

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 21st MARCH, 2012
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

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 laths.

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 briberies 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 stakeholders. 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 surprise 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 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 term 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 make 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 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 is loopholes for the progress and betterment of the state. I have highlighted these for the sake of the people who 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 to 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 mention 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 enlighting 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 desire 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 categories which HPC (D) group to be held a talk with. Infact, 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 weak.

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 needs 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)