011-2012. Under Green Mizoram Programme, as many as 1,75,194 seedlings were planted during the current year. Firm steps are being taken to protect wildlife. Mizoram has 1 Tiger Reserve, 2 National Parks and 7 Wildlife Sanctuaries covering an area of 1240.75 sq km or 5.9% of the state's geographical area. Under the New Land Use Policy, the state tentatively proposes to create 21,480 ha Bamboo plantation covering 10,740 families over the next five years as one of the targets of the project is control of shifting cultivation. Government of India has approved ₹212.00 lakhs for the current year under Intensification of Forest Management Scheme. The fund would be utilized for forest fire control and management, Working Plan preparation, Survey & Demarcation and Strengthening of Infrastructure for forest protection.

29. With its beautiful natural landscapes, dense forests, flora and fauna, Mizoram has the potential of becoming an attractive tourist destination in the very near future. In order to promote tourism and as a part of publicity campaign, Anthurium Festival at Tourist Resort Reiek, Thalfavang Kut at Tourist Resort Hmuifang and Hnam Kutpui at Tourist Resort Reiek and Khuado Festival at Tourist Complex Berawtlang were successfully organized during this year. Construction of State Institute of Hotel Management is in progress and is expected to function shortly. With financial support from the Ministry of Tourism, steps are being taken to promote Adventure Tourism. Infrastructure for development of Aerosport has been created at Tuirial Airfield. The first Mizoram Paragliding Festival and spot landing competition which was jointly organized by Tourism Department and 3 Dimension Adventure was successfully held at Serchhip and Brigade Field, Aizawl on 29th and 30th November, 2011.
30. Hon'ble Members, I have attempted to give the brief highlights of the plans and programmes of my Government and also certain achievements in specific sectors. This is in no way exhaustive. More details will be explicitly spelt out during the deliberations in this present session. I would like to conclude by reiterating that my government remains fully committed to its development agenda, to ensuring peace and tranquillity in the state and to a transparent and fair administration. My Government seeks the full cooperation of all members of the House and also civil society at large for building better future for Mizoram.

To this end, I wish all success to your deliberations in this session.

Ka lawm e! Jai Hind!

SPEAKER : We have just heard His Excellency, the Governor's address and the hon'ble member, Pu Selthuama has requested to introduce a Motion of Thanks in the House. Let us invite him now to move his motion.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission I move my motion, "That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly gathered in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 20th March, 2012."

SPEAKER : Very well, the hon'ble member has moved the motion with Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte as the seconder. The hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga was unable to attend the session due to medical problems today. The motion will be discussed tomorrow. The session will be resumed on 21.3.2012 (Wednesday) at 10:30 P.M. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting is adjourned (10:58 A.M)

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SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 21st MARCH, 2012
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OBITUARY

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to make reference on the demise of Pu. V. Lalnunzira, former Member of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **THE SPEAKER** to report to the House the Time Table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

5. Discussion on Motion of thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8

We will now observe a moment for Obituary. Let us call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to say a few words about the hon'ble member who has passed away.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : It is sad to have to say parting words to a valued former member, Pu Lalnunzira who passed away at New Life Hospital on the 26th December at 6:00 PM due to diabetes. He was 65 years of age.

Born in 15th January 1946 at Serhmun Village, Mamit District, Pu V. Lalnunzira was the eldest among the 4 children of Pu Dokhuma (L) and Pi Saii. He spent his early years in Rupaicherra and Zamuang and married C. Ronguri on the 19th November, 1986 who bore him three sons and two daughters.

He started his education at Salem Boarding School at Sihthiang Village, Mamit District, went to Kawrthah High School and later received his BPP from IGNOU, Aizawl.

Around the year 1971-'72, he worked as an Evangelical Teacher at Bairabi and Zamuang Village under the Synod Ramthar Mission Board. He later worked as a contractor after he left his teaching job.

When the People's Conference party was established in Mizoram, he started his career in politics and eventually received nomination from the party and became a member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly. He was deeply involved in the development programmes of the state being a member of several high level committees during 1979-'84.

Pu Zira was a quiet and kind man. He would be dressed immaculately from the morning and he was profoundly concerned with the sorry condition of the state. He was very close to the Church and he often received awards for cent per cent attendance at the Sunday school. It is indeed sad that we have to say our goodbyes so prematurely. My heart goes out to his family and friends and I would like to remind them once again that they are always in our prayer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I have known Pu Zira and his family personally since he lives in our neighborhood. As the House Leader has just mentioned, he was a man of firm conviction and he has proven his worth many times in politics, society and religion. He never fought for position and whenever he was assigned a responsibility, he would fulfill that responsibility to the best of his abilities. He was socially admired and respected and he was never condescending to anyone. It is unfortunate that we had to lose such a capable servant of the state and I extend my heartfelt condolence to his grieving relatives.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Zira hailed from a minority population of the state and looking at his achievements, it is no wonder that he commanded so much respect. I am deeply sorry for his family and I hope that they will find peace and solace in God almighty.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : It is indeed very sad to have to observe an obituary for Pu Zira. As the members before me has said, he was a very humble man who never took advantage of his political status. He managed to become such a respected political figure in spite of belonging to a minor community here in Mizoram. This feat alone is a presentation of his firmness of character and his untimely passing is a loss not only for his family and friends but for his community as well. I think that we have many things to learn from him and he will be sorely missed. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

SPEAKER : We will now observe a minute of silence to express our profound respect for the dear departed former legislator, Pu V. Lalnunzira.

We will now commence our business with the starred Questions. Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.1.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister of Education be pleased to state: -

- a) Did the government give full salaries to all the Government and Non-Government teachers who were promised their salaries by 2011?
- b) If not, how many teachers are still unpaid? What is the reason?
- c) Why did the government make an allocation that would be insufficient for the department in the first place?
- d) Can you tell me how much fund was necessary and how much was actually set aside for salaries during the years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 in the Plan Fund of the Budget Estimate?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Education Minister, Pu Lalsawta may provide the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are: -

- a) All the government and non-government teachers who are included under the plan fund are given their full salaries before the Christmas of 2011.
- b) Since the question is irrelevant now, I would like to inform the member that we are doing our best to give them their salaries for the month of January 2012.
- c) The simple reason is that we do not have sufficient fund.
- d) Funds required for 2009-2010 was ₹10,397 lakhs while the budget estimate was ₹8490 lakhs. Funds required for 2010-2011 was ₹10,804 lakhs while the

budget estimate was ₹9054 lakhs. Funds required for 2011-2012 is ₹17,357.99 lakhs while the budget estimate is ₹11,319.50 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, if the required fund was known from the start, why did they allocate a budget that is insufficient? It is apparent that by giving them the salary for January and February, they are borrowing from the budget of 2012-2013 which is not a solution at all because they will definitely face the same problem. I would also like to know the Teacher-Pupil ratio of ME and Primary schools.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it appears that college teachers are also unable to receive their salaries. What is the reason? When can they expect their salaries?

I would also like to know if the teachers under the non-plan are receiving their salaries. Borrowing funds from the next year's budget is not the solution. The Finance department should come up with a better and more reliable solution.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Finance Minister to provide the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : We receive endless questions about this issue and frankly speaking, the problem arose due to careless and shortsighted management of funds in the past. It is true that we are borrowing the funds to pay for the deficit but at this moment we simply have no other option if we want to give them their salaries. We have pondered deeply about the problem and we are hopeful that we will be able to come up with a solution gradually.

The recommended Teacher-Pupil Ratio is 30/40 but with the Right of Children for Free & Compulsory Education Act being implemented in the country, it is impossible to follow the recommendation.

Pu Lalduhoma was right in pointing out that there are teachers who do not receive their salaries. With the raise in their salaries, it is difficult for the state to keep up. Also, unless we borrow the funds, they would fall into dire crisis so we have no other alternative.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia may ask starred Question No.2.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Health be pleased to state: -

- a) How many PHC/CHC without doctors are there in the state?
- b) Is there an attempt to resolve this problem?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : We have doctors in all the 12 CHC while 12 PHC do not have doctors. The department is doing its best to provide these centers with doctors.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu R.L. Pianmawia and Pu Siamkunga.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : I would like to ask the hon'ble Minister when they can assign more doctors in our area. Also, when will the government construct new buildings at Ratu and Darlawn?

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to assign a doctor at S. Vanlaiphai hospital as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : It is public knowledge that doctors are in great demands all over the state. The government is doing its best to handle the problem and I assure you we are aware of the demand. Even when doctors are appointed to a PHC/CHC, often times, they have to attend trainings since we receive new machines and techniques all the time and it is essential for them to keep up with the advancement in technologies.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.3.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, be pleased to state: -

- a) How much fund was used for purchasing silpauline during 2011-2012?
- b) How many silpaulines were given out to help the victims of Saiha Market fire?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) ₹29,341,074 was spent on silpauline during 2-11-2012.
- b) 100 silpaulines were sanctioned for the purpose.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question by Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will MLAs receive their usual quota of silpaulines for their constituencies as the monsoon approaches?

SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will make the necessary arrangements.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.4.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for PHE be pleased to state: How long has it been since the hand-pumps at Tuivamit failed to work and when will they be repaired? When will they install hand-pump at Central Jail area?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to give us the answer.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : We have not received any report of the hand-pump not working at Tuivamit. There is no intention to install a hand-pump at Central Jail area at this moment.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma for supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : It is unfortunate that the hon'ble minister has no knowledge of the condition of the hand-pump at Tuivamit since several complaints has been submitted on various occasions. I request the Minister to have it repaired as soon as possible. There is indeed a proposal to install hand-pump at the Central Jail area and several surveys and investigations have been carried out but the real work has not been initiated so far. Thus I request the Minister to look in to the matter. I would also like to know the progresses being made in relation to Sairang Greater Water Supply Scheme.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : If the hand-pump at Tuivamit is damaged as the hon'ble member says, it will be repaired immediately. It is true that investigations have been carried out at the Central Jail area. However, we are unable to install the hand-pump at this time. We expect a sanction of ₹2.3 crores from the DoNER and we hope to start work soon at Sairang.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana as a proxy for Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask starred Question no. 5.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department be pleased to state:

How many doctors were recruited under the Health Department based on the 3F Regulation? Will the government employ them on a permanent basis?

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : There are 66 doctors hired under the 3F regulation. There is no intention to engage them permanently at this time.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No.6 to be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the budget estimate for the construction of Biate-Artahkawn road?
- b) When is it projected to be completed?
- c) Will the present sanction be sufficient?
- d) Where is the fund obtained from?

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

- a) ₹392.62 lakhs.
- b) Within 2 years.
- c) No.
- d) From the Central Road Fund (CRF).

SPEAKER : The Question Hour has come to an end. Before we move to the next business, let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia for a Special Mention.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the 3rd of March, 2012, a bus plying to Vaitin met an accident at approximately 12:40 pm near Darlawn village with 39 passengers on board. 16 passengers died at the site and 23 wounded were taken to Darlawn Hospital. Later, 17 victims were moved to the Aizawl Civil Hospital while the remaining 6 were given first aid and then released.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in the sequential events following the accident. I urge and request the government to continue giving them assistance in any possible way since they are still faced with difficult problems.

SPEAKER : I hereby announce the appointment of Lt. Col. ZS Zuala, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Lalthansanga as the Panel of Chairman.

We will now begin discussion on the Governor's speech. Each member will have five minutes if that is okay with you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Is not that a tad short?

SPEAKER : Very well, 10 minutes each will do. Let us begin with Pu Selthuama since he was the one who introduced the Motion.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I am profoundly grateful to the Governor for his observation about how we are the chosen legislators and how we are expected to work for the development of the state.

He expressed his confidence in this Ministry and that it will be a corruption free and transparent government very soon. I am pleased by his mention of our peaceful elections and how we are the envy of other states.

The government has implemented the NLUP flagship programme which is expected to make huge developmental impact on the economy and livelihood of the people. I am thankful that the Governor has noted this venture by the state government. There are huge advancements made in each department which enabled us to expect a very promising future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : I congratulate the Governor for delivering his speech smoothly. I believe his speech was too short to envelop the whole 50 departments in the state and I would have liked the inclusion of the words, 'impartial, clean and responsive' in his description of the ruling government. I am also sorry that the government has not approved the proposal to raise the salary of the District Council.

I am concerned by the unpaid teachers' dilemma and I request the government to find a solution as soon as possible. The government has also failed to provide the students with stipends as it has promised. I would like to bring attention to the sub standard quality of RMSA building constructions. The government should make thorough inspection on the quality of the work.

We recently conducted an election wherein I might add that the State Election Commission seems to be a bit disrespected by the ruling party in terms of distributing NLUP funds after the model code of conduct was in effect. We also need to conduct election at the 15 villages which were omitted in the last state general election. It would also be an improvement if Zampui range and Phuldungsei areas can have elections.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I am very pleased that the governor has acknowledged the peaceful election held in the state. This also reflects the state of political affairs in Mizoram and we should be thankful that we have had no undesirable insurgent incidents after this Ministry has assumed power.

He also mentioned how this government is virtually free from corruption. The Chief Minister has also made it clear in his speech that there is no place for corruption in his Ministry and so far, the opposition has not even made a peep in this regard which in turn is a clear indication of the transparency and efficiency of this Ministry's administrative system.

Speaking from the context of the previous Ministry's MIP flagship programme, the NLUP of today is much, much better in every way from the basic schematics and i am sure it will have a great impact on our economy in the long run.

SPEAKER : Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : I am profoundly grateful to the Governor for his speech wherein he has identified and acknowledged the internal efficiency of the government. He noticed the high rate of voter turnout during the election and he has correctly concluded that this is one of the most peaceful states in the country.

He mentioned that we have armed our police with the most sophisticated technologies and equipments available in the world today and our police force is therefore, inferior to no other states in the country.

The people of Mizoram have almost given up on the integrity of the government on the aspect of corruption from past experiences. But now that we have managed to regain power, corruption has taken a back seat and under the capable leadership of the Chief Minister, the state is taking deep, firm strides towards development.

There must be some mistakes in the data provided under the NLUP but in any case, 45000 families will receive monetary assistance from the government for which the fund has already been earmarked.

Pu Speaker, in the department of Horticulture also, instead of letting influential and high ranking officials supply the requirements, this government has tackled it systematically and clinically which resulted in a better form of administration and development within the department itself.

Finally, I agree with the Governor in his speech and I humbly support the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, I am happy that the Governor has noted and praised the dignified and disciplined characteristics of the members in the House during the Legislative Assembly.

He mentioned the "growth inclusive" policy of this government wherein development is expected to encompass even the most backward areas and regions. We have an efficient police force which recently chased kidnappers to Mumbai and safely delivered their victims home. I am deeply impressed by the implementation process of the NLUP because the government has been very fair in its selection of beneficiaries and the distribution of funds. It is clear that this government is sincerely concerned with the development and advancement of the working class. It

has managed to revive the projects that the previous Ministry has abandoned and neglected, preparing them for completion in the estimable future. The new government has done a lot during the last few years and I thank the Governor for noticing its endeavors and achievements. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, there are reasons to be thankful and instances of unimpressive points in the speech of the Governor. Most of the achievements he has highlighted in his speech were initiated during the previous government and although I bear no grudge to the present Ministry, the efforts and labours of the former ministry should have been acknowledged in his speech to make it an authentically complete and powerful address.

He referred to the peaceful election conducted in the state and attributed the reason to the government's hand in law and order. I am afraid that he might be mistaken in that surmise since there are strong undertows in the background of that election such as threats of kidnapping, bombings and excessive bribes in the subtle form of the NLUP. The implementation of the flagship programme has taken a huge inadvertent toll on the state budget, to be frank. It has affected every department and developmental work is sure to be impacted negatively by this. Therefore, instead of patting themselves on the back for their minimal achievements prematurely, I advise the government to focus on the colossal tasks ahead. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will stop the discussion momentarily for a break and the session will be resumed by 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : We will continue to discuss the Motion of Thanks starting with Pu RL Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. There are some points that I feel we should be grateful for in the Governor's speech and I would like to share them with the hon'ble members.

The Governor has mentioned the successful undertakings of the government among which are some projects that I have first-hand experience with. Be it UD&PA or PWD, LAD, PHE or Health the government has made remarkable progress and the people has supported the policies it has proposed, which, in turn is an informal statement of trust.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, I commend this Ministry for having the courage to bear responsibility in the development of the state. Looking back at the

past flagship programmes such as the MIP, it is no wonder that the people of Mizoram has decided to place their trust in Congress party which has introduced a practical and dependable flagship programme. I am proud of the hon'ble Ministers of today since they are free of corruption and are able to channel all their efforts in to the developmental segment of the state.

Right from the beginning of its rule, it has proposed and initiated several developmental projects through the departments and the result of this earnest endeavors will be witnessed by the people very soon. Major companies outside the states have too foreseen the rapid growth of the state and they have started making investments which is a welcome step towards development.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, there are many things to be thankful for in the Governor's speech. However, I feel that we should have taken more care in drafting the speech because there are many instances where incorrect statements are made. The government should be cautious in letting the Governor address the Assembly with false information. This government is hardly corruption free or saying that there are no favoritisms at play in the selection of the NLUP beneficiaries would be a crude lie. The amount of the fund promised itself has also changed from time to time which questions the credibility of the government at the very basic level.

Pu LALROBIAKA : It is sad that some people completely ignored the achievements of the government and focusing only on the negative aspects of administration. I believe that this is a constructive government intent on the progress and development of the state. All the projects it has initiated or resumed from the former Ministry has been decided with the welfare of the people from the lowest to the highest classes in mind. It has taken extensive steps and measures to enable the people to raise their voice and opinion in the government administrative machineries.

Right from the onset of its assumption of power, it has deliberately chosen to ostracize corruption and encouraged transparency of administration. It recognized the high demand for power in the state and has embarked on planning and undertaking of hydel projects to meet that demand and to catapult it into a self sufficient state. Therefore, I think that we have plenty of reasons to be grateful for in the Governor's speech. Thank you.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : I have to congratulate the government for setting up the State Institute of Hotel Management under the Tourism Department. Establishment of this institute will prove very beneficial for the tourist lodges around the state which are under criticism for their poor management.

The government has also continued to take interest in the bamboo processing sector of the industry although this was a project started during the previous Ministry. Under the forest department, the bamboo plantation has been enlarged considerably with the hope that it will provide stable livelihood to many villagers.

Whether it is the Sports Department, the Trade & Commerce Department, Agriculture or Power and Electricity, the government has made huge strides forward and we should not be reluctant in acknowledging its achievement or expressing our gratitude.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, it is true that we have a lot to be thankful for in the Governor's speech. In the meantime, there are also numerous points I am unsatisfied with and which, I personally feel, ought not to be included in the speech which otherwise has been agreeable, even for the opposition.

I am very conflicted on expressing my gratitude about the NLUP and its implementation so far as we have seen. I had high expectations with the flagship program which, if it has been implemented as the government has first promised, would have made a deep and historic impact on the economy of the state. But words like dreams did not materialize as desired, leaving the masses in a state of confusion and ultimately, corruption.

Although the Governor highlighted the success achieved under the Vety Department, this is a false claim as far as actual departmental development goes. The state has involved itself with development of the Vety in rural areas for 25 years now but they have made no tangible progress in all those years.

We have requested the government to give us additional seat in the District Council as well as appoint one of us as a member of the delimitation committee. No action has been taken in this regard which leaves me to conclude that the Governor is incorrect when he states that new undertakings are being conducted to develop the districts.

On the matter of Power, we have Tuisumpui Hydro Project and Tuipang Hydro Project which were commissioned but later completely neglected and eventually abandoned.

I would like to say few words regarding Supply department Para 23. Pu Speaker, it is surprising to learn that each ration card is given the same quantity of sugar i.e. 2 kgs in the rural areas. Will the matter be taken care of? Also, I request the government to look into the problem of gas distribution.

Then, regarding fish farming, Pu Speaker, around ₹50 lakhs is sanctioned for the purchase of fish seeds. Pu Speaker, the said amount is not required for the same. I request the authorities to look into the matter. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Pu Deputy Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank for the motion of thanks. It is pleasing to note from the Governor's speech that,

Mizoram is the first to establish crime & criminal tracking and network system project.

We have spoken so much about NLUP. Pu Deputy Speaker, the reason for the delay in its distribution is because the government is careful and is taking precaution not to make mistake in its distribution. It is worth mentioning the steps taken by Horticulture under NLUP scheme to eradicate jhum cultivation. Regarding the achievement made by Fishery department under NLUP scheme, Pu Deputy Speaker, 1445 families obtained self-sufficiency through fishery. It is noteworthy that 2373 metric ton of fish and 60 ton of prawns have been harvested.

In sports, due to the able guidance of the hon'ble minister and Chief Minister we have moved forward in sport. At the recently concluded All India Football Association meeting, Secretary of the Mizoram Football Association attended the meeting and gives a report in the meeting that Mizoram have now 3 fields with artificial grass. Pu Speaker, the meeting further highlighted that All India Tournament should be held in Mizoram. Mizoram is fortunate that FIFA will begin grass root project for under 14 years in Mizoram. Thus, it is fortunate that we are moving forward in sport.

The Governor carefully highlighted the aims and projects of the Government in Power. In regard to Tuivai Megawatt 210, the government had completed the task demanded by central government. Pu Speaker, I was shock to hear that hon'ble member from East Tuipui is unable to be pleased. Power department is setting up its office in Khawbung which will function shortly. Pu Speaker, the contractor for Tlauva hydel project megawatt 5 has been selected. The hon'ble member mentioned that Lamsial project has been abandoned. This is incorrect as it has not been abandoned. It cannot function at present due to lack of water. Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member's information in regard to transfer of SDO is incorrect. There is no proposal as such. Pu Speaker, discussion was held day before between Ministry of External Affairs, Burma and NEEPCO, in regard to Lungrang, megawatts 815 and Chhimtuipui, megawatts 635. We are waiting for the minute of the discussion.

At present, only 7 megawatts of power is produced by Mizoram as it is dry season. However, the power supply that we received is much higher than Meghalaya and Manipur.

Pu Speaker, I will not repeat about PWD as it is clearly highlighted in the Governor's speech. I therefore give my support to the motion of thanks for the Governor's speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.Lalzirliana.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker, today we are discussing the Governor's speech which enlighten us of the Governments program me and achievements. First of all in regard to 14 days work remaining

mentioned by hon'ble member Pu Thlenga, we just received the fund for 14 days. Thus, it will be implement soon.

Pu Speaker, we have 10 years of power holiday in our state. Now under the able guidance of hon'ble Chief Minister, Tuirial project and various other projects as we have heard will be ready for commission very soon. We will be able to collect 500/600 crore revenue from power.

Pu Speaker, due steps taken under NLUP by various departments, jhum cultivation has declined by 42%. It is a remarkable achievement. Pu Speaker, in Sports, we have a minister who foresee the future of our youths. Under his able leadership we are leaping a head in sport department. There are various achievements to highlight in sport department. Anyway, Pu Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is remarkable to note that the government is committed to providing good governance and administration which is clean, responsive, and accountable and target oriented.

Pu Deputy Speaker, hon'ble member Pu Ramhluna member suggested that impartiality should be added. But, I would like to point out that it is not needed as the government distributes work and development projects equally there are no partiality.

Pu Deputy Speaker, hon'ble member Pu Thlenga mentioned that, I thank the government for continuing the project left behind by the previous ministry. Pu Deputy Speaker, they should apologise to the people of the state through this august House for not protecting the assets of the state like Tuirial hydel project and Referral Hospital. The state assets should not be used as an instrument for financial gain. Tuirial was abandon because of compensation. The construction of Referral Hospital began during the Congress ministry. However, instead of constructing the main building during MNF ministry, quarters were constructed.

Pu Deputy Speaker, page 12 of the Governor's speech highlighted the steps taken by the government in power. Last year, when the hon'ble Chief Minister accompanied the Prime Minister to his visit in Bangladesh, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh mentioned of the inadequate power supply. To this, the Prime Minister answered that the Chief Minister is constructing hydel projects in all the major rivers of Mizoram. Shortly from now, you can purchase power from Mizoram. Pu Deputy Speaker, we read about this in the national papers. This is a clear indication of the government steps in power.

In regard to NLUP, hon'ble member Pu B. Lalthlengliana mentioned that the fund is utilized for pleasure which I opine as a shameful remark. The fund is utilized for the upliftment of the rural area. The Governor stated that the government is committed to have an efficient, transparent responsive and corruption

free administration. There is no partiality in this government in regard to distribution of various aids.

Few words in Health & Family Welfare department, upgradation of Referral Hospital is in progress; shortly from now Aizawl hospital will partially be shifted to solve the problem of traffic congestion. Steps are actively taken for the construction of Mizoram college of Nursing. The government is taking necessary measure to decline the high infant mortality rate in Saiha and national mortality rate.

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight that in my constituency, the villages where there was scarcity of water are now provided with rain harvesting tank. I thank the government for the steps taken.

Pu Speaker, it is impossible to highlight all the achievements of UD & PA. However, EWS scheme for the poor is worth mentioning. This government is truly concern for the poor and the marginalized. The opposition members claimed that there is only 50% to thank for in the Governor's speech. But, I would like to point out that there is 100% to be thankful for. I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : You have correctly utilized the time. Who is next?

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to give my support to hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama's motion of thank.

Pu Speaker, to proof that the government is committed to have an efficient, transparent, responsive and corruption free administration, the government has set up state module of centralized public grievances redressal and monitoring system 'Mipui Aw'. Pu Speaker, there has to be a forum where the people can voice their grievances in order to solve their problem. I am grateful that the government has knowledge to set up such forum. The Information & Public Relation department should make the people aware of this forum.

Pu Speaker, so much have been said about NLUP. What I would like to point out is that there are projects which have been implemented. It takes time for the laying of infrastructure. The infrastructures are not luxuries but requirements. The copy of NLUP manual and calendar should be distributed. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, It is the Governor's first address. It is appropriate that hon'ble member Pu R. Selthuama move the motion of thanks.

First of all I would like to speak about first para of the Governor's speech. As highlighted in the Governor's speech, it is indeed significant as to how the House functions with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose, and how the reputation and dignity of the House is held in high standard. Pu Speaker, village councils and local council's election which when off peacefully and smoothly have hailed as successful and well conducted election by all stake-holders. This indicates that a healthy democratic spirit prevails in our state.

Coming to law and order, peace and tranquility continues to prevail in the state. It is pleasing to note that we are the first to set up crime and criminal tracking and network system project in the country.

The government takes keen interest in administrative reforms. Our party was clearly aware that, if there are no administrative reforms it hampers development. Thus, it was included in the manifesto. In India 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission was constituted. It covers 15 models in all aspect that requires reforms. The government knowing the necessity has created 'Mipui Aw'.

In regard to pension, page 21, there is notification for New Pension Scheme (NPS -LITE scheme) 2010. Awareness is given for the new scheme. Further, for labour, new pension scheme under centrally sponsored scheme has been given notification. It is a huge step which is worth mentioning.

Regarding NLUP, the information is not up-to date. The figure is that of the period when the Budget is vote on account. This data was submitted to Planning Commission last year. The up-to date information is that besides beneficiary component, it is expected to cover centrally sponsored scheme as ₹234 crores is for NLUP component. After careful study by Apex board, it is decided that ₹20,000/- beneficiaries is not sufficient. Thus, it is increased to ₹45,000/- beneficiaries. Pu Speaker, if you could give me additional 3 minutes please.

SPEAKER : Your allotted time is over. Our working hour is till 4:00 PM. Try and complete within 1 minute.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to request the hon'ble members to understand that the information given in Governor's speech is not up to date. Also, I invite hon'ble members to inform the government where there is mistake and irregularities. The officials are doing their best to avoid irregularities.

Pu Speaker, they are careful in monitoring its implementation. It would be pleasing if the concerned members assisted the monitoring in their respective constituency.

Lastly, in health sector, Mizoram is the highest achiever in health. The hon'ble minister for Health has gone to Delhi to collect the trophy on behalf of the hon'ble Chief Minister. The central government has also declared

Mizoram as the most improved state. We are well ahead in sport infrastructure as well. The hon'ble Chief Minister and Health Minister should be given credit. Above all, there are number of points to thank for in the Governor's speech, but anyway, I will end here. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to say few words to give thanks to the Governor's speech and give my support to the motion. Pu Speaker, as we are all aware that the present government has existed only for 3 years. If compared to the previous ministry in their third year governance, Pu Speaker, it was the time when the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned about financial airlock. The present government has taken a huge step in development observing from the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister of the previous ministry was term as bamboos Chief Minister as he intended to make Mizoram a sufficient state through bamboo production. However, till towards the end of their 10 years term, they could not procure bamboo seeds as promised. Pu Speaker, they promised to distribute ₹50,000/- to farmers under MIP, but, they landed up giving only ₹3,950/-. Pu Speaker, by the grace of God, the present ministry was formed in 2008. Within these three years under the able leadership of the hon'ble finance minister, the pay of government employees has been increased. The government fulfilled its commitment to distribute NLUP. There are already 45,000 beneficiaries of NLUP. There is no discrimination in the selection of NLUP beneficiaries. Pu Speaker, in fact, it is the MNF party workers who are grateful for NLUP scheme but their leaders are not aware of this fact.

Pu Speaker, hon'ble opposition members mentioned that claimed that in the recently concluded village council election, the people were threatened to vote congress party to receive NLUP in return. But it is not so. The message of the previous Chief Minister before village council election was that If you elect the opposition party and not the ruling, It would be like trying to fill up water in a bottomless bucket. On the other hand, Pu Speaker, the speech of the present Chief Minister is that there will not be any discrimination of ruling and opposition party'. Thus, there was a free and democratic election in the recently concluded village council election. Therefore, there are so many reasons to be grateful for in the ongoing congress ministry. Knowing that the government had achieved a lot within these three years and still have a huge space for development, I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am surprise that the Governor has not mentioned in his speech, any of the natural calamities which occurred in Aizawl and Saiha. At the same time, I am eager to know how the government compensates the effected families of the natural calamities. Pu Speaker, from the information I received this morning, the government gave loan and not compensation for the families of Darlawn accident.

Pu Speaker, para 23 of the Governor's speech highlighted that food security will be the top priority of the government. However, recently I visited Phuaibuang, Khawlian, NE Tlangnuam and Daido, their godown was half empty. As I enquired the reason, they informed me that the hon'ble MLA said that rice will be stocked as per requirement. If Tuivai Bridge is not completed in times of monsoon, the people will be starving. So, I request the authorities to look into the matter.

The Governor highlighted that there will be efficient, transparent, responsive and corruption free administration. According to my opinion, what the Governor intends to say is that there will be free practice of corruption, no restriction as there will be transparent corruption efficiently.

Pu Speaker, one person, whose name undisclosed from the royal family was caught at 11 AM this morning as he was found trading for Suveyor post. He is now in police custody. This is a sign of free corruption. Pu Speaker, in every ministry, a book is published to highlight corruption, but they were never taken to court. This is the blockage we face in our state. It is time we give up corruption. The two parties are creating havoc. There are various incidents to highlight as the case of Rev. Chanchinmawia and campaigner for congress candidate Pu S. Lianzuala etc. Pu Speaker, in my opinion, these 2 leaders of 2 different political parties have a link at high level. It is time these leaders stop the act of saying, 'It is true' that what is not for it is difficult for the people to differentiate which is right. Pu Speaker, there is ZNP who wants to proclaim the truth. I assure the people not to worry. ZNP party will work towards finding out the truth. In regard to NLUP, there is ₹200 crores which we have passed from previous and present financial year. I would like to ask when these funds will be utilized as the next election will be held next year. I am wondering if the government is intending to use it as a means to trade for vote in the coming election.

In Horticulture, it is regretted to learn that despite supply of manure being offered at the rate of ₹690/-, another supplier who offered at the rate of ₹1300/- was selected. If the minister denied that he is not aware of this, it means that he is not fit to be a minister. Also, in technical mission there is too much of double expenditure.

Pu Speaker, like the thermal plant, it is planted else where even though it was possible to plant in Mizoram due to priority given to a certain company. Pu Speaker, I do not mean to be not thankful of all that had been highlighted in the Governor's speech, but we tend to miss out some important issues. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to speak on some of the points which I feel as important. This does not mean I am not grateful for the Governor's speech.

This budget session is the second last budget session. The present government has a short period of time left. Pu Speaker, I went through the

Governor's speech and was surprised to learn that the first Governor of this term excluded Zobawk sport complex. It is 3 years now and I was hoping to find this in the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, I am wondering if the people who are watching live on T.V. will be grateful of the Governor's speech with irregular supply of Gas, high price of essential commodities, problem of rice and the law & order situation. Can the recently concluded village council election be termed as free and fair election? Knowing the fact that election could not be held in 15 villages Pu Speaker, the present government needs to re-examine itself, if they are true to the promise they made in 2008 election.

Pu Speaker, I recently visited Lunglei hospital and I was surprised to find out the poor condition of Civil Hospital Lunglei with regards to the system of electric wiring, insufficiency of staff and poor administration which has already been notified to the government 2 years back remain unchanged. I would like to request the hon'ble health minister to please take note of this matter. Also, I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to please take note that the road condition of Buarpui is unbearable.

Pu Speaker, I saw with my own eyes that trees within Lunglei district are cut and brought to Aizawl by police vehicle. I request that this act should be stopped at once since we are observing green Mizoram even in Lunglei district. Furthermore, there are policemen who are still made to work as laborer in the construction of houses of high ranking police officials which should be stopped immediately.

In regard to RMSA school building, Pu Speaker, party workers are given the construction work which is against the guideline. During our ministry, village education committee was given to implement the work.

Pu Speaker, pre-metric scholarship has not been distributed even though the time scheduled for disbursement of the same is December/January. Pu Speaker, why is the mid-day meal so irregular even though it is the fundamental right of children as so is uniforms?

Though there are many points to thank for the Governor's speech, there are numerous points which need to be taken care of.

Pu Speaker, if we study Mizoram annual plan budget, we will realize that 22 departments' fund allotment has decreased from the previous year's allotment. We, the opposition members are not here just to criticize the ruling party but we are here as the representatives of the people to voice and express where ever there are loopholes for the progress and betterment of the state. I have highlighted these for the sake of the people whom we represent. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Pu Chawngtinthanga. Even if you clarify those who are not clear will never be clear. However, I will give you the chance to clarify.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In regard to Tuivai bridge construction, materials were not stock during MNF ministry. Buildworth, a Guwahati based company were allotted the work but were unable execute. PWD officials were worried that the case may be informed to the hon'ble Chief Minister. It is now taken up by Mech-Tab Company as the progress is now in full swing. I personally monitored the ongoing work as only three sides of erection are left.

In regard to supply, I did not mentioned that rice will not be stocked since it is the policy of the government but to stock as required otherwise, it may need back loading. I told them that if needed, it shall be air-dropped by Helicopter. As of now, we are taking steps to stock for monsoon period. For the information of the House, 180 quintals of rice has been stocked.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would like to give my support to the motion. Our state/tribe has missed blessings. First of all, we took wrong decision when the British gave us choice. Secondly, when MNF signed peace accord with the Indian government, various assets for Mizoram that we have dreams were left out in the peace accord.

Pu Speaker, it was not written in the peace accord due to the fact that they were certain of the Chief Minister willingness to step down for peace by leaving out vital points in the accord. The Governor mentioned of the free and fair election of the recently concluded village council and local council. All these symbolize the value of democracy.

Pu Speaker, the department of Transport met with an accident recently. As I was deeply moved by the incident, I submit resignation to the hon'ble Chief Minister on ground of moral responsibility. But the hon'ble Chief Minister did not approve my resignation. The department then search for rules that give provision to the victims for aid. Subsequently, there was a provision and the families of the victims were given ₹50,000/- each with the approval of Chief Minister. The official must have told the families of the victims that if required you will have to pay it back. Pu Speaker, this is a fact but we are not sure of the exact amount.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, there is a provision that states, 'Out of the ₹50,000/- final award, there is certain amount which has to be cut'. Pu Speaker, we have given to show our gratitude.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Who will repay it, the government or the victims' families? It is not clear.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I have distributed the guideline form and clarified to the victims' families.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, as per accident vehicle act, there is a tribunal. It is here in the tribunal that they will make their claim. It is done according to their income and age and the interim relieve will then be deducted as per rule.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : So, Pu Speaker, I support this Motion of Thanks.

SPEAKER : It is enough. Now let us call hon'ble minister, Pu Lalsawta.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are discussing the motion of thank on the Governor's speech. From what the hon'ble members mentioned, there are certain points which need clarification. It is now 5:10 P.M., if needed we can go on till 12 P.M. It is the highest legislation of our state. We have to gain the trust of the people through our deeds and speech.

SPEAKER : It is the members who constantly walk out of the House.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will not do so. Under your leadership, I hope truth will prevail as there could be misperception from our speech.

First of all, Dr. R. Lalthangliana mentioned about RMSA. Pu Speaker, RMSA buildings are constructed under specific estimates and payment is not given if it is not up to the guideline of the government. Further, in regard to what the hon'ble member mentioned about NLUP. They are entitled to submit their complaint at intimidation to voters IPC or representation to people act. It is a punishable offence. We should speak the truth in this august House. There are speeches which are spoken viably.

In regard to CSS Hindi teacher for middle school and high school, it is 100% central funded. Pu Speaker, I visited ministry of human resource development, and gave up date on the difficulties faced in this regard. They informed me that it was the same in every state. They further inform me that, only ₹3 crores will be sanctioned. The rest will be sanction in March, to avoid lapse as it will not be revalidate.

Pu Speaker, former education minister held a press conference declaring SSA fund lapsed which is ₹743 lakhs. It is disgracing that the hon'ble member held the press conference with fabricated documents in annexure-II there is the word 'lapse' which is not normally used in official papers. Pu Speaker, I am not aware from where the hon'ble member received this fabricated paper, I will distributed the copy to all the members.

SPEAKER : They should have distributed the copy themselves and not you.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are certain that it is a fabricated document. So, I want to distribute the copy so that the House and the people will know the truth. (.....interruption.....)

Pu LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister distributed a copy of the document so that we may be able to prove as to whether it is fabricated or not. (.....interruption.....)

SPEAKER : You may clarify whether it is lapse or not lapse before you proceed further.

Pu LALSAWT, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, since there is no the vocabulary term of lapse in SSA, it has never been a lapse. The meaning of lapse is if sanction given for a particular purpose is not utilized within the given financial year, it is term as lapse. Thus, fund revalidation is not required and will remain the same in the opening balance. It will be utilized for purchase of the uniform since there is no lapse.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we should know the truth. The lapse we are talking about is the fund for the purchase of uniform during the year 2010-2011 financial years.

SPEAKER : As the hon'ble Deputy Speaker, there is no harm if we receive the fund and utilize for the purpose.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : That is our stand.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Let it lapse 100 times as long as the hon'ble minister have the fund to utilize for the purpose.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I am speaking about the ongoing financial year.

SPEAKER : I will close the subject. As for the copy, it will not be distributed today, but tomorrow. If Inquiry Commission is required, motion has to be submitted.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble minister could distribute sanction letter?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the system of SSA is different. We have not received sanction letter and above this, funds are sanction without giving specific purpose. Thus, we utilize the fund as required. Infact, we are in need of ₹743 lakhs more.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble minister Pu Rina has something to say.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, In regard to Lunglei Civil hospital, we have received ₹64 lakhs for purchase of transformer, ₹14.5 lakhs for wiring and ₹15 lakhs for painting work.

SPEAKER : We will close the subject. Now let us call the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, today we are discussing motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. It is enlightening to hear that the hon'ble members gave words of praise on the speech. It is more pleasing to hear words of encouragement. Hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma spoke about misuse of fund in Horticulture centre. Pu Speaker, I advice he should visit the spot along with officials and Parliamentary Secretary to clarify the doubt.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, PAC will visit the spot on 30th, Friday. It will be clear if we could know how much is utilized from state fund.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : I give order as Chief Minister to the officials to ready necessary documents for PAC visit. I am glad that as mentioned by hon'ble member, a person from royal family had been caught by ACD in trading for surveyor post. I am ashamed of such person. It is the desire of the government that there be a commitment to provide efficient, responsive, fair and just administration at all levels of governance. We hold moral and spiritual responsibility. We seek the prayer and the guidance of the people to uphold these responsibilities that has been bestowed on us.

In regard to V/C election, there was a free and fair election due to dedication and efficiency of the officials. As for RMSA buildings, Pu Speaker, I have seen it myself where government buildings are constructed below standard quality. Apart from the members, the people plays crucial role as they should openly condemn and criticized those contractors who are willing to rob the state assets for their benefit.

Pu Speaker, so much have been spoken about NLUP. If there are any misdeeds as mentioned by hon'ble members, there is IPC where to submit their grievances. It is an offence which is punishable. Thus, it is best to submit FIR. NLUP is a special package and is sanctioned by cabinet committee on Economic Affairs. The government target to cover 1,20,000 families within 5(five) years for which the required amount is ₹1,500 crores. However, central economist and adviser to Prime Minister, after observation included sanction for the purchase of 40-50 vehicles and ₹10 crores for infrastructural development and additional fund for computer monitoring system. Pu Speaker, this is a huge blessing for NLUP project. I cannot go into details as to how it affects the plan fund, since I am not financial expert.

NLUP is gaining momentum and beneficiaries of various trades under the programme are now actively engaged and being monitored in their respective trade. I am confident that the programme will gradually transform the economy of the state and usher in an improved and better quality of life and environment for the people and stop urbanization in our state. Pu Speaker, awareness has been given.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we are in hurry for those who are to receive NLUP. My question is why is it still delayed?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : It will not end in 2013. It will continue. The officials are taking careful steps in infrastructure development. Thus, there is not much obstruction left. Pu Speaker, Haryana cattle were distributed in the first batch of NLUP. These cattle are able to produce 15 to 20 kgs of milk. There were some who criticized the idea. But, if cattle of the neighboring states are procured as desired by them, they will produce only 7 to 8 kgs of milk. Thus, I want to inform the House that the authorities implement the programme only after careful studies.

In regard to election, it is unfair to declare that there was no Law & Order situation because election was not held in 13 villages. We all know the reason. It is difficult for the government to categorize which HPC (D) group to be held a talk with. In fact, it was the joint decision of the 3 MLAs, the people and the government not to hold election.

In regard to thermal plan, hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma must have been given wrong information. At present, there is no intention by the government to construct thermal plant from the government's expenditure. In regard to construction of Tuivai lei, it is expected to be resumed by the third week.

Hon'ble member Pu Thlenga mentioned that Rajiv Gandhi sport stadium was initiated during their term. However, I would like to clarify that during their term, their proposal for Rajiv Gandhi sport stadium was Lammual and not Mualpui. Their proposal was to extend gallery block costing ₹65 crores. But now, under the able leadership of sport minister, it has been upgraded beyond their imagination.

Pu P.P. Thawla spoke of his grievances about his party MDF being omitted in Delimitation committee of MDC. This is due to the fact that MDF is not a recognized party.

Pu Speaker, plan for construction of Zobawk sports complex has been delayed. However, ₹17.51 crores has been sanctioned on 2.8.2010. But, the estimates need revision as it is revised in accordance with the approved estimates.

Pu Speaker, we used to have Bamboos Chief Minister before, but in north eastern states, we are the most backward state. He had even proclaimed that every citizen would be a millionaire through bamboos. Pu Speaker, the Governor's speech does not highlight the detail programme of the government. However, it is pleasing to notice that from whatever has been highlighted, the members, without criticizing gave words of encouragement and praise. It was an amazing commend from one of the party president that – If any misappropriation is found in congress party, we will not tolerate. I am thankful for the comment as it comes as appreciation. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what about pay increment bill of the District Council which has been passed?

SPEAKER : Let us expect that there is a provision in vote on account. Now, let us call Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will not speak for long as it is getting late. It was amazing that 20 members took part in the discussion. It was more pleasing to note that the members gave praise to the Governor's speech. Those members who had grievances spoke outside the speech and not from the speech. As we are aware, the present government is taking utmost priority in all round development: they indeed deserved to be praised.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister, despite his busy schedule never misses NLUP Apex board meeting. I genuinely thank him for this. It is challenging to see how NLUP helped families raise from scratch to self-sufficiency. We should encourage and not discourage. Those who speak ill against NLUP should re-examine themselves. Pu Speaker, every government that comes along put forward its utmost best in developing the state. In this Governor's speech, we do not proclaim that the government is cent per cent right in its deeds as they are human as well. However, the projects and policy outlined by the government for the poor is worth mentioning. Pu Speaker, with this, I request the House to adopt the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have now concluded discussion on the motion of thanks. As for the correct figure of NLUP beneficiaries it is 45139. As the mover requests the House to adopt the motion, we shall do so. Now, all those who agree to adopt the motion say, 'yes' and those who disagree say, 'no'. The House has unanimously adopt the motion. Thank you.

We have come to the end of today's business. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM. Sitting is adjourned.

Sitting adjourned (6:35 P.M)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 22nd MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENTATION OF BUDGET

Pu H. LIANSILOVA to present to the House.

- a) Supplementary Demand for the year 2011-2012.
- b) Vote on Account for April – July, 2012.
- c) Annual Financial Statements for 2012 – 2013 (for Vote on Account) with allied papers.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27

Today, we will not take up other business as we are going to concentrate only on budget discussion. I, now call upon the hon'ble minister for finance to present the following papers to the House: -

- 1) Supplementary Demand for the year 2011-2012.
- 2) Vote on Account for April-July,2012 with allied papers.
- 3) Vote on Account for annual financial statement for 2012-2013 with allied papers.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : *Mr. Speaker Sir*, With your permission, I rise to present before this august House **the Supplementary Demands for Grants 2011-12** and **Budget Estimates for the year 2012-13** for seeking **Vote-on-Account** to meet the essential expenditure for the first four months till the Regular Budget is passed by the House later.

I. OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMY

1. Sir, as I have outlined in my Budget speech last year, the fiscal management of the State has been undertaken with due prudence under strict and stringent guidance of the successive fiscal reforms programme designed by the successive Finance Commissions. As such, utmost efforts have been put in place to keep the State fiscal position to remain within the Target set by the Thirteenth Finance Commission in respect of various fiscal indicators like Revenue Deficit or Surplus, Outstanding debt, Fiscal deficit etc. However, it may be mentioned time and again that the fiscal maneuverability of the State depends to a large extent on the volume of resources transfer from Central Government.

2. The Economic Survey 2010-11 tabled in Parliament in February 2011 projected Indian economy to grow at the rate of 9 *per cent* during 2011-12 against the growth rate of 8.6 *per cent* during 2010-11. Besides, the growth rate in agricultural sector, manufacturing sector and industrial sector are also anticipated to increase considerably during the financial year 2011-12. Unfortunately, Indian economy experienced unexpected decline in key macroeconomic indicators during the fiscal 2011-12 due to various exogenous and endogenous factors which include economic slowdown in United States, sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone area and unanticipated upsurge of domestic inflation. However, strong economic fundamentals of the Nation including diversifications in the export baskets and export destinations are helping to manage these global consequences and internal economic uncertainties.

3. In the meantime, State Government also embarked on intensive fiscal reforms programme as well as massive socio-economic development programme to drive the State's fiscal wheel in the direction of putting the economy on a better growth

trajectory than the Sovereign's growth rate and in the direction of creating conducive environment for the establishment of sustainable on-farm and off-farm economic activities by introducing commercial farming and value addition. As a result of the series of these reforms programme, the GSDP growth rate of the State during 2011-12 accelerated to 10.09 *per cent*, as per the Economic Survey Report 2011-12 of Government of Mizoram, which is impressive in view of the National growth rate of 6.9 *per cent* during the same fiscal. Besides, as per the new roadmaps for fiscal consolidation introduced by the Thirteenth Finance Commission, the projected growth rate of State's GSDP during 2010-11 is 9.7 *per cent*, 10 *per cent* in 2011-12, and 10.3 *per cent* growth rate of GSDP during the next successive three years. Even from the viewpoint of Thirteenth Finance Commission's report, an achievement of 10.09 *per cent* growth is considered normal and acceptable especially for Special Category State with limited tax base like us in spite of minuscule shortfall. Even the Economic Survey of the Nation 2011-12 testified to the facts of the notable progress of the State Economy under Service Sector. The accomplishment of this economic stride could be mainly attributed to intense austerity measures undertaken by the State Government which surfaced in the performance of the State Economy and at the same time, to the implementation of our flagship programme New Land Use Policy (NLUP) throughout the State which invigorates the productive capacity of the rural areas enormously.

4. Notwithstanding appreciable achievement in the current fiscal year, the challenges ahead in the fiscal correction path within the foreseeable future is still full of obstacle and hardship which require tough political will and robust dedication for its persistent and macroeconomic solution. In particular, the State's fiscal reforms program needs to be aligned with the structure of reforms introduced by the Thirteenth Finance Commission within which the fiscal deficit, Revenue deficit or surplus and the outstanding debt of the State has to be curbed at pre-determined levels. On the other hand, it can be deduced that the State Government cannot rely on borrowings alone to finance its developmental expenditures. As the main sources of revenue and resources of the State Government are various grants and subventions coming from Central Government, the State fiscal could be in a hazardous situation at any time when resources transferred from the Centre falls short of the State's requirement at a certain magnitude. Therefore, the issue of prime concern in the present context is the need to generate own revenue surplus for capital investment. It will, therefore, be the continued endeavor of the State Government to take steps to improve and augment any available State's own Tax and Non-Tax Revenue through any possible means and at the same time, to reduce non-plan revenue expenditure wherever possible.

II. REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2011-12

5. Mr. Speaker Sir, I may present a brief review of the fiscal position of the Year 2011-12 as shown in the revised estimates.

RECEIPTS

Revenue Receipts (Tax and Non-Tax)

6. Own Tax Revenue of the State mainly comprises Value Added Tax (VAT), Sales Tax, State excise, stamp duty and registration, motor vehicles and passenger tax. Owing to serious efforts rendered by the State government, collection of Tax revenue

improves during this financial year under review. The figure of Own Tax Revenue improves from **₹173.17 crore** in the Budget Estimate to **₹180.31 crore** in the Revised Estimates. The Revised Estimate under Non-Tax Revenue also increased from the Budget Estimates of **₹237.57 crore** to **₹241.17 crore** in the Revised Estimates. Grants-in-Aid from Central Government is also expected to increase to **₹2996.50 crore** in the Revised Estimates against the Budget Estimates of **₹2627.82 crore**. On account of these substantial increase, the total Revenue Receipt in the Revised Estimates for 2011-12 stood at **₹4127.72 crore** against the Budget Estimates of **₹3478.30 crore** which is an increase of 18.66 *per cent*.

Capital Receipts

7. Main sources of Capital Receipts are recoveries of Loans & Advances and Borrowings from various sources. During 2011-12, the Revised Estimates of Capital Receipts is **₹492.42 crore** against the Budget Estimates of **₹493.39 crore**. This includes net Public Debt of **₹455.66 crore** and recoveries of Loans & Advances of **₹36.76 crore**.

EXPENDITURE

Revenue Expenditure

8. In the revenue account for the Revised Estimates 2011-12, the gross revenue expenditure was estimated at **₹3935.31 crore** against the budget estimate of **₹3427.51 crore**. Out of this Revised Estimate, the expenditure for General Services, Social Services and Economic Services were pegged at **₹1286.62 crore**, **₹1427.35 crore** and **₹1221.34 crore** respectively.

Capital Expenditure

9. Capital Expenditure includes expenditure on capital outlay, disbursement of loans and advances and repayment of loans. Revised net Capital expenditure during 2011-12 was estimated at **₹1063.99 crore**. Out of which, net Capital Outlay was estimated at **₹686.22 crore**, disbursement of Loans & Advances at **₹35.06 crore** and Public Debt at **₹342.71 crore**.

Fiscal Indicators

10. The gross fiscal deficit during 2011-12 was estimated at **₹490.86 crore**, which is 7.02 *per cent* of the State's GSDP of **₹6991.40 crore**.

Revenue Surplus

11. The revenue surplus in the revised estimates for 2011-12 was estimated to be **₹193.67 crore** which is higher to the figure of **₹14.15 crore** in the Revised Estimates 2010-11. Better figure of Revenue Surplus in 2011-12 indicates the improvement of State fiscal position in spite of heavy fiscal shock as a result of implementation of Pay Revision in 2010 for the State Government's employees.

III. BUDGET 2012 –13

Mr. Speaker Sir, I may now turn to the Budget Estimates for 2012-13.

12. As hon'ble Members are aware, the State Annual Plan for 2012-13 has not yet been finalized till today. Therefore, I am not in a position to present a regular Budget but to seek **Vote-on-Account** for the first four months and I will lay a regular budget in due course.

Receipts

Revenue Receipts

13. Revenue Receipts mainly comprise State's Own Tax and Non-Tax Revenue, Share in Taxes and Grants-in-aid devolved from Central Government. During fiscal 2012-13, Revenue Receipt is estimated at **₹4029.41 crore**. Out of this, the State's Own Tax revenue is estimated to contribute **₹190.42 crore** and the State Own Non-Tax revenue is estimated at **₹229.34 crore**. Share in Taxes is also estimated to be **₹851.68 crore** and Grants in aid from Central Government is estimated at **₹2757.97 crore**.

Capital Receipts

14. Capital Receipt is estimated at **₹383.44 crore**. Out of which, Net Public Debt is estimated at **₹356.89 crore** and the recoveries of Loans & Advances is estimated at **₹26.55 crore**.

Expenditure

Revenue Expenditure

15. Gross Revenue Expenditure is estimated at **₹3847.73 crore** whereas Net Revenue Expenditure is estimated at **₹3846.73 crore**. Out of this net Revenue accounts, Non-Plan expenditure, Plan expenditure and CSS,NEA and NLCPR are estimated to be **₹2580.91 crore**, **₹1265.70 crore** and **₹11.90 lakhs** respectively.

Capital Expenditure

16. Gross Capital Expenditure is estimated at **₹727.71 crore** whereas Net Capital Expenditure is estimated at **₹577.71 crore** net of deduct recoveries. Out of net Capital Expenditure, Capital Outlay, Public Debt and Loans & Advances are estimated at **₹456.07 crore**, **₹86.84 crore** and **₹34.80 crore** respectively.

Annual Plan 2012 –13

17. Respected Sir, as I have mentioned before, the Annual Plan size for 2012-13 has not been finalized till date on account of which I am not in a position to present Regular Budget incorporating the Annual Plan. Therefore, it is not possible to highlight the plan commitments and developmental initiatives of the Government for the time being as I simply propose to maintain the level of 2011-12 Annual Plan size of **₹1700.00 crore** for 2012-13. However, I would like to highlight the achievement of this ministry through the implementation of our flagship program NLUP *en route* to strengthening our macroeconomic environment and improving economic status of the State.

New Land Use Policy

18. Respected Sir, as hon'ble Members are aware, a comprehensive project for inclusive and equitable growth called New Land Use Policy (NLUP) has been

successfully implemented in the State with the approval and active participation of Planning Commission, Government of India since January, 2011. The main objective of this noble project is major overhauling of the State economy through structural replacement of devastating shifting cultivation by introducing systematic method of occupation based on local resources and ingenuity of the local people. Some of the important features of achievement under NLUP are: -

- 1) A total of **₹468.82 crore** has so far been released by the Government of India for NLUP since its inception in 2010-11. The outcome of the Project started surfacing in the economic activities of the State which is evidenced by the existence of significant improvement in the agriculture sector this fiscal. The gradual reduction of land for jhum cultivation in the last few years also bears *ipso facto* testimony. Moreover, the success story of this gigantic scheme is also compounded by the recent flourish of Broom cultivation and fruitful utilization of Bamboo resources throughout the State.
- 2) The marketing prospect of commodity produced from the implementation of this scheme has also been successfully explored and in particular, palatable arrangement has been made for the marketing of Bamboo and Broom finished-product. Reliable local firms have been officially appointed market traders in respect of Broom from the beneficiaries and also formally to handle Agarbati sticks produced from Bamboo by the beneficiaries. Other Trades of NLUP shall also be taken care of in phase-wise in a year to come.
- 3) It may not be out of place to bring to the knowledge of hon'ble members of this august House that the performance of State Government in the implementation of NLUP is found to be very successful and commendable. Many distinguished dignitaries from Planning Commission, Government of India have come and visited the ground implementation of the scheme on the spot and their observation on the achievement of the Scheme is very satisfactory.
- 4) As NLUP is the only systematic and planned project that has ever been carried out in the State, I would like to stress once again the importance of inclusive and active circumspect-participation of all stakeholders like Policy makers, media persons, invigilating officials, Church Leaders, Non-Government Organizations and the major partakers/beneficiaries towards achievement of its ultimate goal.

Fiscal Indicators

19. One of the fortunate features in the State finances is the continued existence of Revenue Surplus since fiscal 2003-04. Even for the fiscal 2012-13, Revenue Surplus is estimated at **₹182.69 crore** and the Gross Fiscal Deficit is estimated at **₹281.63 crore**. Hence, the gross fiscal deficit during 2012-13 as a percentage of projected GSDP (current prices) which stood at **₹7945.96 crore** is estimated to be 3.54 *per cent*.

Outstanding Public Debt

20. Outstanding public debt which was as high as **₹3259.81 crore** at the end of 2008-09 fiscal was reduced to **₹3163.94 crore** during 2009-10 fiscal. However, it went up to **₹3410.21 crore** during 2010-11. As the current financial year 2011-12 is not yet over, outstanding debt figure is not reported for the time being. Nevertheless, it may be noteworthy to mention that the outstanding debt of the state during 2010-11 as a percentage of corresponding GSDP is 54.16 *per cent* only which is well acceptable in view of the targeted percentage of 87.3 *per cent* as per the Thirteenth Finance Commission Report.

IV. CONCLUSION

21. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to share with hon'ble members of this august house that Mizoram State has been witnessing considerable performance under various fiscal indicators during the regime of the current ministry in spite of room for improvement in many sectors. At the same time, it may also be pertinent to mention that the commendable achievement of the State is always negatively impacted by the incessant provision of mass subsidy on the purchase of food grains and power. Besides, any endeavor of State Government towards generation of Own revenue in terms of Tax and Non-Tax has not received support from the public which has opposed it on account of dependency syndrome. It is a high time that the necessity of generating resources for the government is inculcated in the popular mindset as the government resources are restricted and subject to ever multiplying demands. It will therefore be the unrelenting efforts of the Government to constantly working hard towards mobilization of own resources by tapping all available means and sources.

22. Mr. Speaker Sir, I would like to thank all the hon'ble Members of this august House for giving me a patient hearing.

23. With these words, I commend the **Supplementary Demand for Grants 2011-12, Budget Estimates for the year 2012-13 and Vote on Account** for the first four months from **April 2012 to July 2012** for consideration and approval of this august House.

Thank You, Sir

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister Pu Liansailova has presented Supplementary Demand for the year 2011-2012, Vote of Account for April - July 2012 and Annual Financial Statement for 2012-2013 for Vote on Account with Applied Papers to the House.

We have finished our business for the day. We will continue with Budget tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned (11:05 AM)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 23rd MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

2. **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012 AND VOTE ON ACCOUNT. (APRIL – JULY 2012)**
 - 1) Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for 2011-2012.
 - 2) Discussion and Voting on Vote on Account. (April-July 2012).

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Finance Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

4. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Finance Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream. Amos 5:24

Let us invite Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.21.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Health Department be please to state: –

“What is the amount spent by Health Department during 2011-2012 for purchase of medicines?”

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, The Directorate of Health & Medical Education (DHME) spent ₹ 76, 31,693/- between 2010-2011. Health Services (DHS) spent ₹ 30,98,993/- between 2010-2011. Also, DHME alone spent ₹ 1,00,39,731/- between 2011-2012 and DHS spent ₹ 7,30,000/- between 2011-2012. That is, a total of ₹ 1,07,30,686/- was spent between 2010-2011 and ₹ 1,07,69,731 between 2011-2012. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary questions?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, My supplementary questions are as follows: -

- a) Is supply of medicines not free at Civil Hospital even for those admitted at the hospital?
- b) Who supplied these medicines?
- c) Are there any quotations or any tenders advertised?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, all medical supplies are stored at Central Medical Store at Zemabawk which were then distributed to CHC, PHC and Sub-centres within Mizoram. Expired and unused medicines are returned by Chief Medical Officers and Medical Officers. In order to decrease the amount of waste, medicines are now supplied on a need-basis.

Sometimes we do advertise the tenders for the supply of medicines, but on other times, Ruki Kalyan Samiti Society (RKS) supplied the medicines. But this does not cover the whole requirement. So, patients sometimes have to pay for their own medicines.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu LAlduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the TB Hospital at Zemabawk will be converted to a Cancer Institute, what will become of the TB patients there as they were all discharged to recuperate at home? Would not they pose a risk to society

in spreading the disease? Also, when will they start the renovation for Sairang Hospital given the deteriorating condition?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, TB patients were discharged only after they completed the treatment. As prescribed by physicians, they can be discharged after 7 days and can continue their oral treatment at home. This treatment is prescribed by the Central Government and therefore, does not pose any risk.

After visiting Sairang hospital last year, we felt that it is better to construct a new one instead of renovating. Plans to construct 9 new quarters are on the way and will be started as soon as the funds came through from Finance Department.

SPEAKER : Let us now invite hon'ble member Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask starred Question No.22.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for PWD be pleased to state: -

- a) Are there any plans to improve the road conditions of National Highway 54 i.e. Aizawl - Tuipang via Serchhip and Hnahthial?
- b) If so, are tenders being floated?
- c) Have they selected the contractor?
- d) Who is the contractor?
- e) What is the estimate amount?
- f) When will they start the work?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble chief minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. To answer the question of hon'ble member Pu Thlenga, yes, road work to improve National Highway 54 from Aizawl - Tuipang via Serchhip and Hnahthial is currently in progress. The tenders for this work have already been floated and contractors selected except for Tuirial - Serchhip and Zero - Tuipang. The contractors as well as estimated sanction amount are: -

- a) Aizawl - Tuirial (selected stretches) : M/S Tantia Construction Company
Estimate: 11.39 crores
- b) Sailiamkawn - Leite - Hrangchalkawn : M/S Sunshine Overseas Pvt. Ltd
Estimate: 23.99 crores
- c) Lunglei - Lawngtlai - Zero Point : M/S Bengal Prakalpa Nirman Pvt. Ltd.
Kolkata
Estimate: 18.08 crores

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu B.Lalthlengliana

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason for the delay of road work between Tuirial -Serchhip and when will they start the work?

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions for Pu C.Ramhluna and then Pu P.P.Thawla

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, is there any way to speed up the work progress as the contractors i.e. Bengal Prakalpa Nirman Pvt. Ltd has taken a long time with this project without mentionable result? I was there the other day and there were no workers at all.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, who will be the contractors for the road work between Zero - Tuipang?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble chief minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Aizawl - Tuirial (selected stretches) will be completed in March, 2012; Sailiamkawn - Leite 140 kms - 185 kms in May, 2012; Leite - Hrangchalkawn 1085 - 2025 kms in March, 2012 and Lunglei - Lawngtlai 78 kms in December, 2012. In regards to the query made by hon'ble member Pu Ramhluna, I do agree that the road work is going along very slowly and we are currently dealing with this problem. Also, we have submitted the estimates for Aizawl to Serchhip and waiting for the sanction amount to come out. Lastly, I would like to mention that the department is doing everything they can so that these projects are completed on time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble member Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred Question No.23.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Animal Husbandry and Vety Minister be pleased to state - Is there any way to put up Veterinary dispensary at Sakawrdai?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu Nihar Kanti to answer the question

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, at the moment we do not have any plans to put up a Veterinary dispensary at Sakawrdai.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask supplementary question followed by Pu K.Liantlinga

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, we know that a plan for a Rural Animal Health Centre at Zohmun is underway. Can the hon'ble minister state the places where Rural Animal Health Centres will be constructed?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Last year, there was a proposal move at DP & AR and Finance to fill up 42 posts for Veterinary Health Centres. Has the proposal come through?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu Nihar Kanti to answer the question.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there are no available funds at the moment for Vety Dispensary at Sakawrdai. We will revisit this when we have the funds. As for the filling up of vacant posts, there is no Financial Concurrence yet which delayed the process. Thank you.

SPEAKER : You have not answered the question asked by Pu R.L. Pianmawia about the building of RHS.

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we do not have any plans for the building of RHS but plans for construction of Vety Dispensary at Darlawn.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. There are no dispensary at Chawngte Sub-division and only one in Lai Council. Can you explain?

Pu NIHAR KANTI, MINISTER : Due to some issues, it was built at Chawngte Constituency.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is there any recent development from the Government to increase the availability of water at Buarpui and its surrounding villages?

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, during 2010-2011, PHE Department has installed 9 submersible pumps near Buarpui and its surrounding villages with the hope that it will increase the availability of water. Also, the department plans to install pumps at Lungphun Lui.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the submersible pumps mentioned by hon'ble minister are frequently unusable. Have they fixed the pumps? Can we provide alternative methods for pumping water during the dry season? Also, what is the estimate for Lungphun Lui project and when do they expect the fund to come through?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, water supply scheme at my constituency i.e. Dampui is almost completed with the exception of pumps which they bought from Pune and is currently on the way. Can I have the estimated arrival time

for this pump? Also, what is the current situation for the 4 crores water supply scheme at Lengpui which will be funded by DoNER?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, are there any actions that can be taken by the government to meet the hardships faced by civil families at PTC as they are not covered by the Greater Water Supply Scheme? If 5 lakh rupees could be sanctioned, I believe this will go a long way in helping those families so that they can have better water supply.

Secondly, would it not be better to use more submersible pumps? We have several water sources around the capital and if we could identify any, it could go a long way in helping our water problem.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Water Supply Scheme at Lungphun Lui is expected to generate 40 LPCD to feed the people of Buarpui for the next 30 years. The proposal of ₹.600 Lakhs to this project has already been submitted to Planning Department. However, this project will only feed Buarpui village and a separate water storage tank is planned for the two surrounding villages i.e. Kawlhawk and South Lungdar.

Since the submersible pumps are frequently used especially during dry season, they tend to break down now and again. The ones that breakdown is repaired and alternate water is provided while it is being fixed. Since these pumps are bought from Pune, transportation becomes an issue due to delays and also, sometimes engineers have to verify these pumps on the spot which takes longer time. Regarding the Water Supply Scheme at Lengpui, we are preparing to float the tenders for this project.

In answer to question from hon'ble member Pu Duhoma, we were unaware that the pumps would be broken. But they are now repaired after inspection from engineers.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is doubtful that they are unaware of this problem after several visits from Local Council and from written letter sent by me. It seems that the officials do not intend to answer letters from MLA's.

SPEAKER : Let us take note that dealing with grievances and correspondence coming from hon'ble members should be a priority for all ministers. Please continue.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we will take note and try our best so that a repeat of this nature will not happen again in the future. I want to suggest that in the future, any grievances should be addressed to the minister because most of the time, the ministers were the last to know about issues in their constituency.

There is no Water Scheme at PTC at the moment. Currently, there are two reservoirs with a capacity of 7,000 ltrs and 25,000 ltrs respectively and two Public Water Points. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.25.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Education be pleased to state: –

- a) What is the maximum amount of income a family can earn per year to be eligible for Mizoram State Post-Matric Scholarship?
- b) Can this amount be increased?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the maximum amount of income a family can earn per year for Post Matric Scholarship under the Tribal and Minority Scheme is 2 laths and the Post Matric Scholarship under the Merit Scheme is 2.5 lakhs. The income ceiling is prescribed by the Central Government and the State Government has no authority over this.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu P.P. Thawla to ask supplementary question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, first of all, would it not be better if we remove the income gap for the scholarship for Tribals living in Mizoram as there are many who receive the scholarship who are not qualified due to the income gap. If we do remove the income gap, then we might be able to avoid this. Secondly, scholarships are received by students between December and January every year, but they have not received till date. Can you explain the reason for this hold up?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the scholarships are meant for students with financial strain and also the income ceiling is prescribed by the Central Government and the State Government has no authority over this. All post matric scholarships are already given out but pre-matric scholarship is held up due to financial difficulties.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.26.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the current number of taxis in service in Aizawl?

- b) What is the number of taxi registered in Aizawl between 2010-2011 and 2011-2012?
- c) What is the number of City Bus Permit being issued for Aizawl between 2011 and 2012?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, according to the records, the number of taxis in service in Aizawl at present is 3683, 381 Nos. registrations are issued for replacements of taxi in Aizawl during 2010-2011 and 318 Nos. during 2011-2012. There are no city bus permit given out between 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 in Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna to ask supplementary question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, in regards to the permit issued to taxi owners, there exist a malpractice where the permits are sold to other taxi owners. I suggest the permits should be written off as soon as the taxi ceased to service instead of selling it to others. Also, can we go back to taxi's servicing on alternate days instead of servicing every two days?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, according to Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Zoram Motor Vehicle Rules, 1995, replacements are given to permit holders whose vehicles needed replacement due to age or accidents. Since we have to operate as per the guidelines of the rules, the problem mentioned above cannot be averted. Unless the rules are changed, our hands are tied.

In regards to servicing of taxis, we are trying new and different things for the best interest of the people. We do plan to change if the current plan does not suit our society.

SPEAKER : I am also currently facing a problem due to delayed issue of taxi permit as they are only issuing replacement permits.

Let us now invite hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma to ask Question No.27.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for transport be pleased to state: –

- a) What is the government's stance in requesting a Crane and Ambulance from Ministry of Road Transport & Highway, Government of India?

- b) What is the amount given to Zoram Drivers Union (ZDU) for observation of Road Safety Week?

My supplementary questions are: -

- a) ZDU has a number of social activities and projects under their belt and provide many works for the people. I believe the government should try their best to help them for the request of Crane and Ambulance from Ministry of Road Transport & Highway, Government of India. Will they be able to do this?
- b) Road Safety Week is observed every year which is organized by ZDU and according to records; funds are also given to them annually. Can the government sanction a larger amount this year?

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble minister Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the department will support ZDU in their request for crane and ambulance. Secondly, we have not given any amount to ZDU for observing Road Safety Week.

There is a scheme from the central government for distribution of Cranes, Recovery Vans, Ambulances etc. and Mizoram is also the beneficiary for this scheme. We do our best and forward any request that we received in regards to this scheme to the central government.

The Central Government issued an order annually to every State and Union Territories to observe Road Safety Week. The State Government does everything it can to fund this event with limited capital. It gave funds to the 8 districts on alternate years. The department is always willing to do everything it can to help if their request is in-line with the central scheme guidelines.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Financial Business. Let us invite hon'ble minister to move Additional Grant Demand No.1 - 48 and Vote on Account demand No.1 - 48.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Government of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Additional Grant for Demand No.1 - 48 for rupees 697 crores, 51 lakhs, 22 thousand only for meeting expenses during 2011 - 2012 in respect of the following departments : - Legislative Assembly, Council of Minister, Law & Judicial, Vigilance, Land Revenue Affairs, Personnel & Administrative Reforms, Planning & Programme Implementations, General Administration Department, Home, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Printing & Stationeries, Local Administration Department, School Education, Higher & Technical Education, Sport & Youth Services, Art & Culture, Medical & Public Health Services, Water Supplies & Sanitation, Information & Public Relations, District Councils, Labour & Employment, Social Welfare, Disaster Management &

Rehabilitation, Agriculture, Horticulture, Soil & Water Conservation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Environment & Forest, Cooperation, Rural Development, Power, Industry, Sericulture, Transport, Tourism, Trade & Commerce, Public Works, Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation, Minor Irrigation, Information & Communication Technology.

Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, I move the Demand No. 1 - 48 for Rs.1,542,39,17,000/- (Rupees 1,542 crores, 39 lakhs, 17 thousand) only for meeting expenses during April to July 2012 in respect of the following departments : -

- 1) Legislative Assembly,
- 2) Governor,
- 3) Council of Minister,
- 4) Law & Judicial,
- 5) Vigilance,
- 6) Land Revenue Reforms,
- 7) Excise & Narcotics,
- 8) Taxation,
- 9) Finance,
- 10) Secretariat Administration,
- 11) Parliamentary Affairs,
- 12) Personnel & Administrative Reforms,
- 13) Planning & Programme Implementations,
- 14) General Administration Department,
- 15) Home,
- 16) Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,
- 17) Printing & Stationeries,
- 18) Local Administration Department,
- 19) School Education,
- 20) Higher & Technical Education,
- 21) Sport & Youth Services,
- 22) Art & Culture,
- 23) Medical & Public Health Services,
- 24) Water Supplies & Sanitation,
- 25) Information & Public Relations,
- 26) District Councils Affairs,
- 27) Labour & Employment,
- 28) Social Welfare,
- 29) Disaster Management & Rehabilitation,
- 30) Agriculture,
- 31) Horticulture,
- 32) Soil & Water Conservation,
- 33) Animal Husbandry,
- 34) Fisheries,
- 35) Environment & Forest,
- 36) Cooperation,
- 37) Rural Development,

- 38) Power,
- 39) Industry,
- 40) Sericulture,
- 41) Transport,
- 42) Tourism,
- 43) Trade & Commerce,
- 44) Public Works,
- 45) Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation,
- 46) Minor Irrigation,
- 47) Information & Communication Technology.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister has presented the Additional Demand and Vote on Account of various departments. We can have a discussion on this topic or pass without discussion. It is up to the members to decide. Do we prefer to have a discussion or pass without discussion?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe this demand deserves to have a discussion even if it is only a one month budget.

SPEAKER : Then we will open a discussion session. The duration of speech is up to the members to decide.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I suggest 10 minutes each would be sufficient for each member with additional time allowed.

SPEAKER : The duration of speech will be 10 minutes each with additional time allowed. We shall now start the discussion session. Who will take the first speech?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It was mentioned last year i.e. 2011-2012 that the Budget of Vote on Account will be simplified and with the Rules of Delegation of Financial Power to Officers under the Government of Mizoram came about. Did we follow these rules to the extent that do Ministers possess Financial Power? Also, does Finance Department have the authority or power to change the Bill passed by Assembly?

In terms of Education Department, it might be better and productive to move from Plan to Non-Plan as we are currently in serious short of funds and large amounts are surrendered while we are short of funds in Non-Plan. I kindly begged the Planning Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman to take a course of action regarding this.

The five corporations that we have are failing. After careful study, I found that there is no way for them to thrive with the amount of cash infusion they received from the Government. This could be reversed with large amount of cash

infusion and by reducing the staff by 50%. They need to hire staff because they are capable and not due to political reasons or pressure. We have 'The Mizoram Ceiling on Government Quarantee Act, 2011' which states that loans can be given to government, public sector and societies. We can make use of this Act after revising for the betterment of the people.

Lastly, I would like to mention that this ministry has performed an excellent work regarding the financial management of our State. This is proven by the fact that the deficit amount of the Fiscal Budget has reduced dramatically within the 3 years of our ministry as compared to the last 10 years. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu C. Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Since we are having a discussion on Vote on Account, I believe it is appropriate to mention the increment promised to the upper level officers at District Council. The only thing left is to get the approval of the Governor. What is the stand on that and is it mentioned in the Demand?

Regarding the Health Department, I am very grateful that several Health Centres are being set up and Hospitals are renovated in my constituency. If they could speed up the posting of staff to these centres as the need is quite high. I would also like to request a larger fund for the renovation of Vathuampui Sub-centre as it is uninhabitable at the moment.

Also, we need to create more awareness about the Health Care Scheme called RSBY within my constituency as there are many who are ignorant as the scheme involves many processes which are complicated to many people. Also, they need to spend their own money for medicines under this scheme which creates problems for some families. Is there any way to change this rule?

We have implemented Value Added Tax in Mizoram since 1st April 2005 where items are broken down into three schedules with sub-parts under each schedule. An order was issued by Mr. Arvind Kumar, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Finance to raise VAT by 1% in each state. Due to this, some items were moved to different schedules which result in increased percentage of some items. This is creating problems for the public as some of these items are essential commodities. I would like to request the ministry to revise this and if there is any way that we can again follow the guidelines under the Government of India.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, first of all, I would like to mention that I understand the frustration felt by our Finance Minister regarding taxation. We know that if we do not have income, then we cannot have expenditure. We, the people of Mizoram have high expectations from the government but do not want to contribute. On the other hand, the government needs to have a source of revenue. Due

to efforts given by the government, we have surplus of revenue this year. I would like to comment on the excellent work performed by our Finance Minister and different departments. I think Mizoram is the only state perhaps in India where every family benefitted from the budget. Everyone can benefit from the subsidies given by the government on different items.

During the previous ministry, construction work for the roads between Lungsens to Chawngte was performed under World Bank Scheme. However, the black topping does not last even three years. I would like to request this ministry to renovate this road as it is creating problems for the constituency.

Also, I would like to request the ministry to provincialize our Law College and Kamalanagar College within this year. I also heard that staffs at Kamalanagar College do not yet receive their 6th Pay arrear. Do we have this on budget? Also, regarding recruitment of SSA teachers, there are many who cannot go for interviews due to mistakes made by the recruiting body. I would be very grateful if we can have a clean system of recruitment and interviews in the future. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our budget this year is quite interesting with no deficits except Land Revenue, Forest & Wildlife, Tourism, and Labour & Employment departments. Due to the global economics crisis, it is understandable that we too are affected. All of this is possible due to the vision and hard work of our leaders. The public needs to understand that in order to move forward, we have to contribute and give up our dependency syndrome. During the previous ministry, we have 300 crores rupees on overdraft which have been decreased to 130 crores in three years due to the capability of current ministry. I urge the government to continue its excellent work in handling the finances of Mizoram.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as mentioned before, I would also like to thank our leaders for the remarkable work being done for the public. Due to the efficiency of our leadership at fiscal management, we are able to make some sorts of changes in every aspect such as 'Guarantee Redemption Fund'. The government is making all efforts to erase the 'Dependency Syndrome' and we are moving towards a debt-free Mizoram. I believe it is essential that we support the government in this regard. If we really love our land, we should support any steps which may be taken by the government regardless of our political affiliations.

On another note, I urge the government to speed up the process of 'Entrustment of functions to the Autonomous District Councils'.

We all have heard of the courageous work of the police. So, in order to maintain this capacity, I opine more police outpost or police station should be assigned especially in the borders. For example, Vawmbuk which is within my constituency needs the service of Police forces intensely as it is closed to the border of Myanmar. Also, we are in need of RMSA secondary school at Bial veng. Lastly, I

would like to thank the ministry for progressive work seen in different departments. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will have a break and the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : To resume our discussion, let us invite Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, to resume the discussion, I would like to know who has a master degree to their name among our engineers of PWD.

One important thing I would like to request the members is to stop using religion as a political playfield. At the same time, I thank the ministry for its role in the development of Champhai North constituency as we now have plans for Champhai College, Nursing School, RMSA School, five high schools, Polytechnic and Champhai Hospital. We are also currently working on Champhai Master Plan. A plan for a reservoir at Keilung is also underway. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Chawngtinthanga

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before, we see developments everywhere due to the efficiency of the ministry. Among others, it is worth mentioning in the House that Mizoram, for the first time, have hosted the North East Games thanks to the efficiency of our leaders and concerned officials as Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II too is under completion. Apart from the aforementioned achievements, it is truly appreciative as we have seen increase of our GSDP due to NLUP.

Furthermore, the government has taken the step to eliminate the practice of corruption from the roots. As assured by the hon'ble Chief Minister, our leaders are giving all efforts in this regard.

In short, I thank the ministry for developments being achieved particularly within my constituency. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to request the hon'ble minister for PWD to give priority to improvement of the roads from Champhai - Khawbung, Khawbung - Tuipui, Biata and others along the west, Dungtlang - Farkawn. I have mentioned these needs in every session but till now nothing has been done. Also, since Dungtlang being the area located near the border

of Myanmar, it is necessary assign a police station there to check stolen vehicles being transported to Burma for reselling.

It is reported that sanction for 14 days work has not been given under 100 days work project of NREGS. Since fund provision for the said purpose has already been sanctioned by the Central Government, it is appreciated if the House Leader clarified the reason.

Pu Speaker, Tender for Lottery during the period March, 2011-2012 was refloated in February this year allegedly due to the selected contractor was not of their choice which further leads to loss of large amount of revenue. I believe this clearly shows acts of corruption embedded in this ministry.

Also, contrary to what the minister said, daily necessities such as kerosene, water, power supply, cooking gas and sugar has become irregular especially cooking gas which brings immense problems for the public. There are also reports that the cylinders have been tampered by the drivers transporting these cylinders. I would again like to request the government to intervene in this matter on behalf of the public.

Regarding our discussion about Education Department yesterday, I would like the ministry to accept that the sanctioned money is lapsed if it is not used during the said period. Since barely 10 days left for financial year's ending, there is not enough time to use the remaining as purposed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As we are having a budget discussion, I would like to emphasize the need for the government of use our budgets for intended purpose only, whether it is small or large amount. There are a number of questionable actions occurring in different departments under this ministry and I would like to call out the ministry to looks into such matters like selling of MR post etc. It is also important to note that our budgets come directly from the central to the departments and not through Finance Department.

At the sametime, I would like to demand an inquiry to look into the matter of alleged 'fabricated' document regarding school uniforms under SSA and fund provision for the same for 2010 - 2011 which is said to have been deposited at the Bank for the interest but the amount as being decreased. Also, Pu Speaker, there is fund provision for Training of BRC and CRC level under SSA amounting to ₹.82,34,890/- . The training concerns employees who are in service for 10 years at Block level and Cluster level and also for twenty teachers each at BRC and CRC level. However, it is learned that training is being organized only a few times with combined trainings for BRC and CRC. So, the case may be examined by concerned authority.

I also request an explanation regarding the 'Win a Crop Club' project where fertilizers for distribution to the farmers are purchased from Tilak Aakriti Services, Calcutta and M/S Shree Biotech, Bhubaneswar but it is learned that there is discrepancy of the supply and approved rate. So, concerned minister may look into the matter.

Regarding NLUP, I believe it is the right of the public to know that the NLUP fund does not come from Prime Minister Special Package but from our own budget. Also, it would help a great deal if the government can find a way to give a support price of at least 10 rupees to ginger growers as they are being manipulated by suppliers from Silchar.

Lastly, about my Unstarred Question No.3 for Planning & Programme Implementation Department about Census for different years from different clans such as Lusei, Hmar, Pawi, Lakher, I received only the census from 2001. I would like to request other census details from different years and clans. Thank you.

SPEAKER : My knowledge regarding census is quite narrow but it might be a bit difficult to answer the questions as information regarding this topic is hard to find. Anyone else who would like to speak please raise your hands.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in context to the speech made by Pu Duhoma, I would like to request the names of the persons involved so that we can set up an inquiry.

Pu LALDUHOMA : They are personal names and some of them are close to me. I can give it to you in writing.

SPEAKER : I believe we do not have to name names as this can be solved outside the House. However, we must be prepared to take action if this indeed is true. Who else would like to speak?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I would like to clarify one point regarding SSA document as it is quite easy to fabricate a document from the internet if they are not issued from Ministry of Human Resource Development, SSA Document or Audited Statement issued by Chartered Accountants. I support the opening of an inquiry committee as I would like to know the truth. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before, I would also like to point out that the ministry should be truthful to the public and should mention that NLUP is within the Annual Plan and does not come from Prime Minister Package. This does not mean that I disregard NLUP and the work it has done. After all, this has been a hard year financial wise as we can see from school teachers and other government workers who has not been paid for several months,

delayed scholarships and many others. Even without NLUP, our Annual Plan size is quite small and the increased amount is negligible as compared to other North Eastern States.

As for the fabricated document mentioned by Pu Duhoma, I duly support the request for Inquiry. I would also like to state that the fabricated document as stated by the minister is in fact, not fabricated. We have the Audited Statement from the Charter Accountant which is taken from Mizoram SSA Mission Annual Report 2010 - 2011 and Audited Statement Accounts, 2010 - 2011 published by the government, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Department of School Education and Literacy PAB (Project Approval Board) meeting minute.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, I want to present the hon'ble House leader, this documents which was approved and signed by a Chartered Accountant. The people deserve to know the truth. From the original figure of PAB minutes, Achievement Column, it is undeniable. It is our duty; the duty of MLA's to maintain proper administration and good governance. I am stating these facts for the betterment of our state and the people. I am positive about this issue and inquiry is also a must for this matter. Pu Speaker, it is very clear from the 2012 – 2013 Appraisal Report of Annual Work-Plan and Budget, page 62. We do not just make any statements without knowing the facts.

Regarding the saving amount, we are counting the advance release in the unspent balance and utilize it to provide school uniforms, meaning that we do not use funds allocated to buy uniforms during 2010 - 2011. Our officials should also take precautions regarding the utilization of SSA closing balance. It is clear from the latest Appraisal 2012 -2013 that funds are utilized for the sanction item only.

SPEAKER : Our issue is a serious matter and can result in the resignation of one of our hon'ble member. I have suggested yesterday, if you want to set up an Inquiry Commission this should be move as a motion, so, we shall put an end to this discussion.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, may I please have a short period of time. Pu Speaker, the people deserves to know the truth; the concerned minister had consented to take the inquiry. As suggested by the hon'ble member the ruling party and the treasury bench also consent to go forward with the inquiry or Parliamentary Inquiry Commission could be set up and its member could be selected by the hon'ble speaker. Under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, we have an Inquiry Commissioner, so the commissioner can go forward with the inquiry.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble House leader had given an account of what had occurred earlier but first, we will continue and finish the financial discussion and we will continue to discuss this topic later on.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I want to state a few points regarding our topic of discussion. Regarding the funds of SSA which other parties often referred as lapse of fund can be revalidated and is placed as an opening Balance. It is true that we do not purchase uniforms during 2010 - 2011 simply because these funds entered our accounts only on the 2nd April. So, as a minister, I concluded that it should be utilize for the next session and was placed in the opening balance. We have also discussed this issue before last Christmas and due to the PAB meeting, we were unable to pursue our conclusion further.

SPEAKER : Our subject of discussion is now cleared by the concerned minister.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the timing of school sessions should be considered and uniforms should be distributed before the school session. If not, it means we are denying the Right to Education to the children. As questioned by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma, is there no separate sanction for this?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we received the sanction only on the 2nd April, an amount of ₹ 162 lakhs and there are no indications or directions stating that ₹ 743 lakhs should be utilize for uniforms only. If it is stated in the PAB book, can the hon'ble member please hand the book to the hon'ble Speaker. If it is clearly stated in the PAB book I will submit my resignation tomorrow.

SPEAKER : There is no reason for you to resign if you do not witness what is written in the PAB. We will not discuss the topic further. The hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla may have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I trust you will establish the Inquiry Commission and (.....interruption.....)

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not deny the fact that I said it was the Prime Minister's package and this package is directed to ACA. So, it means this package is goes directly to ACA under a specific head.

I also apologize for my explanation of win-a-crop. We must know that those who assist these companies have maintained a close connection with others and we must take care in this regard. Documents are laid before the committee and after carefully examining; decisions are made by the committee.

SPEAKER : Are there any assurance to release about 300 crores from a target of 1800 under SPA and ACA?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, though I am not an expert in Finance, there are no such assurance under SPA and ACA. The Prime Minister and other dignitaries who had visited us promise the special package. After the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, this special package is separately sanctioned and then given under SPA and ACA. So, I want to say that we

must not confuse the people by spreading rumors that NLUP is distributed from the main budget and not from the special package.

SPEAKER : The majority of our Supplementary Demands consist of Medical related issues, can this be clarified?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the majority of our departments have requirements on medical issue, so, the amount needed is high.

SPEAKER : So, M.R. employees are under Medical sector.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I have mentioned about Chawngte earlier, can our demands be given attention?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : There are many serious illness prevailing among us.

SPEAKER : Shall we permit the minister to appeal to pass his demands?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I appeal to pass the Supplementary Demand for Grant 2011-2012 amounting to ₹ 697,51,23,000/- for Demand No.1 - 48.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister had appeal to pass the Supplementary Demand for 2011 – 2012. All in favour to pass these Demands may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'.

The hon'ble House now passed the Supplementary Demand for the Year 2011 - 2012 unanimously.

The Minister may appeal to pass the Vote on Account April - July, 2012.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appeal to pass the Vote on Account for April – July, 2012 amounting to ₹1542,39,17,000.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister had appeal to pass the Vote on Account for April - July, 2012. All in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. Now the Vote on Account for April - July, 2012 is passed unanimously by the House.

We will move on to the 'Appropriation Bill' and the concern minister may appeal to introduce the Bill in the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission I appeal to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012' on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree to his appeal? Since we all do, the minister may introduce the Appropriation Bill, 2012.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as per the rules, permission to utilize funds should also be passed. I also appeal to the hon'ble House for this authorization.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I have mentioned MDC frequently. Can the hon'ble minister please give a report of their status?

SPEAKER : We have not pass the Appropriation Bill. The question may first be answered.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not know the person responsible and I am sorry to say that I cannot answer the question.

Pu Speaker, I have the Appropriation Bill No.62 here with me. May I introduce and appeal to pass the Bill?

SPEAKER : We will pass Bill No. 61 first and then we will move on to the next. The hon'ble Minister may appeal to pass the Appropriation No.61.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appeal to pass the Appropriation Bill No.61.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister had appeal to pass, 'The Mizoram Appropriation Bill 2012, Bill No.61 of 2012.' Those in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. (Aye) The 'Ayes' have it. 'The Mizoram Appropriation Bill 2012, Bill No.61 of 2012' is now unanimously passed by the House.

The minister may appeal to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation, Vote on Account Bill, 2012.'

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission I appeal to introduce, 'The Mizoram Appropriation, Vote on Account Bill, 2012.'

SPEAKER : The copy may now be distributed.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister stated earlier that it was more than ₹ 1500 crores but in the Bill, it is ₹1663 crores. Can this be clarified?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, when it comes to the Appropriation Bill, all the charges are included in the total amount.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble minister may appeal to pass 'The Mizoram Appropriation, Vote on Account Bill 2012, Bill No.62 of 2012.'

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appeal to pass 'The Mizoram Appropriation, Vote on Account Bill 2012, Bill No.62 of 2012.'

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister had appeal to pass, 'The Mizoram Appropriation, Vote on Account Bill 2012, Bill No.62 of 2012.' Those in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. (Aye) The 'Ayes' have it. 'The Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account Bill 2012, Bill No.62 of 2012' is now unanimously passed by the House.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : As we mention earlier, Inquiry will be taken regarding SSA lapse funds for 2010 - 2011.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the point is whether it is a fabricated documents or not.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, our main issue is whether it is a fabricated documents or not. The hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana mentioned that it was all written in his book. So, I request that he submits his book for House property.

SPEAKER : I believe the copy has been distributed.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is best to pursue your suggestions.

SPEAKER : I believe that will clearly be stated in the terms of reference in the office.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the main point is whether the funds are lapse or not. After the committee is set up, this document from Annexure - II will be clarified whether it is an official government documents or a fabricated one.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, our main point is whether the funds are lapse or not. The Annexure -II mentioned is not an official document, its purpose is to make the press understand the utilization and is taken from SSA Annual Report

& Audit Statement of Accounts 2010 - 2011 and PAB Minutes of 161th, 28th March, 2011.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I have mention it earlier and I will say it again that the Annexure - II is not fully accurate meaning that this is a fabricated documents.

SPEAKER : We have discussed this matter long enough. The hon'ble members have request for the inquiry and I consent to their request and will be pursued. 5 members will be appointed. PuLalduhoma will be the chairman and PuLalthansanga will be well soon.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Terms and reference and appointment of members should be studied carefully. The Committee members should be trusted by the people and at the same time, I want to say that, if the committee is dominated by one party, the result cannot be trusted. So, I trust you will choose its members carefully; otherwise, I am unwilling to be the chairman.

SPEAKER : I will choose the members and the Chairman carefully.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it seems we are going to set up a Parliamentary Inquiry Committee without a motion. Will it be ethical to regulate the terms and references without discussion the subject first? Pu Speaker, in order to avoid further accusations, I believe it is best to be clear about the subject.

SPEAKER : Today we have discussed many important topics in our vote on account. As we have discussed earlier, we will establish an Inquiry committee as requested by the hon'ble members. We will resume our session on Monday with Private Member's Resolution.

Sitting is adjourned. (5: 29 PM)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 26th MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

2. * Resolutions

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

SPEAKER : Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Phillip 4:8.

We will start with Starred Question No.41 by Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Starred Question No.41 is for the concerned minister for Food & Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs: - When will the scarcity of LPG be relieved?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister Pu H. Rohluna may answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer to the question is, we are hoping the scarcity of LPG will decrease gradually.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, from the alteration of gas distribution system last year, the people have faced many problems. The hon'ble Chief Minister said that this matter is entirely between the agents and the company. The elected representatives of the people formed the ministry and if the people face difficulty, it is the duty of the government to attend to their problems. Under the initiatives taken by the consumer union, each family have one connection, but due to the long interval of distribution it is hard to rely on only one gas cylinder for three months. So, I demand that the government should take initiatives in this matter as rapid as possible. There are also rumours that a black market between Aizawl and Kawnpui is very rush. This matter should also be examined. I also believe the fact that the hon'ble minister increases the number of cylinders by 10,000. But no matter how much they are increased, the distribution system should be carefully planned and carried out. I request our Minister to give attention and take initiatives in this regard.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in Lungver, LPG, kerosene, sugar and rice are distributed at a higher rate by one individual. How is this possible? In order to enjoy the lower rate of these items, retailer had also been applied for and I request our minister to give attention in this issue and I also inquire when this application will be granted?

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, can the hon'ble minister please tell us the penalty of black marketing of gas and has there been any record of catching a black market red-handed?

Last year, plans were made to appoint four new distributors in different districts. What stage have we reached in the process? Have they started functioning?

Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. For Mizoram it is hard to improve the distribution system which is practiced at present. Our Distributors have their own areas and rotate their distributions in their respective areas with the help of Local Councils. I want all my hon'ble fellow members to know that under gas control order 2009, the central government ordered that families living under the same roof are permitted to have only one gas connection. In many states they are ordered to be surrendered, but with earnest plea and determination we do not oblige to their suggestions or orders. Like the hon'ble Chief Minister said earlier, the scarcity is solely between the company and the agents. But as the need is high, we have met with the General Manager of North East and the IOC Chairman from Mumbai and also Mr. Chatur Vedi, the Union Secretary of Petroleum Ministry. We are hoping to get positive results very soon from our efforts.

One of the cause of scarcity starts from October last year. Due to some technical problems our supply was decreased and this was followed by Puja's during which people in the plains we provided more. Apart from these, National Highway 39 at Manipur was blocked for some economic reasons. Strike was also conducted by Gas Transporter Union in the month of December and January. India also face problems on bulk import since 70 % is imported from foreign countries. For all these reasons, the rate of scarcity is high. Apart from these, we also apply for 4040 cylinder solely for Christmas and New Year's festival and also a large number at KTP General Conference. At the same time I suggest the people should also give pressure to the agents.

On the question of Pu Lalduhoma, the matter will investigated very soon. The mentioned area is covered by Pi Zopuii, Vaivakawn agency and they distribute it at the price of ₹430/-

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this person sells openly at the price of ₹450/-, I suggest this should also be supervised by NGO's like MHIP etc. I also request that this matter should be examined as fast as possible.

Pu H. ROLHUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I assure you this matter will be cleared as soon possible as it is against the law to sell it at more than ₹430. On the question of Pu P.P. Thawla, our Legal Metrology Department and Food & Civil Supplies Department are trying their best to catch black marketers in different areas like Mualkhang Bottling Plant, Sairang to Sihmui and so far, 7 nos of blackers have been captured and are fined heavily.

We have selected 13 nos of RGGLV last year and some have completed the construction of go-down and have also acquired an explosive license. They will start functioning very soon. Another 6 will be selected next year and we hope this will pacify our requirement to a great extend. I also thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for the initiatives he had taken in this regard. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma may ask Starred Question No.42.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Trade & Commerce, such as: –

- a) At what price are scrap/condemned iron sold outside Mizoram and what are its value?
- b) What kinds of people use trading of scrap/condemned iron? Why is this regulated by the government?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister Pu Lalrinliana may answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question of the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is: –

- a) The subject matter asked by Pu Lalduhoma is not under Trade & Commerce and we cannot provide the answer.
- b) The same goes for question b) as it is not under Trade & Commerce department.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma may state his supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, since it is not the concern department it is understandable. But I suggest the question should be forwarded to concerned Minister.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question is important and though it is not in written in the Transaction & Allocation of Business Rules, I believe it can be included under Trading by Non-Tribals. I suggest a dealing section should be appointed from GAD and if this could be put under one stream line, under Labour & Employment Wing, it could yield a more profitable income. I want to state that if the responsibility of our subject is placed in our hands, we would gladly accept the duty.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble member asked the reason this trade is regulated, I believe the hon'ble Chief Minister could answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no department is assigned to trading with scarp/condemned iron. We were not even clear about the regulation but from the light of the question from our hon'ble member, the importance is clear and initiatives should be taken.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga may state his Starred Question No. 43.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - Has the Mizoram Scholarship Centralization Plan being implemented?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer to the hon'ble member's question is - All the plans for Mizoram Scholarship Centralization Plan are not yet implemented.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In order to have a well developed state, we need to shape our youngsters to attain quality education. The Mizoram Scholarship Centralization Act had been drafted in 2010. Many of our students have faced problems in this regard. So, when will this Act be implemented by Education Department? What is the progress made regarding Mizoram Overseas Scholarship Rules, 2009? Students of different streams have faced problems regarding their scholarship. The rules have been passed by the Cabinet Meeting and if these are not implemented, it is the responsibilities of the Ministers. So, will the Cabinet once again take initiatives to implement the Rules 2010 Rules and 2009 of Overseas Scholarship Rules?

How many Departments have made their transfer from their Budget from 2011-2012? How many departments have not made their transfer? Can the break-up please be presented to this House?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is a plan for centralization of scholarships for Higher & Technical Department yet, the procedure cannot be fully implemented. We have also suggested to students who applied for stipend to apply for scholarships and many are more than happy to oblige. Judging from the initiatives taken, we believe that we have cleared a majority of the problems. With the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, we plan to have a Cabinet Memo meaning that we give priority to student scholarships and stipends.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, since the rules have been made, is there a possibility to direct these funds from Planning Department to Scholarship Board?

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if we have funds for this, it is not difficult to clear the problem if it is assigned to the departments. But this has to be discussed first by the Cabinet. We give great importance to the welfare of our students not only in the line of education but also in promotion of vocationalisation of education. We have to instill craftsmanship in the minds of concerned students to help them develop their skills for income generation. In order to promote this, 12 ministers from different states have been summoned by the Central Government. The National Skill Development Corporation has even made a study of Mizoram if assistance is needed through this programme.

Pu Speaker, the government is trying its best to development the students not only on education but also in skill development. At present, I am

unable to provide answers regarding the exact amount of stipend ad book grant (2011 - 2012) which may be done by the end of this session.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my question about the progress made regarding the Mizoram Overseas Scholarship Rules has not been answered.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have to implement Rules 9 as we are looking for funds in order to accomplish this.

SPEAKER : For your information, our session will end by the 28th of this month.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am regretted to mention that we cannot proceed as planned due to some problems.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred Question No.44.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Industry: - Does the fees collected from application forms of PMEGP go directly to Industries Department?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister Pu S. Hiato to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member Pu T.T Zothansanga's question is: - No, it does not go directly to industry department.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question to be asked by Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. PMEGP was introduced three years back. Along with the application form, it is necessary to purchase the scheme. So, in rural areas such as Champhai and others, about 500 persons paid for the application form and the scheme amounting to Rs.2000/- but only 20 or more applicants are selected. So, if this policy is revised, applicants from rural areas may have some benefits. Anyway, is it possible for concerned authority to necessitate only the application forms but not the scheme? Is it possible for the applicants to attach income certificate other than purchased along with the application forms? In general, it seems that any applicants who are acquaintant to Bank officials as of DIC and KVI are selected for the beneficiary. May the hon'ble minister look into this matter?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister, Pu S. Hiato to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

The application form costs ₹50/- which is being utilized for purchase of stationery items spent in the process and for refreshments of staffs engaged in the dealings.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask starred Question No.45.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Public Health Engineering Department: -

Is PHE department aware of the fact that villages between Lungdai to Bukpui and Lungdai to Silchar are facing enormous scarcity of water?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister Pu S. Hiato to answer the question.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question is: -

Yes, the department is aware of scarcity of water in the area. Under NRDWP, a new pump has been placed and Scheme Augmentation is on going under NRDWP. The following are the initiatives taken in this regard: -

- 1) Survey is conducted for Zanlawn water reservoir.
- 2) Line Booster has been installed for Bualpui and Thingdawl.
- 3) To improve water supply system, work is in progress under NLCPR.
- 4) Under NRDWP, two water reservoirs have been constructed for Chhimluang village.
- 5) Vairengte Water Supply Scheme Augmentation under NEC is in porcess.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister of Horticulture said that he will provide us with the documents of purchase of fertilizers but till now, we have not received it.

SPEAKER : The question hour is over and the hon'ble Home Minister has an important announcement to make. So, he will have his time.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Last night, six persons who were employed under border fencing project were kidnapped by armed militants of 20 to 25 in number from ACBI camp in Lunglei District. The hostages are as follows: -

- 1) Sharma, Manager Accounts, Guwahati, Assam.
- 2) Pawan Singh, Supervisor, Punjab.
- 3) Sunil Singh, Supervisor, Punjab.
- 4) Sayaram, Supervisor, Rajasthan.
- 5) Urmaram, Supervisor, Rajasthan.

6) Tiklu, Excavator Operator.

The kidnappers have robbed □ 2 lakhs in cash and mobile handsets from the hostages but so far, no other demands were made. The Addl. SP Lunglei and two platoons of 2nd Bn. MAP, Addl. SP, OC Marpara and 4th IR Bn. Operation team were sent to the area to take immediate action.

Pu Speaker, Regarding illegal trade with offer of employment under the government as pointed by Pu Lalduhoma, case was filed as ACB submitted an FIR to PRISM. The names of the accused are as follows:-

1. Lalhmachhuani w/o H. Lalramhluna of Tuivamit, Meter Reader, P & E Department and the amount received by her is ₹17,21,000/-.
2. Lalrinfeli (28), w/o Joseph Laldinpuia of Bawngkawn East
3. Annie Lalremtuangi (26), w/o R.Lalmalsawma, Chaltlang Lily Veng.

From the results of the ongoing investigation by ACB, they have received an amount of ₹11,65,000/- for the post of IV-Grade, ₹2,40,000/- for the post of Constable of Police Department and for Prison Warden, ₹45,000 for the post under Agriculture department. Apart from these, ₹5,44,000/- has also been received from 15 persons with a promise of various appointments under the government. Thus, the total amounts to ₹19,94,000/-. The number of people who are involved in the case may differ. I hope all my fellow members would co-operate with the investigation for effective outcome. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Private Business. I call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to move his Resolution, "The government may support steps taken for the success of compensation claimed by the Chief Councils of Mizoram."

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I request all my fellow members not consider this issue as a topic of debate as this matter concern constitutional issue. As known to us all, we the Mizos are originated from Chhinlung, in the east as this land we live in is given to us by God. Once, the occupied area of the Mizos was twice wider than the present. But I have to emphasize on the present which was once under the chieftainship of the chief council.

During the period of 1860 to 1870, we were governed by the British rule but the chieftainship remains unchanged. In 1946, when the British were about to leave India, several political parties with different opinions were emerged. Some wanted a full fledged sovereignty and in the process, some were persuaded to be governed under the Assam without consulting 309 Nos. of Chiefs which consequently resulted into formation of the Lushai Hill District Council.

As the District Council came into being in 1952, chieftainship was eliminated. Thus, compensation has been claimed with effect from 1954. After I become a legislature, a study was conducted on 'The Assam Lushai Hills District (Acquisition of Chief Right Act, 1954) which executed the dismissal of chieftainship in Mizoram. But I have learned from some experts that the Assam government cannot

execute such Act unless the decision is made by the parliament. Till today, the Chiefs of Mizoram have not received yet any compensation for the land acquired by the government of Assam.

There are various kinds of Raja in India such as Nizam, Chief etc. When Government of India acquired the land of the Raja, Nizam, Chief etc, it is done on the basis of appropriate Rules like of the national level. It means that the Assam government was not authorized to do so but only by the Parliament. Pu Speaker, it is so unbecoming to think that land under the chieftainship was being acquired by the Government of Assam. Hence, it is the responsibility of the government of India to formulate Rules of compensation for the land of the Mizo Chiefs being acquired. The chiefs of Mizo have set an appropriate boundary lines during the acquisition by the British Rule. In fact, the land under Aizawl chief was so vast as numbers of MLAs today's are held from a family of such Mizo Chiefs. Thus, I am also the youngest son of Aizawl Chief and I wonder why no member has mentioned about this in the House.

The point is, the Government of India compensated the Mizo Chiefs on their certain Rights but not of their land holdings till today. In this connection, I would like to relate members of the House of the revolution of political party in Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, United Mizo People Freedom Organization (UMPFPO) was established in 1941 which was renamed later as the Eastern India tribal Union (EITU). In 1959, the Mizo Famine Front was set up which had been changed as the Mizo National Front (MNF) in 1961 which obviously was done so following the Independence movement policy, UMFO. After struggling for more than 2 decades, all political parties, organizations and churches in Mizoram decided to call for an underground movement.

In 1986, the underground MNF signed an agreement with the government of India, which is known as 'The Mizoram Peace Accord'. But the Peace accord was concluded without any provision of compensation of the Mizo Chiefs. I opine the Peace accord hurts the sentiment of many generations of the then Chiefs. I could not tell of how deeply the matter was felt in those days.

After 26 years, UN declarations came into existence which consequently provided the Rights of indigenous people over their territory. This indicates that the Rights of the Mizo Chiefs is known and witnessed by the world. In fact, it is not clear as to whether India has acquired or rented our land for no compensation is issued to that effect. Hence, it could be regarded as our land being forcefully seized. If it was rented, then we have large amount of compensation to be claimed to the central government. On the other hand, if it was acquired base, the estimated amount which could be claimed, as per the existing rate of compensation could not be less than 451 times of our budget amount. On the part of the government of India, it is not a problem to issue ten crores each to the Mizo Chiefs. I believe if the

House resolved and passed the resolution, government of India will not reject our claim.

It should be noted that the Mizo Chiefs did not appeal to the High court directly; but the demand was made to the government of India with effect from 1955. They have also submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1980 but she was assassinated before sending the assessment team. Hence, the same was again submitted to the President of India in 1990 but in vain. So, it was again appealed to the High Court in 1992 and an order was issued to the government of Mizoram to take necessary action on the Memorandum within 90 days. But no action was taken by the government of Mizoram. Again, an appeal was made to the High Court in 2009 as notice order was issued to the government of Mizoram to reconsider which happened to be the present condition so far. In fact, the government of Mizoram is responsible for the outcome. Pu Zoramthanga, the then Chief Minister of Mizoram assured to make the best effort for the achievement but no action was taken. Fortunately, the matter is taken into account by this ministry as a Memorandum is again submitted to the government of India on 24th October, 2011.

However, the reply of Home Ministry is not satisfactory and therefore necessary to this august House to take this matter into account so that this resolution is passed instantly. So, Pu speaker, with your kind permission, let me read it out the message in this House.

(Message is read out by the mover of the Resolution).

According to the message, the compensation may be considered and decided by the government of Mizoram. But since the state government has no fund for such compensation without financial sanction from the government of India, it is opined that the latter should not at all cost, set-a-side from dealing with this case. In order to support the decision of cabinet, it is necessary to pass this resolution. If the House passes the resolution, I think the Mizo Chiefs will be compensated by the government of India. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have a discussion. Each member is expected to have five minutes. Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the resolution moved by Pu K. Liantlinga is very interesting as I am influenced already. But it takes careful consideration of the members as to whether it should be passed by the House. So, I would like to point steps that have been taken so far by the government in this regard.

The motion of this Resolution, “May Government of Mizoram make an effort to ensure that compensation claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram to the Central Government is fulfilled.” The compensation claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram could have been fulfilled under the Assam Lushai Hill District Acquisition of Chief Rights Act, 1954 and Amendment of 1955 but they were not fully authorized to do so. So far, 309 chiefs were compensated in 1955 and 1956 by

the same Act. The Chief council of Mizoram submitted Memorandum to the President of India in 1990 under the Land Acquisition of 1894. In 1991, the Council of Ministers, Mizoram with the advice of Law and Judicial department and also the Central Government opined the memorandum submitted by the chief council of Mizoram not befitted for implementation. In 1992, the Chief Secretary, government of Mizoram issued notice accordingly. The Chief Council of Mizoram is unsatisfied with the decision and submitted an appeal to the Division Bench of High Court, Guwahati. The Guwahati High Court informed the government of Mizoram to take step with the advice of the Central Government due to the fact that the government advocate submitted petition without any approval of the government. After submission of review petition by the government of Mizoram to High Court, Guwahati, the High Court decided that the government of Mizoram to implement the claims of the Chief Council Mizoram in consultation with the Central Government under any appropriate law.

In 2002, the Chief Council of Mizoram was informed to produce approved documents and the Chief Secretary of Mizoram, with cooperation of Government Officers received and considered again the memorandum of the Chief Council of Mizoram. The Chief Secretary then issued an order informing that the Chief Council of Mizoram should be given compensation under section 5 of Assam Lushai Hills Acquisition of Chiefs Rights Act, 1954. The order also stated that no other Act is applicable for claiming compensation. The order also provides that any financial assistance is not payable to them for any suitable fund had been given to them. It also indicated that Land acquisition Act of 1894 is not applicable to them and the claimed compensation had no act to be based on or the claim could not be sanctioned by any law. Before issue of this order, approval of Central Government was drawn. Although, the chief Council of Mizoram submitted an appeal to the High Court of Guwahati for the state government could take step on or before 17.1.2009. Consequently, the writ appeal requires reconsideration. The matter was discussed with under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Mizoram. Hence, it was forwarded to the Council of Ministers and then to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The Ministry of Home affairs entrusted Government of Mizoram to settle and implement the compensation. Hence, the Government of Mizoram decided to refer the case to the Central again and so was forwarded to the Joint Secretary of North East, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi. That is the step taken so far by the Government of Mizoram. It may be wise for us to wait the decision of the Government of India, Home Department.

Pu Speaker, the motion of the resolution is good. But if it is passed once again, we have to consider as to whether the position is improving or not. Thank you.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Thank you Pu Speaker. The mover of the resolution clarified the steps taken by Government that Assam Legislative Assembly passed The Assam Lushai Hills District Acquisition of Chief rights Act, 1954, which was amended in 1955. By this act, 309 chiefs were compensated. After thirty years hence, compensation on land is claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram. Petitions

were submitted to the Prime Minister, Chief Minister of Mizoram and also to the President of India. Cabinet Meeting too considered the case as stated before. As directed by the cabinet Meeting, the Chief Secretary issued an order stating that there is no other law to be applied on claiming compensation on land to the Mizo Chiefs. So, the Chief Council of Mizoram dissatisfied with the decision of the Cabinet Meeting and submitted writ petition to the High Court. The writ petition was dismissed by Guwahati High Court in 1998. In 1999, in the writ appeal Government Advocate inform the High court to be considered the case by the state government without having any instruction from State Government. Hence, the Guwahati High Court issued an order stating that the state Government should consider the case in consultation with the government of India. The state government submitted review petition to Guwahati High Court appealing the statement of Government Advocate. But the High Court issued an order to see means of compensation without violating any law.

So, the State Government makes demands to the Chief Council of Mizoram to produce documents to support their claims. The Chief Secretary, home Commissioner, Senior Officers and Representatives of the Chief Council of Mizoram had a meeting on 20.5.2002. Representatives of the Chief Council of Mizoram informed the meeting that taxes collected by them were submitted to the administrators of the British Empire and that the administrators that day may appoint any one of his choice for the chief. It is further stated that the Chief had no absolute power and that the chieftainship was not hereditary. Hence, the Chief Secretary issued an order stating that the Chief Council of Mizoram could not be compensated under the Land Acquisition Act, 1984. The land Acquisition Act, 1984 was barred by law on ground of lack of tenacity, as being devoid of merit and lack of legal basis. The Chief Council then again submitted writ appeal to the Guwahati High Court Mizoram Bench on 31.7.2002. The Division Bench decreed in favour of the plaintiff to consider the case again.

Accordingly, the Chief Council of Mizoram submitted representation to the Chief Minister with supported documents of the Manipur Hill Areas Acquisition of Chiefs Right Act, 1954.

Pu Speaker, what I want to say in this regard is that the Division Bench of Guwahati High Court has not yet been finalized the case as it is under trialed by the Executive and Judiciary. I, therefore opine that the Legislature should not interfere in the case. According to the Press hand-out, it may be regarded that the Central Government authorized the Government of Mizoram to implement any kind of compensation. However, claiming of compensation retarded development of the state. It might be of a serious problem if the Chief Council demanded getting back of their lands if they are not compensated and that some sorts of revolution may be instigated. Anyhow, the case is still validated as the living grand-children's of the then Chiefs today are confident of their claim. So, I opine it is not appropriate for the House to pass it. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, those members who spoke before me knew quite well how to criticize this motion. So, I would also like to make a few points in support of the motion.

Pu Speaker, the 61st UN General Assembly which was being held on 13th July, 2007 resolves 46 Rights in favour of the indigenous people. Pu Speaker, Article 26 also bestowed Rights to recovery of land but it should be verified first as to whether the land is traditionally owned by such people. Article 28 also stated that if the land is acquired without free consent of the indigenous people, compensation may be claimed to the government. If the land should be returned to the indigenous people, it shall be the same size and same value of such land. All indigenous people should know the provision.

As our forefathers occupied Mizoram in 1600 AD, the land was uninhabited and therefore regarded as a gift of nature. As the British occupied the adjoining land in 1932, our forefathers attacked them for their own safety and so should not be regarded the Mizos as headhunters for they had only fight for their life.

In 1873, Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation (BEFR) came into existence and made inner-lines with 46 boundaries. This Regulation (BEFR) was framed to bar the Mizos entering into the British territory. In 1885, the British occupied Chin Hills and Cachar District when Mizoram remains un-annexed as the British Rule. In 1888 - 1890, Mizoram was invaded again for the second time. They were not given free, and prior and formal consent. In 1892, Fort Williams, Calcutta tried to put the Mizos occupied areas under one administrative head but was not successful.

In 1895, British from Shimla declared Mizoram as the British Empire. After fifty years war, it was captured. We were not the citizen of the British Empire as we were forcedly captured and over-ruled by the British.

In 1930, Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation was alternately applied to Mizoram so as to bar non-Mizos entering into the territory.

Government of India Act was then passed in 1935 and then clarified tribal occupied areas notwithstanding Burma and Indian Rajas. The tribals were defined as the tribes inhabited in the adjoining areas of Indian Territory which means the Government of India did not include Mizoram under its territory. If we look back the Independent Act of India, Mizoram was given a freedom to choose as to under which ruling they chose to stay. The then political leaders of Mizoram opted to be ruled under the government of India only for ten years. That is the only option taken by Mizoram in the history. In the memorandum, the area of Mizoram at that time was 18,993 Square miles or 49,191.6 Sq.kms where as the present is only 21,086 Sq. kms. More than half of Mizoram, according to our forefathers has now situated outside the boundary of Mizoram as a result of forceful activity of the British. Assam Land acquisition Act was then formulated since the administration of Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, any portion of Mizoram acquired by India or British should be bestowed to the indigenous people. In this regard, I would like to raise my opinion that an agreement signed by the government of India and MNF known as "July Agreement," is the worst agreement for the people for Mizoram. It is not the agreement between the government of India and the government of Mizoram but signed on behalf of MNF.

In 1986, a memorandum of settlement was signed again between the government of India and MNF but without consulting the officials or political leaders. So, we have nothing to say or express our opinion on enlisting Mizoram as an integral part of India. It is a matter to be done in consultation with the officials and political leaders by means of mutual agreement of both sides. If compensation is demanded, it is the decision of the government of India as to whether to fulfill such demand. As such, I opine it is important for us to make intensive pressure on central authority.

In this connection, Pu Speaker, it may be important for us to consider the relationship between India and China becomes very weak as both sides are preparing for an impending danger of war. Thus, the government of India too is determined to maintain unity among the Indian citizens particularly of the people living in border areas. Home Minister, Pu P. Chidambaram had even made a statement in Press meetings which emphasizes the needs for the people particularly those living in the international boundaries, to maintain loyalty and unity to our country on which priority should be given where as we have laws by which amendment may be made as necessary.

If so, we have to know our rightful claim as of our demand for compensation which has been held for the decision of the cabinet. I am confident that our demand for compensation will become more impressive to concerned authority if it is passed by this august House as it is not harmful for the integrity of our nation. We should know that this will not be benefitted only by kindred's of our chiefs but also by the Mizos as a whole for it will enable us to regain our very own land. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will have a break and the meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : To resume the discussion, let us now call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as stated earlier, we, the Mizos have land of our own which had been occupied by our forefathers since the time immemorial and it land should be ours from generation to generation. The matter of permanent habitation depends on regular payment of annual tax. This ownership of land may be cancelled unless tax is paid to the government. Regarding the rightful

claim over our owned land, the Supreme Court further decided that the district councils too have no separate land but all the occupied area are of the state. The district councils only have the rights to use.

I believe it will never stay in the minds of our forefathers that this matter will be discussed in the coming generations. So, the resolution should be carefully determined by the House and decision may be made even after a year or so. From my understanding, this Resolution concern demands for land lease. If we receive the costs of the land as demanded, it means that our land was sold to the Central Government. Now, we are the owners. When I see the pros and cons of the resolution, it is better not to be passed by the House. If the central Government paid for it, that will mean we are not the owner of the land. I am afraid that we will lose the ownership of this land. Anyhow, the resolution is discussed in this House I would like to highlight what my view was. We the Congress (I) party discussed the matter many times. It is not to be decided easily. I am afraid that the generation will condemn members of this august House after a few years. It is therefore, better to withdraw it.

Pu Speaker, some of members of the opposition will support our idea. This generation will be a great nation if the world remains. So, if it is so require new resolution will be framed again under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister. It may be regarded that the owner of the land is not to claim compensation. It is also a question whether it is acquired by force. It is, therefore necessary to think deeply whether the compensation should be claimed. The House discussed every important resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Members from your right criticized that the legislators should not intervene in the business of the Executive and Judiciary. It is, therefore important for us to determine if the executive and judiciary misled the administration. Anyhow, it is good to pass by the House.

We, the MPC party have a political ball to regain the land what Mizoram had lost from the very beginning which had been regarded as foreign country. At the very beginning of our struggle, the indigenous people living in those land were spoken ill of. The Indigenous People Forum had been set up and submitted a memorandum to UNO. The anniversary of the Indigenous People Forum is celebrated at Vanapa Hall with Mr. M.M. Lakhera, the Governor of our state on 8th August, 2008. The celebration justified all political criticisms. MPC Party did not accept all forced boundaries. Life is sacrificed for protection of such boundaries. The Mizo Chiefs also sacrificed their life for protection of their land. But now, we are ruled over by various acts. If UNO approves the memorandum, Parliament will automatically adopt as in other countries, such as Australia, New Zealand, etc.

The resolution did not mean selling of the land to others authorities, but claiming of compensation for protection of our own land. Home Minister of the Central Government too said that the rules may be amended as necessary. The law of the land should not bind any one.

Due to the words speech made by Arunachal MP in the Parliament, the government of India largely developed Arunachal state. Home Minister too said that law may be altered in accordance with the interests of the people as it is made for the people. Even if the Executive and Judiciary could not do, it is we, the legislators, owner of government will do it. The Mizo Chiefs shall be compensated for their protection of the land. We can make pressure to the Government of India to sanction compensation to the respectable Mizo Chiefs. As we all know, the state of Mizoram might have been captured by foreigners. I, therefore request all the Ruling members to support this resolution. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker. I was given a copy of Press hand-out of the Chief Council of Mizoram just before entering into the House. It is clear that it's been a long time since compensation was claimed and it appears that some member afraid of doing something wrong.

Pu Speaker, the purpose of the resolution is making efforts to ensure that compensation claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram is achieved. I would like to request the mover of the resolution to clarify when winding up of our discussion if the land shall be owned by central Government if the claimed of compensation is fulfilled. Regarding compensation given by military acquisition, some of them claimed ownership while some were not. If the central government should not claimed ownership of land, there is no problem to pass the resolution. Thank you.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you Pu Speaker. The motion of the resolution is, "May the government make an effort to ensure that compensation claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram to the Central Government be fulfilled." As Pu Lalsawta have stated, it seems that the resolution needs further consideration. In my opinion, it may be more appropriate if compensation is claimed for all indigenous people of our state. In fact, the Chiefs position is different from one another. There might be difference among them when government enquires claiming of such compensation. I think it is better to make alteration of the motion of the resolution for common people so that the common people benefitted claiming of compensation. Truly speaking, no one knows how to claim such compensation.

But now, we begin to know what our rights are. If so, it is better to frame another resolution which concern all the indigenous people as it will be more effective than the present one. So, it is better not to pass the resolution now. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, we will call upon the House Leader.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Generally, all members have same idea on this resolution moved by our fellow member. Although the resolution is good, a new idea comes into existence.

As stated before, all political parties have the same policy of having one administrative unit in mind for all indigenous people of Mizos. The reason is that all of us desired to have one administrative unit.

As frequently mentioned in the House, Mizoram, as other Indian states had suffered the Divide and Rule Policy of the British Empire. The Indigenous People of occupied a very large territory of Myanmar, Bangladesh and India. Thus, Mizoram is regarded as a gift of God.

Pu Speaker, the claim is compensation. But we have to consider whether Mizoram have the right of ownership of this land. The purpose of the resolution is too narrow for it did not include common people. So, I opine it is more appropriate if the resolution is redrafted so that the claim concerns for the indigenous people of Mizoram as a whole.

Pu Speaker, I do not oppose the resolution but it is possible to frame better resolution which appears from the discussion. So, if the mover of the resolution agreed, a new resolution may be framed for all indigenous people may benefit the resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, Pu K. Liantlinga, to wind up the discussion.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Speaker, 8 members participated in the discussion of this resolution and I am happy that no one seems to oppose it. But some members make suggestions relating to legal problem which may be solved without difficulty. The occupied areas of the Mizo Chiefs were being acquired by means of illegal acts by the government of Assam and our demand for compensation does not concern selling of land or rental costs.

The Mizo Chiefs were abandoned by section 3 of the Assam Lushai Hills (Acquisition of Chief) Act, 1954. Section 3(1) of the Assam Lushai Hills Land Acquisition) Act, 1954 provides that "Notification declaring vesting of land in the state." But, this act is not appropriate as the Mizo Chiefs were abandoned by this act illegally.

The Governor of Assam issued an order of abandonment indicating their names on 23rd March, 1955. After four months, the act was amended by providing modification in the Rights of the Chiefs relating to their land-holdings. The amendment stated the rights of the chiefs such as Fathang, Buhchhun etc. but not of their land-holdings which indicated our chiefs were being deceived by the government of Assam. As such, the claim of compensation by the Mizo Chiefs should be given for the abandonment is done by means of deceiving Act.

The suggestion made by the House Leader is very good. But let us accept the resolution so as to ensure compensation for Mizo Chiefs within 20,187 sq. kms.

As stated by Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte, the Maharajas were given compensation by providing Privy Purse whereas, on the contrary, the Mizo Chiefs were deceived by means of irrelevant Act.

As pointed out by Dr. Thangtea, Maharajas, Red Indians, Maui, aborigines in Australia and New Zealand, Canada, and USA were compensated. In the same manner, we, the Mizos too deserved the same concern. If the state Government supported the resolution and urge to the Central government to compensate our chiefs, I am confident that sanction will be issued for compensation.

Regarding ownership of land, it was of the Mizo Chiefs. The Superintendent of the Lushai Hills District had the power to appoint or dismiss the Chiefs and has even kept paper of boundary description on 28.8.1948 which notified that the Mizo Chiefs were the owner of the land.

The Guwahati Law Research book, page 3 described Lushai Hills as a backward tract and so by the Indian Act, 1915 and 1919. The government of India Act, 1935 and Guwahati Law Research Book further described Lushai Hills as an excluded area. It is recorded as "All lands in the villages belonging to the Chiefs of that village." It is, therefore clear that all lands of Lushai Hills were owned by the Mizo Chiefs as taxes were paid by them.

Pu Lalsawta, hon'ble Law Minister mentioned that compensation may be given only by this act which now becomes invalid. He has further claimed that only the Executive and the Judiciary are able to compensate the Mizo Chiefs whereas the Executive is in the opinion to compensation the Mizo Chiefs. So, if the legislature supports the executive, I think compensation is possible.

All acts are made by the legislature and it is the Judiciary to see the relevant act. But if there is an invalid act, it may not be approved by the House or Legislature. But Acts could be amended to achieve our claim of compensations as most of the members thus supported the resolution. Pu Speaker, it is not a time to speak a lot of things. So, I beg the House to pass the resolution that 'May the Government makes an effort to ensure that compensation claimed by the Chief Council of Mizoram to the Central Government be fulfilled.' Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the case of the Mizo Chiefs is quite complicate as it is different from Maharajas, Nawabs etc. At that time, another indigenious people were not consisted politically as the chiefs were more consisted politically at that time.

The mover stated that the Chiefs were dismissed in the political movement and there was no law to compensate them as claimed which I opine is not true. It is a fact that the act applied by government of Assam is not relevant with this case. It was an act to deceive the Mizo chiefs and the people. It appears to me that the treatment of the government of Assam towards the Mizo Chiefs is worth appealing to

the Court which I believe as our main problem now. As stated by Pu Lalduhoma, it may be more appropriate to follow as suggested. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I would also like to add few points. Obviously the government of India had nothing much to say as the Leader of MNF party expressed his grievance that we the Mizos as being forced to accept whatever the constitution brings to us while others have an access to some sorts of agreement and we have no reason to accept imposed constitution. The constitution, therefore, provided Article 371 (g) to resolve the problem.

Regarding ownership of land, it is, in a way, difficult to make a clear-cut definition. As far as my opinion is concern, it is God the true owner of this land. But according in international language, permanent ownership of land is in the state government where as there are rental owner and temporary owner which may be implied as the case may be.

Anyway, we, the members today are fortunate for being able to discuss about our chiefs and it is our collective responsibility to bestow anything to our chiefs. Yet, it is important for us to examine this case cautiously as our history could not be re-written.

Now, the resolution will be voted.

(The Resolution is being rejected).

The resolution is rejected yet, we have to remember proposal of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Now, our business for today is finished and Session will be resumed at 10:30 AM tomorrow, the 26th March, 2012.

Sitting adjourned (3:10 PM)

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

CALLING ATTENTION MOTION

2. **Pu LALDUHOMA** to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA** to present to the House the First Report of House Committee relating to Revision of Rent of Legislator's Home and Terms & Conditions for allotment of Conference Hall and Basement in Assembly Annexe Building.
4. **Pu K. LIANZUALA** to present to the House the Third Report of Subject Committee-IV relating to Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui (Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in First Report of Subject Committee-IV) and Fourth Report of Subject Committee-IV relating to The Minor Irrigation Department (Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of Subject Committee-IV).

LAYING OF PAPERS

5. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations, 2009.
6. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011.
7. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of the Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village Councils within MADC, LADC and Lunglei District).

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and Passing.

8. **Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary.

SPEAKER : But the land whither ye go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven. A land which the Lord thy God careth for. The eyes of the Lord thy god are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deuteronomy 10:11-12.

Now, we will take up question. I call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana, to ask starred question No.61.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youths Services Department be pleased to state: - Will construction of Sport Complex at Zobawk be continued by government?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question asked by Dr. Lalthangliana is: -

There is a plan of resumption for construction of Zobawk Sports complex with a quality better than previously estimated in the former Ministry.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Dr. R. Lalthangliana, Pu Lalthansanga and Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the amount of fund for the construction?
- 2) From which source?
- 3) What kind of sports disciplines will be included?
- 4) When will the construction be started?
- 5) What is the proposed date of completion?

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) What is the expected date for completion of Indoor stadium at Bungtlang and Keitum?
- 2) What is the amount sanctioned for the construction?
- 3) A demand for construction of Indoor stadium at East Lungdar was made. Whether it is approved by the government?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: -

- 1) Whether Work Order for construction of Zobawk Sports Complex is issued without fund provision?
- 2) What is the amount of debts for the construction?
- 3) If such debts have already been cleared by the Government?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

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

The former Ministry named it District Sports Complex but the work was stopped in 2005. So, the contractor had no bill to receive. When Congress party assumed the Ministry in 2008, the hon'ble Chief Minister asked Finance Commission ₹4 crores for recovery of debt incurred by the former Ministry. The debt was cleared under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister which also included ₹100 lakhs for construction of Zobawk Sports Complex.

Pu speaker, out of ₹34 crores DPR submitted for Zobawk Sports Complex only ₹17 crores is being sanctioned. So, working estimate is being prepared in comply with the present financial position as the Central Government has also been informed for we need to maintain the process quite carefully. Now, work tender is floated and the contractor will be selected this week.

SPEAKER : What is the actual name of this sports Complex?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is States Sports Academy, Zobawk.

Pu Speaker, the States Sports Academy is planned to accommodate various disciplines such as football ground, hockey ground, tennis court, volleyball court, running track, high jump, long jump, pole vault and shooting range. Apart from these, the building will contain administrative building, academic, canteen, retail store, a separate boys & girls hostel, staff quarters and guest house. It is further planned to accommodate Indoor stadium for various Indoor games.

Pu Speaker, the Supplementary question from a member from Hrangturzo constituency is of un-starred question for which answer has already been issued. I think he will receive it later. So, I may not answer it now for some figures may be mistaken. Regarding East Lungdar Hall, no step is being taken till date. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No. 62.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Power & electricity Department be pleased to state: -

- 1) Whether Tuipang Lui Project is functioning?
- 2) If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, hon'ble Chief Minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, a heavy rainfall during September caused a serious landslide which further damages the channel, four bays and quarters and the government could not repair it till date. So, this small project is not functioning at present.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla and Pu Laduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question are: -
 1) Whether the government has any proposal to repair the project?
 2) If it is there, will the repairing be started within this year?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, bill form produced by SDO (P&E) of Daido included a column for labour charge amounting to ₹35/- per consumer. What is the meaning? Should consumer be imposed labour charge?

Secondly, it is learned that power is being supplied to Khawmawi, Myanmar from Zokhawthar point. Is such consumption bill entered into Government account?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to give the answer.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government does its best to repair Tuipang Lui Power Project.

Regarding SDO, Daido, I am absolutely unaware of labour charge stated by Pu Lalduhoma.

As of power supply to Khawmawi, Myanmar, I opine it is a good idea for maintaining a good diplomacy. Anyhow, the matter will be enquired and the bill shall be entered into government account?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala, to ask starred Question No.63.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state: -

Is there any proposal to set up Polytechnic (Training centre) at Chhiahtlang?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give the answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, is there a plan for setting up of Serchhip District Polytechnic Training Centre at Chhiahtlang?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala, to ask Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, when will the work be started?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalsawta, Minister to give answer.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, no date has yet been fixed for it. It is expected to be started as early as possible.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna, to ask Starred Question No.64.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister, I & PR department be pleased to state: -

- 1) How many daily newspapers are there in our state?
- 2) What is the amount of fund received by each on classified and display advertisement?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, Minister to give the answer.

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

- a) 90 Nos.
- b) ₹101,95,880/- on classified daily newspapers and ₹20,87,400/- for Display Advertisement, totally, ₹122,84,280/-.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Ramhluna, to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is: -

- 1) Will the copy of list of distribution be furnished?
- 2) Whether the department continues to provide Journalists' Welfare Fund of ₹10 lakhs?
- 3) What is the amount being issued for Welfare fund during 2011-2012?
- 4) To whom the fund is issued? If it is difficult to give an oral answer, will the written copy be supplied within this session?

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga, concerned minister to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, tomorrow is the last day of this session. Anyway, I will try to give him the copy tomorrow.

Pu speaker, the system of distribution of Journalists welfare Fund is amended so that any journalist or his immediate family member may benefit the fund in case of illness.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.65.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Cooperative department be pleased to state: -

- a) Whether Mizoram Cooperative Development Council has already been set up?
- b) If so, who are the members?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is: -

- a) No
- b) Nil

SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : My supplementary question, Pu Speaker is: - Why the Mizoram Cooperative Development Council has not been set up? Who is authorized to set up the said council?

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : It is not easy to set up Mizoram Cooperative Development Council as it is first necessary to formulate the Rules which has not yet been finalized. The department also is willing to set up the said as it was indicated in the manifesto.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Is there a proposal to withdraw the Assistant Registrar of Cooperation from Saiha?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to give the answer

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : The answer is, 'Yes'.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.66.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister, Taxation department be pleased to state: - Whether manufacturers of plastic syntex and soaps have submitted tax to the government?

SPEAKER : Concerned minister to reply.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as per Industrial Incentive Scheme, manufacturers of plastic syntex and soaps are exempted from payment of tax for 7 years.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in the entrepreneurship of any industry, the government usually exempted tax on the production of items such as soaps and winery as an incentive. If so, may the producers of raw materials for local industries also be exempted as an incentive?

Secondly, the system of e-way bill introduced at Vairengte check gate often delay number of vehicle while processing which further brings problem to some people particularly medical patients. What step has been taken so far for improvement of the system?

SPEAKER : Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, VAT is not exempted on imported soaps but with effect from 21st February, 2011, the same is imposed at the rate of 4% as it is not appropriate to maintain the said exemption yet, the application still valid.

As for manufacturer of grapes wine, imposition of excise tax is essential. But they are exempted from VAT for the first year only and should be imposed from the second years and above. Hence, it is requested to increase the rate of their productions.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.67.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, will the Minister, Agriculture department be pleased to state: - When will the Sub-divisional office of Agriculture be set up at Zohmun village?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Liansailova, Minister to give the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is not known.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.68.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for AH & Veterinary department be pleased to state: -

- a) What is the capacity of milk production of MULCO per day and what is the actual production?
- b) For how long, Commercial Cattle Breeding Programme is in function?
- c) Is it possible to introduce mechanized milking process?

SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers are as follows: -

- a) Production of milk capacity by MULCO per day and the actual production of milk per day are: -
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| i) Milk | : | 15,000 litres/day |
| Milk fat | : | 224.475 mt/year |
| Solid not fat | : | 459.9 mt/year |
| ii) Milk Product | : | |
| Milk | : | 7,200 litres/day |
| Fats | : | 224.475 mt/year |
| Solid not fat | : | 495.90 mt/year. |
- b) AH. & Vety. Department actually has no Commercial Cattle Farm cum Breeding Programme.
- c) Mechanised Milking is not yet practice for inadequacy of power supply.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask supplementary question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know quantity of the production by MULCO, installation capacity and capacity utilization per day or in year-wise. As far as my knowledge is concern, capacity utilization is only 50% which meets 23% of the requirement of Aizawl city. Why, capacity utilization is so low? How does the government take step to increase capacity utilization?

It is learned that ₹8 crore is received from NLCPR for commercial cattle Farm Cum Breeding Programme as step has been taken. How does the government take step for this purpose?

Pu Speaker, step has been taken for mechanized Milking Process under NLCPR. What step has been taken so far by the government to provide healthy milk in our state? If no step is taken, is there any proposal to do so?

SPEAKER : Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to give the answer.

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, MULCO is under the maintenance of by the AH & Vety Department. The average capacity is 50,000 litres per day and in a mixture of 2024, it is 4075 metric tons per year and in solid mixture, 4059 metric tons per year. I cannot say right now the capacity per day but will try to furnish it during this Session. Pu Speaker, MULCO is now a Society which functioned with the assistance from the department. So, I cannot give the exact figure right now.

To answer the other question, the department does not take initiative in Commercial Cattle Farm but have Aggregations Breeding Programme such as: -

- (1) Up gradation of cross-cattle by proven Holstein Friesian and Bull Jersey Breeding through artificial insemination.
- (2) Indigenous by indigenous Elite Bulls by way of natural services.

- (3) Swab-buffalo by Elite Murrah buffalo by natural services.
- (4) Endangered/threatened Breed Mithun breeding. Mechanizing Milking Machine will be place under the MULCO if the cattlemen needs.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will go to the next business. I accepted Pu Lalduhoma submission of a petition to move Calling Attention Motion under Rule No.59. Let us invite him to proceed.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I thank you for allowing me to have a Calling Attention under the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram legislative Assembly, Rules No.59 on matters of urgent public importance.

During last year's monsoon, there was a landslide in Luangmual, which is under my constituency. The PWD, while repairing the road destroyed PHE pipeline. The PHE then repaired the pipeline and reimbursed the expenditure to PWD but it remains unprocessed till date. Hence, the PHE stopped water supply to the affected area such as Ch.Chhunga High School and the surrounding areas. The people in the said areas suffered the consequences of two departments' miscommunication which is much regretted. Therefore, I demand water supply be given to this area from today onwards. This is a matter of importance for this community as it hurt the sentiment of the people of my constituency and so mine as a representative of of this constituency.

SPEAKER : The official and the department should know that it is loud enough for them to hear what the hon'ble member just said in this august House.

Now, we will have a Presentation of Report and invite Pu John Rotluangliana, Chairman of the House Committee to present the Revision of rent to Legislators Home and also Terms & Condition for allotment of Conference Hall and Basement in Assembly Annexe Building.

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, Sir, I, the Chairman of House Committee, Mizoram Legislative Assembly having being authorized by the committee to present the report on each behalf present the first report of the House Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now that the Chairman present the report, let the copy be distributed. The member will know the changes made when you look into the report. Let us invite Pu K. Lianzuala to present to the House, the 3rd and 4th Report of the Subject Committee IV.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I present the 3rd and 4th Report of the Subject Committee IV regarding Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui and Minor Irrigation Projects.

SPEAKER : These Reports are confidential before presentation in the House and are not allowed to publish in the Newspaper. However, after presentation, it is opened to the public and if action is needed the concerned Department should follow.

Now, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay on the table of the House "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultant) Regulation, 2009".

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of this august House, I lay on the table of the House, copy of "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Appointment of Consultant) Regulations, 2009".

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will invite Pu R. Lalzirliana to lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011".

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of this august House, I lay on the table of the House, "The Mizoram Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011".

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Before we take up another business, I would like to say a few words. Earlier, Pu Lalsawta wanted to distribute paper concerning past incident. We will not allow that kind of distribution in the House. However, he may distribute it during recess period to the members in their respective rooms.

Now, we will take a bill of "The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012". The copy was distributed to Members. So, let us invite the Minister to introduce and move the bill for consideration and passing.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I introduce and move "The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012" for consideration and passing.

SPEAKER : Now, the Minister introduces and moves the bill. We will have a discussion on it and each member will have 5 minutes as our usual practice. If we agree, we will proceed. First, we will invite the Minister to move his bill.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : First, Pu Speaker, I request your permission to distribute copy of the main Act which we have not been done yet.

SPEAKER : Yes, you may porceed.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Revision of Government Land Encroachment Act, 2001, Act No.7 of 2001 is incomplete, we have to introduce for amendment today. In the previous bill, there is no sub-title for 'Public land and public Space'. The word 'Government Land' covers a small amount of land and cannot include parks and places for resting and playing for the community especially in rural areas. We feel that if we include this in our bill, it will reserve more land and space. Therefore, we are going to change 'Government Land' to 'Public Land' in the amendment of sub-title and the fiscal Act.

SPEAKER : Now that the concerned Minister explains why this bill needs amendment. We will have 5 minutes each for discussion. Who will be the first? Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, while the minister's explanation is acceptable, it would be more appropriate if the main Act is distributed along with the bill so that we can study more thoroughly.

During the previous Ministry, we faced a problem of land dispute where the concerned minister, in his power gives public land to private. However, we have to be specific in this regard as to whether public land and government land. As many public lands include government land, there are some spaces which belong to neither of the two. In this situation who will be the owner? If there is encroachment of that land, who will make the complaint? May the minister give us a specific answer?

Besides, Pu Speaker, is it possible to stop the authorities that hold the power to give land? This bill is good but it cannot stop the issuing authority of LSC or any other kind of Pass to whomever they choose. In such cases, who will take responsibility? Will any offender be penalized on the basis of this bill and will it be strong enough to rely on it?

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? If there is none, we will invite the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma has stated, we need this amendment intensely as there are many acts of encroachment of public and government land. As the concerned minister has said, it is difficult to safe any unoccupied land for the public as some greedy individuals immediately possesses such land-holdings. For instance, in the vicinity of Tourist Resort of Hmuifang, all the vacant spaces were being acquired by privates as not a piece of land is left now as so with the land occupied by the Assam Rifles. Hence, no space is left for construction of government office or NGOs. So, it is time for us to enforce roadside land reservation before it is too late. Many of our land and forest are now becoming private property as no space is left for setting up some resting places for travelers.

Pu Speaker, I am worried that this amendment may not be strong enough to carry out its aim and object. It is, therefore also important to enact law for the punishment of any official or authority issuing pass on such lands. We have to determine this matter cautiously in order to prevent acquisition of public land and encroachment of government land by individual and make rules and regulations to legalize the punishment. We, therefore, need this amendment to prevent all these and I give my support for passing.

SPEAKER : We will invite Pu R. Lalrinawma and then Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, this bill concern mostly of conversion of 'government land' into 'public land' including field and any other free lands unoccupied. This bill will protect encroachment of any free land in the future by individuals. In such cases, the bill further stated that complain may be lodged by the Revenue Officer, the point which I think is raised by Pu Lalduhoma in the earlier discussion. The minister explains that in the Amendment of Section 2 (Clause 2), the definition of Revenue Officer will go down to (j) from (g). Instead of adding another alphabet, I opine it is more appropriate to join the definition to (g) as it is not arrange in an alphabetical order and the Principal Act will remain intact. Then, it will be assembled as (h) Definition of Public Land; (i) Definition of Public Space; (j) Definition of Community Land etc. So, we can remove clause 1 and 2 and pass a good and intact bill in the House. It is imperative that we pass this bill as we experience many problems in the past regarding encroachment of government land and public land. Since this bill concern legal rule which will protect us from such kind of incidents, I give my full support to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, many ideas and suggestions have already been made on this bill and I have not much to add in this regard. However, I want to make a clarification in respect of Mizoram Census as asked by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu Speaker, the answer is obviously extracted from the document of Govt. of India Census Record, 2001, table 'A'-11 appendix, district-wise schedule tribe population. Here, we may use the term as Pawi, Lakher instead of Lai and Mara which may touch the sentiment of some members. So, it may be noted that is not intentional as it is extracted from Census of the previous years. I convey my sincere apology and your understandings. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be next? Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The bill we have been discussing will replace prevention of encroachment of Govt. Land to Public Land. It also defines public land along with Public Space and Community Land while Govt. Land is defined in the Original Act. Here, we see the wording of 'Public Space and

Community Land recognized by the public' which I opine as vague as it does not define the area and boundary. If we have to protect encroachment of land, we need to make a specific marking in order to avoid further problems. Otherwise, we may face problem in its implementation. Can the minister make full explanation in this context? As we discuss about Community Land, I want to point out that YMA have reserve areas in many places and we have to include those as well as roadside reserve that the hon'ble House Leader has pointed out. It would also be appropriate to include ecologically fragile areas into Community Land in order to avoid house building. If not, we may encounter some disasters in future as many houses are built in a fragile area.

In Section IV, we see that 'such an offender or offenders shall also pay penal rent for the period of such encroachment'. This does not simplify the punishment of the offenders as its penalty is only in the rent. What about the damage costs of the land and its produces? Are we not going to penalize to what was destroyed of that land? Can this be added to our bill before we pass? The WCC (World Council of Churches) in its meeting in Seoul, 1992 passed a resolution to restrict obtaining of land for the sole purpose of compensation and business means. Can we practice this also in our State? Our bill will protect us from such incident if we make amendment as proposed. It is good if we added this in our bill.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite the minister to wind-up and react to whatever he thinks is necessary from our discussion.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am very thankful that many Members participate in the discussion knowing the importance of this bill. As the hon'ble House Leader said, amendment will be made as the situation arises. It is time to take care of our land for our own interest. For this, we are preparing bill to introduce in the House with the help of our experts. We hope to introduce it as soon as possible as we still use Rule from the British period. There are many things to add and to dismiss in our current rule. For this, we open invitation through Newspaper to come forward and give us suggestions and information.

It is a fact that we can easily point out community land and public land. However, there are encroachments of public and government land in many places. In order to avoid this, we issued order to make land lease to schools and other government places as well as NGOs and the Churches. The Churches follow up accordingly while the government neglects to do so. We cannot protect those who do not have a land lease as we like. Therefore, in order to protect them, all we are going to make Rules in that regard.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I think it is very important to what Pu Rama and our House Leader have said. I think that the Rules will not be enough for protection as the Revenue Officer will be the only authority to file a complaint. What if the Local Council, Village Court and NGOs land are encroached? Who will make the complaint? The Court will not call it cognizance if the complainant is not the Revenue Officer. What will be the meaning if we use the authority that give the

pass and allot land for encroachment to make the complaint? This bill is not concrete enough to protect all of these. We cannot correct them all from its Rules. It would be welcoming if the minister is prepared to make further amendment in the Act.

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I said earlier, if necessary, we would make amendment when the times come. We also have to put more faith in the Revenue Officer. In addition, if the public had any complaint they should report it to the Revenue Officer. The case will be deal by a 1st Class Magistrate only. However, if this bill is incomplete we will not hesitate to make amendment.

It is imperative that this Rules we are going to make will have to cover widely. Our roadside reserve in Mizoram is minimal. We will have to investigate many roadside fencing whether it is legal or not. If the rule is incomplete for basis, we will make amend. Nevertheless, we will try our best to cover as much as possible in the rule. The Department feels that it is important to make this bill to safeguard the future of Mizoram from greedy landholders. I am thankful to the Members for their participation in the discussion that went very well and glad to hear their opinion regarding this bill. Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012”.

SPEAKER : The Minister begs the House to pass the Bill. While our bill concerns the prevention of encroachment, we also went into allotment of land, which is not in the same page. If caution is not applied in allotment of land, action can be taken through this bill we are going to pass. Only the government can do allotment and if not done accordingly, the one responsible will suffer. Besides, we have to know that if necessary we can make amendment anytime.

Now, we will take vote to pass the bill. Those who are in favour to pass “The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012” say ‘agree’. As we all agree to pass the bill, I declare the bill is passed unanimously by the House.

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : I forgot to announce Members who are absent today, let me make the announcement. Today, the following Members cannot attend our meeting namely: - (1) Brig. T. Sailo (2) Pu T.T. Zothansanga (3) Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte. Also Dr. R. Lalthangliana asked permission to absent for a short time. Our business for today is over. We will recess and resume our meeting tomorrow, the 28th March, 2012 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

SEVENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28TH MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011.
3. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Annual Report 2010-2011 (April 2010-March 2011) Right to Information.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

4. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, to move an Official Resolution in the following form :

“WHEREAS to eliminate the denominating practice of employment of manual scavengers and for protecting and improving the human environment, to make it obligatory to convert dry latrine into water-seal latrines or to construct water-seal latrines in new constructions, the Central Government has got enacted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993, in the circumstances mentioned in the preamble to the said Act;

AND WHEREAS under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution, resolutions had been passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal that the matters aforesaid should be regulated in those States by the Parliament by law, and accordingly, the said Central Act stood automatically applied to those States only at the first instance; **AND WHEREAS** sub-section (2) and (3) of Section 1 of the said Act provide as follows:

“(2) It applies in the first instance to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and to all the Union territories and it shall also apply to such other State which adopts- this Act by resolution passed in that behalf under clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution.

(3) It shall come into force in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and in the Union territories on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint and in any other State which adopts this Act under clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution, on the date of such adoption”;

AND WHEREAS a writ-Petition with no.W.P(C) 583 of 2003 was filed in the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India by Safai Karmachari Andolan and others against Union of India and all States & Union Territories, praying, inter alia, for directing the Respondent State-Governments which did not adopt the said Act, “to explain on affidavit the steps taken by their respective Legislatures to pass appropriate resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution for adopting the Act”;

AND WHEREAS by their order dt.11/12/2007 in the said Writ-Petition, the Hon’ble Supreme Court observed and directed as follows: “It has been brought to the notice that the State of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and U.T. of Chandigarh have not adopted the employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The concerned States and U.T. shall file affidavit explaining the reasons for non-adoption of the Act in their respective States”;

AND WHEREAS in the above-premises and for the purpose of adoption of the said Act, it becomes absolutely necessary to move a Resolution in this august Assembly under clause (1) of article 252 read with article 371-G of the Constitution;

Now, therefore, the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its Tenth Session do resolve as follows :-

“That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram”.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and Passing.

5. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) Bill, 2012”.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
to move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. Sam 24:1

We will go to our business for today and invite Pu K.Liantlinga to ask his starred Question No.81.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state: –

(a) Amount of income of the Mizoram State Lottery between 2005 and 2011 with year-wise.

(b) Number of State Lottery under Mizoram State with their names.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.81 are as follows: -

(a) Year wise income of Mizoram State Lottery during 2005 - 2011: –

Sl/Nos	Year	Income
1	2005 - 2006	550.19 lakhs
2	2006 - 2007	331.59 lakhs
3	2007 - 2008	491.88 lakhs
4	2008 - 2009	745.77 lakhs
5	2009 - 2010	1000.03 lakhs
6	2010 - 2011	217.21 lakhs

(b) There are three State Lotteries under the Mizoram State namely: - Online Lottery, Paper Lottery and Bumper Lottery. From 26.3.2010 they are stopped.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Through media we learned that our Ex. Chief Minister give a low bidder in the State Lottery which cost us 60 crore. However, from this statement it appears that we may be wrong. Is this some kind of a politic game? In addition, from 2009 Pensioners draw the lottery by dividing themselves into three shifts a day earning Rs 2000 per draw. Before Lottery is stop how much do they earn? Who are the drawer and how many times do they draw? What is their total pay with their expenditure?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if I am not wrong, in 2002, the minister said that N.V. Marketing is given the contract. What I heard is that the lower bidder Daksin Media Limited is the one given the contract. The government lost more than 5000 lakh because N.V. Marketing goes to court. Can the Minister clarify this as it is going to be on record?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, I do not know if I am catching the answer. What I want to know is who landed selling agent on 2000-2009 along with their bid rate.

Pu Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not know whether it was a misinterpretation or misheard. From the record, M.V. Marketing is the highest bidder while Daksin Media Limited bid is the highest but does not have an up-to-date IT clearance. Because of this, M.V. Marketing was declared the highest bidder. The Council of Ministers in its sitting on 24.2.2003 make a decision that as M/S N.V. International offer has a condition, their bid is declare as in concrete. While this is the case, Daksin Media Pvt. Ltd offer of 550 crores for 7 years becomes the highest. They are given the contract knowing that they run a successful on-line Lottery in other States like Maharashtra, Karnataka and Sikkim. However, some bidders who lost went to the court, this made it hard for M/S Daksin Media to start the work; they were withdrawn and online Lottery cannot function for a long time.

I regret to say that I am not prepared to answer Pu Lalthansanga's question. However, from the information we receive, the Mizoram Government sign agreement with tripartite where 85% will go to them and 15% will go to Mizoram Government. However, after three month, the Central Government issues a new rule that resulted in the discontinuation of the work.

SPEAKER : Now, we will go to question No.82.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, from the Finance Minister's speech, we will know that the 'Scam' they said occur in the last Ministry if there is one in reality. We need to run the Lottery in order to have revenue resource. Right now, we have little resource mobilization and it is very frustrating and shameful. Regarding Commonwealth Games Lottery, it was started as requested by the Games Organizing Committee having agreement with the Indian Government. We give okay signal as other States are also in it, but due to various reasons, it was stop after only three months.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful that the hon'ble member Pu K. Liantlinga asks this question as it gives us the opportunity to voice out the truth. I also want to tell this House that the incident involving SSA is not whether the fund lapse or not, it is the document itself. The real question is whether the document was fabricated or not, that is what we intend to find out, the truth.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we are going to turn the table in that way, there are many things we like to say also.

SPEAKER : We will know the truth, and the truth will set us free. It may also banish us from the House.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, can the Minister give me the statement of the agreement with the Common Wealth Games Organization Committee? How much do we receive from our 15% share? How much do they pay?

SPEAKER : Can the Minister fulfill the member request?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, We can give the member later as I do not have the document with me.

SPEAKER : Now, we will invite hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask his starred Question No.82.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Department be pleased to state: – After passing the bill in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, can there still be trouble for the concern department in the making of Rules?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to reply.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, aside from three departments, there is no trouble in making Rules after passing the Bill in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, during Session we discuss about this matter in GPC. I am particular about Housing Loan, Pensioners and other matter which we discuss and pass in this House where the concern department raised query in making the Rules. I think it is an insult to this House and pray that it is not repeated. I would like to know if the government can take measure to avoid this kind of behavior in future.

SPEAKER : We will take Pu K.Liantlinga's supplementary question for the last.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary question is - We know what occurs while making Rules. While some departments take more than a year to make Rules and implement it, Transport Department is very prompt as it concerns collection of money from the people. On the other hand, Co-operation bill that concerns paying of money to the people takes a year and a half for its implementation and in making Rules as well as Road Fund Act which is not yet finish after four years. Therefore, I want to know if Parliamentary Affairs Department can issue order that Rules should be made within three months from its passing.

SPEAKER : Can Pu Lalduhoma restrict himself? Okay, we will invite him.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. After the House passed a Bill concerning the interest of the people it is the obligation of the concern departments to make Rules and ensure its implementation. It is also the conduct of democracy. I want to know the three departments who fail to do so? Besides, if there is any department, which neglect and fail to implement it, I think we should take it into Privilege, as it is contempt of the House. That is how we should go.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, when we make rule, sometimes we see wording like 'It shall extend to the whole of Mizoram' and about District Councils after their exemption, we see wording like 'It shall come into force with immediate effect'. Besides, we can see wording like 'The government shall, by a notification in the official gazette, appoint effective date' to set an effective date. Here, some Rules do not have effective date due to the inconvenience of the department. In general, we have to know that bill passed by the House that is notify in the gazette come into effect automatically. However, we face a problem in the making of Rules, as it needs a correct and precise wording. Besides, the government is efficient in passing bills, which is many and the department cannot keep up in its implementation. We lack expert in this field and have to re-employment many expert officers. We face many problems in this regard as Parliamentary Affairs Department take up the charge alone. In order to meet the demand, we make demand to the concern department to deliver a soft copy and a blank CD so that we can restore correction made in the blank CD from the soft copy. In addition, we have to know that some bills are very thick and long like 'Motor Vehicles Act, 1988' and 'The Mizoram Motor Vehicles Rules, 1995'. These requires times and energy and the cooperation of the concern department, and our request is not yet met by the concern departments till date.

About what the hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma said, it can be called as contempt of the House in many ways. However, we have to know that that is not the intention of the concern department. As I said, we lack expert as well as materials to be prompt and proper. In our current situation, I am sorry to say that we cannot meet their expectation. We make a suggestion to have a Legislation Wing as in the Lok Sabha, where expert in law sit in and scrutinize all our Bills and Rules. That way, we hope to speed up the work and urge the entire department to give their best from now on. I also want to reassure the House that PAD will do their best. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite hon'ble Member Pu P.P. Thawla to ask his Starred Question No.83.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Public Health Engineering Department be pleased to state –

- (a) What steps are taken by the government to stop hardship in water supply faced by Tongkolong?
- (b) Is it true that the Government and Supreme Court intervene in their intention to shift to Phura road to avoid this hardship?
- (c) Can they introduce pump system to relieve their hardship?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu S. Hiato to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers to Pu P.P. Thawla's question is as follows: -

- (a) We are searching for water to pump for Tongkolong to be put under the NRDWP Scheme.
- (b) PHE Department has no knowledge of the matter.
- (c) We are surveying the surrounding area for water supply.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu P.P. Thawla and then Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is - Is it true that for the time being, a temporary tanky was made in plain sheet for them?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Within my constituency, water supply is scarce in Leite and Rotlang East. Fulfilling the promise made by the hon'ble Chief Minister, they built a tanky and installed pump. However, they still cannot pump water after 2 years. Can the Minister take initiative to speed up the work?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the Minister to reply.

Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Tongkolong is a well-known Village in the south. It is a very important village for the west part of Saiha District. The village situated at the top of a hill and water very scarce in the surrounding area. Rainwater harvesting was done but there is not enough water to make it a success. Therefore, the villagers decide to shift to lower part near Palak Dil (lake). However, we have a second thought to various reasons as Environmentalist and Heritage keeper afraid the lake will be damaged, we are negotiating right now. We are hoping to pump water from Sala River in 2012/2013 and we will give special attention as advice by our Chief Minister. As such, temporary water tanky made from plain sheet is not yet introduce.

Regarding Leite and Runtlang, we are trying our best to give them abundant water supply soon in spite of all the hardship we face in pumping.

Pu Speaker, I want to make clarification concerning Calling Attention moved by the hon'ble Member Pu Lalduhoma. The situation arises as the pipe was destroyed while the PWD JCB clears soil debris caused by landslide. However, we mend this within two weeks and started supplying water in between week. We cannot supply abundant water right now.

SPEAKER : Whenever JCB clear debris, there is always something destroy. The department official should look into this matter and they

should have to be more careful in the future. Now, we will invite Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his starred Question No.84.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Sports & Youth Services Department be pleased to state – Number of Building/Playground and other infrastructure built by the department during 1st January, 2009 to 29th February, 2012.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to hon'ble Member Pu B. Lalthlengliana's question is as follows: -

The number of Building/Playground and other infrastructure built are: -

- 1) Football Playground (with improvement and extension) - 42
- 2) New Basket Ball Court - 8
- 3) Volleyball Court - 3
- 4) Long-jump pitch - 8
- 5) Tennis Court - 4
- 6) Sports Training Centre - 4
- 7) Cricket Stadium - 1
- 8) Shooting Gallery - 2
- 9) Indoor Stadium (with improvement etc.) - 15
- 10) Mini Sports Complex - 1
- 11) Pavillion - 7
- 12) Ongoing Artificial Turf & Astro Turf - 4

Besides these, works will be started soon at Hnahthial, Muallungthu and Phulpui for Mini-Sports Complex with fund received from NEC. We also received fund from DoNER to built Auditorium for parking in this building. We also received 5 crore for sports infrastructure and fund for building the State Sports Academy at Zobawk, which will be started soon.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- 1) What kind of new development do they have in rural areas?
- 2) Can they build a standardized playground in rural areas?
- 3) Can the hon'ble Minister give us sport materials which were distributed to us in the past for distribution in our constituency?
- 4) If so, can he give us more and if not, can he give us an honest answer?

SPEAKER : Question hour is over but the Minister will answer the ongoing question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in the recent three years, I ask the Minister for sport materials and he gave it to me. We need to know that application is needed in order to receive the materials. Regarding Cricket Stadium, Pu F. Rotluanga of Vaivakawn gave us his vast land at Sihhmui, which is a dream come true for Cricket Stadium. Construction was started by the officials of Cricket Association of Mizoram from their own pocket and it will become the largest Cricket Stadium in the North-east. After facing trouble, they apply fund from DoNER which they received. The Government of Mizoram later gives a hand. The work done by Cricket Association of Mizoram is praiseworthy and I want the people of Mizoram and this House to know this.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the concern Minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are trying our best to extend the existing field in rural areas where at least nine players or eleven players can play. For this, we are distributing a fund of one lakh, which we hope to extend yearly as necessary. Regarding distribution of sport materials, we cannot give 10/20 footballs to each member to distribute in their constituency as our budget does not permit us. However, we are giving as much as we can if they submit application. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, during this Session, there are five questions that cannot be answered. What is the meaning of this? This is not right. Besides, 51 of my starred questions are not answer in this Session. Is there a way to solve this? Can we not have question hour on the day of Budget Presentation? That way, many of our questions will be answered in the floor.

SPEAKER : We will think about that. Our Secretary also thinks it is important but we have to know that we follow the old rule that is the reason. We will think about it according to our business.

Today, three of our Members cannot attend the sitting namely Brig. T. Sailo, due to ill-health, Pu J.H. Rothuama is on medical check-up and Pu Lal Thanzara due to important programme.

Now, we will go to Laying of Papers and invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Lalsawta to lay on the Table of the House, 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011'.

Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I lay on the Table of the House, 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Third Amendment) Rules, 2011'.

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy. Now, let us invite Pu Zodintluanga, hon'ble Minister to lay on the Table of the House, 'Annual Report 2010-2011 (April, 2010 - March, 2011) Right to Information'.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of this august House, I lay on the Table of the House, 'Annual Report 2010-2011 (April, 2010 - March, 2011) Right to Information'.

SPEAKER : Distribute the copy.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it is thankful that we get the copy of Information Commission Annual Report, 2010-2011. Instead of this, is there a way to distribute the 2011-2012 Annual Report?

SPEAKER : Today, we receive Official Resolution relating to the 1993 Central Rule 46, Section 24. It is a very important rule and our hon'ble Chief Minister would like to say a few word in this regard. If he think the need arise to move, he can do so and if not, we will try to find a new way. So, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is not much to say in this Resolution if we look into it. The Resolution is 'Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993'. We need to adopt this in order to exercise it in our State. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I beg the House to move the Resolution.

SPEAKER : Does the House agree? If so, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister to move.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Act, as well as the Resolution are written in English. Therefore, I will read as it is –

“WHEREAS to eliminate the denomination practice of employment of manual scavengers and for protecting and improving the human latrines or to construct water-seal latrines in new constructions, the Central Government has got enacted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993, in the circumstances mentioned in the preamble to the said Act;

AND WHEREAS under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution, resolution had been passed by all the Houses of the Legislatures of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal that the matters aforesaid should be regulated in those States by the Parliament by law, and accordingly, the nsaid Central Act stood automatically applied to those States only at the first instance;

AND WHEREAS sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 1 of the said Act provide as follows:

“(2) It applied in the first instance to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and to all the Union Territories and it shall also apply to such other State which adopts – this Act by resolution passed in that behalf under clause (1) of article 252 of the Constitution.

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AND WHEREAS by their order dt. 11/12/2007 in the said Writ Petition, the Hon’ble Supreme Court observed and directed as follows:

“It has been brought to the notice that the State of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and U.T. of Chandigarh have not adopted the employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The concerned States and U.T. shall file affidavit explaining the reasons for non-adoption of the Act in their respective States”,

AND WHEREAS in the above premises and for the purpose of adoption of the said Act, it becomes absolutely necessary to move a Resolution in this august Assembly under clause (1) of article 252 read with article 371-G of the Constitution;

Now, therefore, the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its Tenth Session do resolve as follows:-

“That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram”.

Pu Speaker, from what I read, we will know that it is the order of the Supreme Court to practice this in our State. We know that abolition of this practice is necessary in order to safeguard the right of humanity and for health reason. The Parliament also thinks it is a necessary to abolish and to protect the lower castes that are use for scavengers. In our State, we replace pit latrine with commode gradually and the PHE Department distribute to the people from the time of the

previous Ministry. We will try to reach out people living in the back of the country as much as possible. We will also try to get as much aid as possible from the Central Government in order to accomplish our goal.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister move Official Resolution concerning Employment of Manual Scavenger and Prohibition of Construction of Dry Latrine within Mizoram. We have to adopt this, which the Parliament passed the original bill in 1993. To follow suit, we only have to adopt instead of making a new rule. We will give 5 minutes each for discussion. Who will be the first? Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we heard from the Chair that this was practiced in all over India. However, we have to remind ourselves that we are in a different context especially the northeast region. We live in a hilly area and our cities are not plan city where building infrastructure will cause a lot of problem. I want the mover to clarify the following points: - First, if we adopt, this will it be introduce in rural areas including out of the way villages? Secondly, how are we going to take step for its implementation? Thirdly, it would be appreciated if the mover can give us a thorough explanation before we discuss and adopt. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be the next? Let us invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, regarding this Act, I have two suggestions to make. First, we can make affidavit by saying, "Mizoram does not have a problem in this regard; therefore, there is no need to adopt this act". It is not mandatory to adopt and whether we adopt or not will make things different. Secondly, they submit this resolution having in mind that "As the Supreme Court demand Affidavit, let us adopt this Act, and save ourselves the trouble". There is not much to say in this matter, it is just a formality.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I agree that we give our support and pass this Resolution without further discussion. If I am not mistaken, this Act was made in the interest of the Scavengers to promote their social status and social relation. The Karamchi submit a petition in the Supreme Court demanding that this Act be exercise in every State. Any State having a problem in its execution should submit their reason along with an Affidavit. Therefore, to avoid, let us pass this as the House Leader's lay.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the House Leader as it is his Resolution and then beg the House to pass it.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I appreciate the constructive discussion by our two members. Let me clarify what the hon'ble member Pu Thangtea has questioned. In the past year, we distribute water-sealing

latrines to rural people and for public use under PHE Department. If we adopt this, we hope that we can extract fund from the Central in order to distribute water-seal Latrine to the far corner of our State. We also hope that there will be a way to provide this from Total Sanitation Programme under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. The Ministry of Rural Development also runs a campaign on Total Sanitation. Therefore, we hope to have fund for distribution of water-seal latrine to replace pit latrine especially in rural villages. If we adopt this, it would mean that we are doing good work and follow a standard style in our civilized world. Pu Speaker, I, therefore, begs the House to adopt my resolution.

SPEAKER : Now, we will take vote to adopt our resolution. Those who are in favour, say 'ayes' and those who are not, say 'no'. As we all agree, this House adopt the Official Resolution "That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram" unanimously.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we do not have the main Act, only a portion was adopt today. However, this will not give us any trouble. I thank the hon'ble Members for adopting the Resolution.

SPEAKER : As this is a Central Act, we are expected to know them. If not, we can always look into our Library where we kept all Central Act in year-wise. Now, we will go to the Legislative Business and invite Pu Zodintluanga, the hon'ble Minister to introduce "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012".

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and consent of the House, I introduce "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012".

Pu Speaker, in this developed world, we need to have transparency and accountability in governing a country as a result of administrative reforms we witness in this world. In accordance with this, the Indian Government made Right to Information Rules in 2006. Following the Central Government, Public Grievances Mechanism was also set up. This system will help every citizen to file a complaint, as deem necessary. Besides, Urban Local Body Municipalities was formed to watch over the welfare of the urban people. The Local Body will announce their work programme to the people so that the people can prepare themselves, what to expect and how to receive the new development. This will have a profound result in the social economic activities of the people. It is very important that this announcement be made under the public disclosure law. That is why the Central government insists on having this law. Under JNNURM, they demand that the State Government and Municipalities form Reform Agenda Public Disclosure Law. Having this law is necessary for us in order to receive any kind of grants from JNNURM. Besides, it is necessary that the Municipal announce their reform agenda to the people in order to have transparency in governing. Therefore, I beg this House to discuss and consider this bill.

The characteristic of our bill for today is -

- 1) Section-I contain short title, extend and commencement.
- 2) Section-II is the definition covering (1) Assets (2) Municipality (including Urban Local Bodies define by Constitution of India, Article 243(q)).
- 3) Section-III is Obligation of Municipality.
- 4) Section-IV is Information & Publicity (here broadcast be done in: -
 - a) Regional and in English language in a newspaper
 - b) Displaying in Municipal office Notice Board
 - c) Displaying in Municipal Ward Office
 - d) Follow the direction of the State order.
- 5) Section V is the power to make Rules by the State Government.

Pu Speaker, this is a mandatory and a very important bill for the people in order to receive blessing from JNNURM. I move this bill for consideration and passing, thank you.

SPEAKER : We will give each Members 5 minutes as practice and Group Leader will have 8 minutes. Who will be the first?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I will start the discussion. Our current world gives important to transparency. Today, this transparency brought us this bill and resulted in the forming of Right to Information Act. I am also very thankful that today we receive Zoram Information Commission Annual Report, 2010-2011. It set a very good example and I congratulate the Minister.

Although it is a new Bill, there is not much to discuss as it is mandatory. The Central allocate many funds under Bharat Nirman, which we need and will apply for repeatedly. Municipal Act will also be the best place where we can get fund from the Central. It would be welcoming if Rural Local Bodies can have this kind of bill as many funds are allocates in their ways. They need transparency and accountability in executing this fund. Hence, I give my support to this bill as it is for the interest of the people of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Who will be next? Dr. R. Lalthangliana and then Pu H. Zothangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as our bill is mandatory, I think that having a long discussion will not change anything. This bill becomes very important in the future as Right to Education Bill we have in 2005. It will bring awareness to the people as Right to Education does and open the eyes of the people in seeing thing more clearly. Our current bills will open door for us to acquire funds and other necessities for the time to come. Therefore, our bench thinks without further discussion to pass the bill.

SPEAKER : We will invite Pu H. Zothangliana and if there is none to follow, we will invite the Minister to wind-up the discussion.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am not going to take long in my discussion. The wording on the forwarding letter needs correction. The word 'this bill are limited' should be use instead of 'this bill is limited'

Concerning the bill, in the 1st paragraph, the sentences look incomplete and we should add the word 'year' to make it complete. I do not know this is a typing mistake or not. Besides, I want to support Pu Duhoma on the case of introducing this kind of bill in rural areas. We also have to find a way to introduce it to Autonomous District Councils. Pu Speaker, I give my support to pass this bill.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I think this bill is good and here, we see Annual Budget Allocation to each Ward. If that is the case, it means that each Ward can prepare plan according to allotment of fund. Besides, here we see 'particulars of assets of the municipality'; this will help us in controlling practice of corruption. The main reason I raise my hand is to suggest shifting of Municipal Office in the centre of the city. The existing location is too far back for the people. Other than this, I am thankful to have this kind of bill and give my support. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let the Minister clarify if there is any, and then beg the House to pass his bill.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am very grateful to the hon'ble Members for participating in the discussion and give their support to pass the bill. Pu Speaker, as there is nothing to clarify, I will go straight and beg this august House to pass "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) Bill, 2012".

SPEAKER : Now, as the Minister request, we will take vote. Those who are in favour of passing "The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of Other Information) Bill, 2012" schedule 3 part (a) and (b) clause 1-25 preamble enacting formula, say 'ayes'. Those who oppose, say 'No'. As we all agree, this House pass the bill unanimously.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, our sitting come to an end, let me read out our Session Report. Businesses transacted during this Session are as follows: -

1. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Starred Questions

a) Questions received	-	226
b) Admitted	-	220
c) Rejected	-	6
d) Listed in List of Business	-	100
e) Oral answers given	-	33

f) Answers not given in the House - 67

Unstarred Questions

a) Questions received - 39
 b) Admitted - 37
 c) Rejected - 2
 d) S/Q into U/Q - 115

2. OBITUARY

Obituary was observed in respect of Pu V.Lalnunzira, who died on 26th December, 2011.

3. LAYING OF PAPERS

- a) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Mizoram and Manipur (Terms and Conditions for Appointment of Consultants) Regulations, 2009.
- b) The Mizoram State Employment Guarantee Fund (Amendment) Rules, 2011.
- c) The Mizoram Information Commission Annual Report 2010-2011.
- d) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (third Amendment) Rules, 2011.
- e) Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accounts of Local Bodies (Village within MADC, LADC and Lunglei District) for the year ended 31st March, 2011.

4. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 1) The hon'ble Speaker present Report on the BAC (Business Advisory Committee) regarding Session Calendar.
- 2) Pu John Rotluangliana, hon'ble Deputy Speaker, present report on the house rent of Legislators' Home and Terms and Condition for hire of Conference Hall.
- 3) Pu K.Lianzuala, Chairman Subject Committee IV present Report of the 3rd and 4th Committee.

5. BILLS

- 1) The Mizoram Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 2012.
- 2) The Mizoram Appropriation Bill, 2012.
- 3) The Mizoram Municipality (Disclosure of Assets and Furnishing of other Information) Bill, 2012.
- 4) The Mizoram (Prevention of Government Land Encroachment) (Amendment) Bill, 2012.

6. STATEMENT :

Pu R.Lalzirliana, hon'ble Minister gives statement regarding the kidnapping of ABCI workers at Mauzam.

7. CALLING ATTENTION :

Pu Lalduhoma, hon'ble Member called the attention of the PHE Minister relating to scarcity of water in his constituency.

8. OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

The House adopt "The Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry latrine (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands applied in the whole State of Mizoram.

9. RESOLUTION

The Resolution of Pu K.Liantlinga that "Our government may render strong effort to ensure the central government has fulfilled compensation claimed by the Mizo Chiefs for the land within their respective chieftainship", is rejected by vote on account.

10. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

The House passed Supplementary Demand for 2011-2012 (Vote on Account for April – July, 2012) and Annual Financial Statement for 2012-2013.

11. INQUIRY COMMITTEE

Inquiry Committee is set up to inquire expenditure of SSA fund.

As the House set up Inquiry Committee, I beg each member to abide the rule and not make this into a political issue or give out information in any forms. In addition, our media should refrain from mention the ongoing investigation news of any kind until the Committee resolves the issue.

By the grace of God, we came to the end of our sitting and I thank the Members for their participation and dedication. I wish you all the best.

We are all weary at the end of Session; therefore, I will not host a dinner party this time. Besides, our Finance Minister gives us a dinner party yesterday along with some entertainment. We will regard that as our dinner party.

Sitting is adjourned *Sine die* (12:45 P.M.)