

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOURTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

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To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

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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 come 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Lungsen 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 : Netx, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 taget 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. LIANSAILOVA, 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. LIANSAILOVA, 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. LIANSAILOVA, 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. LIANSAILOVA, 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. LIANSAILOVA, 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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)