

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY, 2012  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of "Correction of Budget Speech".

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

General Discussion on the Budget for the Year 2012-2013

3. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2012-2013 (to commence)

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : As goods increase, so do those who consume them.  
(Ecclesiastes 5:11)

We will now take up question and answer. Let us now call Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No.61.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble UD & PA Minister be pleased to state – Is there any proposal for construction of housing for the poor from census village under UD & PA?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga, concerned minister to answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is – There is no proposal as of now.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, under IAY, State and District level Committee, we the MLAs are members of the selection committee which enables us to supervise the selection. I would like to ask how beneficiaries are selected under UD & PA. If concerned MLA could participate in the selection?

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, Chuhvel is a village of Kolasib township and we have been expecting development projects from various departments but nothing has yet been received till date. From which department such should be expected?

**SPEAKER** : Concerned minister to give the answer.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble Pu Lalduhoma's question is – There is a specific guideline in the selection of District level. Under IHSDP, the selection committee comprises its Chairman, concerned Deputy Commissioner and Officer, an identified prominent citizen and concerned MLA. However, proposal has not been taken in Aizawl district. Under RAY (Rajiv Awaz Yajona) there is specific guideline for the selection.

To answer Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte's question, we still are a newly department as concentration is now given in the district capitals and census villages. Yet, step has been taken for improvement of the department.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.62.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Local Administration Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The total amount of fund received from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. Whether it is transferred into the bank account of village council/local council?

- b) What is the total amount received for performance grant for the year 2011-2012 and for what purpose it is utilized?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble minister to answer the question.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) The amount of fund received from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission for 1<sup>st</sup> Installment is ₹11,88,00,000/ and was transferred into the bank account of concerned villages on 9.4.2012. As for local council, it is not the purview of my department. The balance amounting to ₹59,29,200/- is utilized for purchase of steel almirah for various village councils.
- b) The total amount of performance grant received for the year 2011-2012 is ₹1,16,96,000/- and is utilized for approved action plan of 86 village councils. The amount is divided into ₹1,36,000/- each and transferred into the bank account of concerned local councils for implementation of action plan.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K.Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if village council fund is of direct funding. My questions are: -

- a) Is there any irregularity due to the delay of implementation of local body Ombudsmen Act?
- b) If any monetary fine is imposed by the state government for late transfer of fund from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance commission into the bank account of village council. If so, what is the amount?
- c) If village council is authorized to make its own scheme from the fund? If so, whether advance payment is made?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble concerned minister to answer the question.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, fund sanctioned by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission is directly transferred into the bank account of the local council. Monetary fine amounting to ₹3 lakhs is imposed in case of delay of transfer of fund.

Pu Speaker, any local council makes its own scheme from the fund received from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission with a specific guideline. Such plans are submitted to DLO for approval. If approved, it is then submitted to the bank for withdrawal of fund. Since it is of direct funding, there is a limitation from the department to control the fund. There is guideline provided by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to utilize such funds. There are various formalities.

As for performance grant, the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission sanctioned the fund according to the performance under which ₹11,60,000/- has already been sanctioned for the years 2011, 2012.

Fund received from Finance Commission is distributed to the village councils according to the number of household as recorded by the department. There are 5 categories and distributions of fund for the current year in respect of the following categories are: -

- Category-I - ₹5 lakhs each to 96 village councils.
- Category-II - ₹4 lakhs each to 59 village councils.
- Category-III - ₹3 lakhs each to 107 village councils.
- Category-IV - ₹2.6 lakhs each to 247 village councils.
- Category-V - ₹1.8 lakhs each to 216 village councils.

Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No.63

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers Affairs be pleased to state –

- a) Is it a fact that cement rate in Mizoram is higher than that of other states?
- b) If so, what is the reason?

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

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is –

- a) Cement rate in Mizoram is higher than that of other states. It is sold by the dealers as per Legal Metrology Package Rule, 2011 at a maximum retail price.
- b) The rate is higher due to the cost of transportation, handling and 13.5% of VAT being charges.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K.Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, concerned dealers does not procure the item directly from the company and as such, there seems to be double payment of tax. If so, what is the procedure for collection of VAT?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon'ble Minister to answer the question.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, to answer to the question of the hon'ble member Pu K.Liantlinga, I cannot give the answer since it is the purview of taxation department.

**SPEAKER** : I supposed concerned minister for Taxation department could give the answer, alright?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, since it is the interest of the people, I insist on to the minister to stop double payment of VAT. The minister should give his statement in this regard during discussion of the Demands.

**SPEAKER** : Let hon'ble taxation minister take note of this case. Now, I call the hon'ble member Pu C. Ramhluna to ask starred Question No.64.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs department be pleased to state –

- a) The total number of cooking gas quota allotted to Mizoram.
- b) The total number of consumer cards.
- c) The total number of special permit for issue of gas cylinder from January to June, 2012.
- d) Apart from special permit, how many is issued by card and how many without card?

**SPEAKER** : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

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

- a) As per the Report of IOC, cooking gas quota for Mizoram per month is 160 metric tons.
- b) The total number of consumer card is 2,43,785.
- c) The number of gas cylinders issued on special permit are as follows :-

January, 2012	-	2355 cylinders.
February, 2012	-	3150 cylinders.
March, 2012	-	3270 cylinders.
April, 2012	-	2310 cylinders.
May, 2012	-	2160 cylinders.
<u>June, 2012</u>	-	<u>2670 cylinders</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,915 cylinders.</b>
- d) There is no a separate record of cylinder issued with card or without card.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, when will the problem of gas be solved and how long the people have to wait for it?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, what is the reason of the government for not expanding Mualkhang bottling plant? Mualkhang bottling plant is intended to feed rural area but it covers our city as well. If the hon'ble minister is able to tell number of gas cylinder from Mualkhang bottling plant which are being diverted for the city from? The Manipur government allotted a site to IOC for bottling plant. May our government do the same?

**SPEAKER** : Concerned minister to answer the questions.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, gas happened to be the problem in the whole country. As we are aware, 80% of gas supply is imported from Iran and Saudi Arabia in which our country is facing various problems. In North-East region, two major ports have been closed down in April due to technical problem caused by a recent bomb blast. However, from June, problems with import have been resolved with the refinery being repaired and the supply has now been regularized. Yet, we could not maintain sufficiency with the supply due to back-logged problems of the past four or five months.

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, the problem continues particularly in the north-east region due to regular landslide during monsoon. We have even made an approach to the minister of state for Petroleum & Natural gas to resolve our problems as we have even invited him to have a spot-visit and witness our problem in detail. We informed him that we need a permanent solution. Pu Speaker, there is great deal of improvement at present but all the problems could not be solved at once.

Coming to the question raised by Pu Lalthansanga in regard to Mualkhang bottling plant, the capacity is quite small with only 5 carousels and Borkhola bottling plant in Silchar of 24 carousels for Mizoram. Borkhola bottling plant has now been upgraded to electronic filling machine with a capacity of 24 carousels. There is a plan to upgrade Mualkhang bottling plant as well with a capacity of 12 carousels. Since there was problem with storage capacity, a convenient land is acquired from Pu Nikunga. To that effect, paper work has been completed but the process is being delayed as the company disagrees with crop-value of the proposed land yet, we are expecting to resolve as soon as the two sides made an agreement. As per the total assessment of land to be acquired, as approved by the government amounting to ₹87,20,103. The company requested a joint-verification but DC of Kolasib rejected since it is government approved assessment. That is the point where we are stucked. Pu Speaker, according to Land Acquisition Act, the verdict of district collector is the highest even Supreme Court upholds the verdict. Pu Speaker let me point out in conclusion that we are now in a difficult situation and it is not true that we are not taking steps to resolve the problem.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, if the government approached Pu Nikunga for negotiation?

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have made a separate approach to both sides for negotion.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : If so, concerned authority should find another convenient site.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, we have even threatened IOC that we may find another convenient land in the areas around. Yet, the land in process is quite convenient since it is located at the adjoining area of the bottling plant.

Pu Speaker, Aizawl being the most populated consumers, we made a request to IOC to concentrate in Aizawl. Thus, supply for Aizawl is increasing as we are expecting to resolve the problem very short. In this connection, Pu Speaker, if any black marketers are found anywhere, it may immediately be reported to the concerned authority for necessary action.

As for the number of gas issued on connection card, I would like to say that under RGGLV, Vitrak scheme agency new commission is not included in the total. IOC has agreed to increased gas quota for Mizoram from 1650 metric tons to 1800 metric tons. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Starred Question No.65 and Pu Lalthansanga to ask.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Taxation department be pleased to state: –

- a) Why should the government pay way bill? When has it stopped? What is the reason?
- b) Is it possible to pay way-bill again for personal use?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble minister to answer the question.

**Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is:–

- a) Way bill is imposed on goods to be sold within Mizoram from which VAT is collected and payment will be made by a registered VAT dealer. We can also issue a separate way-bill on goods for personal use.
- b) Collection of way-bill is still in practice as notification has also been issued for proper usage of personal way-bill. It is found out that personal way-bill has been sold to some businessmen to evade payment of VAT. As such, the department is taking strict action and spot verification for personal way-bill.

Regarding the question of Pu Liantlinga, we have C & F agent as consignment and forwarding goods reaches Mizoram as stock transfer without payment of tax. It is happened only after goods are sold in Mizoram as VAT is collected. VAT is collected as various types as some people assumed the procedure as double payment of VAT. There is a specific rul regarding VAT such as ITC (Input tax credit). This ITC does not permit double payment and even if double payment is made, there is provision for re-imburement.

On items such as cement, the consignment reaches the stockiest and transfers it on free from the company. It is only after the stockiest sold the goods in Mizoram that VAT is collected. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over. Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana seeks permission of the House to give statement regarding the incident in Keifang. As provision given by rules 60, let us now call Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to take his time.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as per rules 60 of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business, and with your permission, Sir, on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2012, just before 1:00 p.m., Champhai night bus service, ZK Travels, registration No.MZ-01/E-7015 was hit by a landslide at Keifang quarry. Being a minister for Transport department, I have to give a statement of the incident. The bus belongs to Pi Lalnunsangi w/o Rozama, Bawngkawn Chhim veng plying Aizawl to Champhai as night bus service.

I was informed of the accident by Saitual group YMA just before 2:00 p.m. by phone and related the news to concerned MLA of Champhai North MLA Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Champhai South MLA, Pu J.H. Rothuama, hon'ble minister as we immediately proceeded to the site of the accident. The hon'ble Home minister Pu R.Lalzirliana, Pu J.H.Rothuama Revenue Minister, Pu T.T.Zothansanga MLA, Pu Vanlalruata Central YMA General Secretary and Pu Lalhmingliana Colney CEC member and myself reached Keifang before 6 a.m in the morning.

Two Ambulance vehicles, one from Civil Hospital and the other from Transport department immediately reach the site along with number of Police forces. Besides, Zoram Drivers Union too has sent two ambulances as the Minister for Health reached the spot with a team of Doctors and Nurses with necessary equipments.

Aizawl District Addl. D.C. Pu J. Hmingthanmawia with DGP also reached the spot as various Church and NGO leaders also reached with their relief aids.

Pu Speaker, as we reached the spot, he dead bodies were already brought to Keifang community hall and YMA of Saitual, Keifang and Rulchawm have kept the dead bodies in their coffins. Those injured were taken to Saitual hospital and some to Aizawl Civil hospital by ambulance. The dead bodies, after completing police verification and post mortem were sent to their respective villages at 1:00 p.m.

According to one passenger of the bus, they reached BRTF quarry as all of a sudden, landslide from above thrashes the bus and pushed them aside over the the cliff of 200 meters.

On hearing the incident, Pi Lalsangpuii, SDO(C) Saitual and staff, Police OC and staff, Saitual group YMA, town area V.C's and NGOs immediately reached the spot for rescue work which was done in the dark and amidst falling of stones as some were injured in the rescue. Somehow, rescue work was completed before daylight.

60 personnel's from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Khawzawl have also been sent here. Saitual Group YMA and Keifang joint-MHIP placed a donation box from which ₹4000/- each is given to dead-families and ₹2,000/- each to injured persons. Apart from this, Central YMA gave 1000 to each of the victims which further indictates our 'Mizo tlawmngaihna' still prevails in our society. We must learn to accept the accident as the will of God. The government also shows concern to the victims by ensuring all the possible means that can be provided.

Pu Speaker, 17 persons died in the accident, 12 injured and 2 uninjured. Unnatural death case No.4/2012, under section 174 Cr. Pc has been registered at Saitual police station against the following death persons: –

- (1) Lalsangliana (Sasa-a), s/o Rozama, Bawngkawn Chhim veng.
- (2) Lianhmingthangi, age 34, d/o Pu Lalthlamuana, Tualcheng.
- (3) Vanlalthuami, age 10, d/o Pu Lalrinthanga, Tuipui.
- (4) Johny Zonunmawia, age 24, (Bus driver) s/o Pi Lallungawii, Khawbung.
- (5) Zoruatpuii, age 13, D/o Pu Vanlalzara (L), Champhai Rahsi veng.
- (6) Lalrammawia, age 49, s/o Pu C. Chawngthuama (L), Champhai Rahsi veng.
- (7) Samur, age 65, s/o Pu Bualzama, Tuipui.
- (8) Khumliana, age 30, s/o Pu Thuamliana, Myanmar.
- (9) Lalramthari, d/o Lalthlengkima, Khawzawl Vengthar.
- (10) Thiamchawipari, w/o Lalzawnga, Champhai Vengthlang.
- (11) Ramfangzauva, s/o Pu R.Biakzama, Champhai Bethel.
- (12) John Lalruatdika, s/o Pu Daihzauva, Bawngkawn.



- (13) Vanrokimi, w/o Pu J.Lalruatdika, Champhai Kanan.
- (14) Steve Lalmuanpuia, s/o Lalmalsawma, Bawngkawn Chhim veng.
- (15) Narul Islam, s/o L.T. Sundar Ali, Karimganj.
- (16) Bablu Majumdar, s/o C.S. Majumdar, Kolkatta.
- (17) Md. Abad Uddin, s/o Khalamir, Karimganj.

Persons injured are as follow: –

- (1) Lalmalsawma, age 29, s/o Pu Zokaia, Soil Qtr. Champhai.
- (2) H.Zathanga, age 67, s/o Ginmanga, Champhai.
- (3) Lalthlanmawii, age 39, d/o Thangsaia, Champhai.
- (4) K.Vanlalrema, age 24, s/o Pu Kawlchhawna, Churachanpur.
- (5) Zonunsanga, age 19, s/o Pu Lalchhuanmawia, Champhai.
- (6) Eric Lalbiakduhzuala, age 8, s/o Pu Zorama, Champhai.
- (7) A.K.Singh, age 23, Khatla Aizawl.
- (8) Abdul Hakin, age 31 s/o Pu Amusil Ali, Karimganj.
- (9) Hussein, age 24, s/o Raju Ali, Karimganj.
- (10) Alam Ali, age 21, s/o Uddin, Uddarban Silchar Champhai.

Persons discharged after given first-aid at Saitual hospital are: –

- (1) Zomuanpuui, age 3, d/o Pi Malsawmtluangi, Champhai.
- (2) Malsawmtluangi, age 24, d/o K.Zoliana, Champhai.
- (3) Zothanmawii, age 4, d/o Pu Dengthuama, Champhai.
- (4) Pu Dengthuama, age 24, s/o Pu Vanlalmuana, Champhai.
- (5) Lalthlengkima age 4, s/o Pu Saitawna, Khawzawl.

Persons un-injured are:–

- (1) Thangneihpara, age 11, Champhai veng.
- (2) Salim Uddin, Karimganj.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The statement does not need to be discussed. Member absent today is Pu B. Lalthlengliana. Now, Pu H. Liansailova to lay the paper for correction made on Budget speech, on the table of the House.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House the correction of Budget Speech. On the day of the Budget Speech, I read out the figure correctly but the copy received by the hon'ble members is found to be incorrect. I therefore laid corrected copy in the House.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move to the next list of business that is general discussion on budget. Each member will be allotted 15 mins. Pu R. Lalrinawma will start.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Speaker, I would like to thank the Finance minister for presenting a healthy budget. It is pleasing to note that the budget is accompanied with performance budget and work programme. I would like to thank for the upward growth of the annual plan which is 2,300 crore rupees.

First of all, I would like to thank for the growth in NLUP fund by a margin of 58.12%. Besides, ₹40 crores is allotted for NLUP as the programme is meant to cover the people as a whole. With this, ₹410 crores will directly go into the hands of the people. As per base-line survey done by YMA and MHIP, NLUP is determined to cover ₹1.2 beneficiaries. This is due to an able leader of House.

*(Deputy Speaker at the Chair)*

I would also like to thank increase of MLA fund to ₹30 lakhs. It is pleasing to note that allocation of fund such as ₹500 lakhs for each district, ₹600 lakhs for Lunglei district and ₹50 lakhs for Sialkal tlangdung development. Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful to the government for setting up a forum known as 'Mipui Aw' where the people can pour out their grievances and opinions.

In the budget speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister, steps taken for industrial growth is mentioned. What I would like to point out is Zuangtui industrial estate. It was established in 1986 during the Congress ministry yet; problem has been faced in continuous since then. I have once spoken about this in the previous session. Pu Deputy Speaker, Industrial Estate at Zuangtui is established without proper infrastructure. The site is allotted for 10 years at the rate of ₹10 per square meter and annual fee of ₹16 per sq. meter. I would like to ask if the government could reconsider the fee. Recently, land site for steel industry at Lengte was allotted for 99 years and was later reduced to 25 years. In regard to appointment of work there, Pu Deputy Speaker, I opine son of the soil should be given special consideration. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, it is a great privilege for us to be able to discuss this budget speech thanks to the effort made by the hon'ble Finance Minister and the official staff.

To start with, work programme, page No.28 of Sl. No.22, I have not seen Tourism, I wonder if there is no work programme of Tourism department.

As known to us all Pu Deputy Speaker, priority sector of the budget is NLUP. I would like to inform all the people of Mizoram through this House that ₹370 crores is allotted in the budget which is directly for the people with growth percentage of 58.12%.

It is much regretted to note that local area development fund of MLA is increased by 20%. Pu Deputy Speaker, annual plan of most of the state governments increases by 20%. The fund allocation for the five Districts of ₹500 lakhs each is remarkable as we have never experience before. Likewise, the fund allocation for Agriculture & Allied Activities i.e. is

₹504.88 crores and for Industries, ₹93.84 crores. If works are implemented accordingly, I am sure we will be blessed.

Under ministry of Sports, I am not able to name all the on-going projects, yet, significant to note that the budget allocation for the department is increased by 31.05%. Sports enthusiast persons are increasing with the increase of infrastructure in the department which is worth mentioning. It is encouraging to have promotion of visual arts budget for interest and hobbies.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to thank the government for the development projects in various departments such as construction of various buildings under state project i.e. ₹23.67 crores. Above all, it is pleasing to learn that the budget concerns the people as the definition of democracy. I thank concerned authorities for having such opinions. And, I also thank God for all these. Thank you.

**Pu S. LALDINGLIANA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, after a careful study of the budget speech, there are many points which enlighten my knowledge. Yet, I may not highlight it all due to limit of time. It is truly appreciative to have an increase of Annual plan by 35.29%. In fact, it is the highest ever which further leads to the fact that central government cordially approved the policy and programmes of Pu Lal Thanhawla, our hon'ble Chief Minister.

The fund allocation for Agriculture & Allied Activities, i.e. ₹508.88 crores and for the flagship programme NLUP ₹370 crores indicates priority being given to the farmers. Likewise, other proposed allocation such as special area programme, Irrigation & Flood Control and Social Service Sector shows that this government leave no stone unturned. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is truly appreciative that MLA local fund has also been raised, ₹500 crores each being allotted to the five Districts and for Lunglei District ₹600 crores. Apart from this, ₹50 lakhs has also been allotted to Siakal-tlangdung Development Committee. With all these, fund allocation of this government is moving forward to development which is worth-mentioning.

Pu Deputy Speaker, due to upgradation of 300 schools by the previous ministry so as to win more votes in the upcoming general election, we had encountered financial constraint. But gradually, the situation is normalized with the increase of fund allocation for Education department. As highlighted by budget document micro-economised file work statement, the allocation is increased every year which leads to the fact that we have systematic financial management. The fiscal graphic is improving gradually. There is growth in annual plan and administrative expenditure provision is decreasing. Thus, various departments may face difficulties but all these is due to the fact that skill-based fund is given priority, and that, fund is distributed in all fields without leaving out any.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is also learned from the budget speech that the revenue receipt is increased by 27.96% which is an indication that the government utilized the fund systematically. It is essential for the government to collect tax and any political party should not politicalise the imposition of tax otherwise we may hamper the economic growth of our state.

Lastly, I would like to thank the government for achieving land custom station from Mizoram sector at Zokhawthar. Also, under the government of India's Look-east policy,

Kolodyne multi-modal transit transport project is going on in full swing, the road from AOC to Zorinpui is under completion as sanction for the construction of land custom station at Zorinpui has been received which are commendable. These achievements will enhance the economic growth to a great extent. It is worth acknowledging the progress in Indo-Bangladesh border trade as we have learned from the budget speech as Kawrpuichhuah integrated check post will soon be implemented.

To conclude my speech Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a budget which concerns the people and government servants as well. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K.Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I, first of all, expresses my appreciation to the hon'ble Finance Minister for achieving a healthy Budget statement. If we turn to pages 7 & 8 of the budget speech, it is commendable that consolidated fund increases by 22.12% and plan budget by 35.29% respectively.

Pu Deputy Speaker as we are having a general discussion on the Budget, it reminds me of the general election of 2008 when the people prayed to God for want of change and the Congress party came into power as answer to their prayers. Even today, we are gradually experiencing changes as highlighted from the budget discussion.

From the Economic Survey of Mizoram 2011-2012, page-3, our economic growth is 10.09% where as the national is 6.9% only. The budget speech further highlighted the growth of GSDP, which is 10% as the pension rate dropped by 1.53%. It is pleasing to note that fund may now be implemented for development work. At page 3, we have learned that according to Survey of 2011-2013, the growth of service sector, industry, agriculture and allied service becomes 60% which is quite amazing. Much as well, it is note-worthy that ₹320 crores is allotted for construction of road and ₹29.37 crores for repairing. At the same time Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to express my appreciation to the government for the implementation of NLUP as 2/3 beneficiaries have been covered by the programme.

Regarding corruption, there is great change as leaders of the opposition party hardly find any corruption being practice by the ministers which indeed is a remarkable change. It is the outcome of commitment made by the hon'ble Chief Minister. Again, instruction is given to all the departments to submit salary allowance prior to preparation of the budget to evade shortage in salary which happened to be of another change. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have seen growth in the budget by ₹600 crores due to the fact that we, the people are being compelled to pay lifetime tax on vehicles following fiscal management introduced by the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

As we have seen in para 2 of the speech, service sector still dominate our budget source with 60% where as industry and agriculture sector is only 20% and NLUP, the flagship programme of the government is remain the same. If we observe from GSDP, I questioned

myself if there is any reason to be grateful for. It is proudly mentioned by this ministry that the budget reaches to all the people, but I have my doubt as it seems to be a pocket sector.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we have also seen that growth in the flagship programme is 35.29% but if we observe from GSDP, there is no increment. As such, the opposition members find it difficult to appreciate the budget. In regard to misuse of NLUP fund also, there are misuse of fund to be highlighted such as numbers of beneficiary utilizes the fund provision being received for purchase of household materials instead. Thus, poverty remains as gap between the rich and the poor increases.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the minister for transport in his statement on collapse of stone quarry stated that no one is responsible for the collapse. In this regard, I would like to ask if BRTF follows the rules & regulations when permit is issued. If not, BRTF is responsible. Mining department should review the rules. At the same time, may I inform the House the need for construction of fencing for New Bagha road since there has been several road accident within this road.

In regard to power sector, we are often compels to consume electric power supply for cooking in times of scarcity of cooking gas as transformer suffers due to overloading. As such, we have to send such transformer to Silchar for repair which usually takes a couple of days. Thus, power sector is still unsatisfactory. In general, our budget is exceptable as it is pragmatic budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Now we will have a recess and meeting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2 : 00 p.m.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : To resume our general discussion, Pu K.Lianzuala will take his time.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that I have the opportunity to be able to speak on this budget discuss. The hon'ble Finance Minister and the House leader deserved credit for being able to produce such a high growth of the budget. So far, this is the first time we experience such high growth in budget which is mainly due to efficiency of the government in financial control. It will remain in the history of Mizoram.

It is remarkable that ₹370 crores is allotted for implementation of NLUP. It indicates the government concerns for the people who need financial assistance from the government through NLUP. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is unfortunate to learn that some beneficiaries who chose trade of cattle rearing under NLUP faced problem due to dead of their cattle imported from Haryana. What I would like to point out is that healthy cattle are able to produce 14 litres of milk per day.

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming now to local area fund, we the members seems to be satisfied with the growth of development fund of MLA specially of rural areas. With ₹30 lakhs, development work of each constituency could be done to some extents. I thank the allotment of ₹600 lakhs for Lunglei High Power, ₹500 lakhs for each District and ₹50 lakhs for development committee. Again, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate allotment of fund for improvement of power supply as highlighted in the budget speech. There are many points which deserved appreciation. In short, the hon'ble Finance Minister and the House Leader truly deserved credit for all the aforementioned steps being taken for development of our state. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Lt.Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, our plan budget which has been increased by 35.29% is truly appreciative. There are few points of Finance minister's budget speech which needs to be highlighted.

First, the hon'ble minister mentioned about the problem of supply of LPG. In this regard, it should be noted that it is not the local problem in particular but of the national which prevails in the whole country.

Regarding implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> pay commission, the government contributes huge amount of fund for purchase of food grain and power supply on subsidized basis. Thus, it is time for us to streamline supply of subsidized foods so that only those who are entitle purchase it on subsidized rate. In the same manner, it is time to increase power tariff.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the statement of our Finance minister highlighted that 10,000 posts under the government are lying vacant. In this regard, I opine it is not necessary to fill up such posts entirely for we are now in the age of computerization of office works and then huge amount of fund for salary of employees could be saved for the farmers. It is fortunate that a new defined contributory pension scheme is being implemented as huge amount of fund will then be saved from pension. Much as well, deduction of 2% of non-plan office expenditure is truly appreciative. At the same time, I request concerned minister for Transport department to provide city bus service plying to Tlangnam and Salem.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the growth in the flagship programme NLUP by 58.2% is commentable and that 1,20,000 beneficiaries are expected to be covered by the programme within this financial year.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I, again would like to thank for the plan of improvement of road and black topping within Aizawl and the rest outside. Nevertheless, allocation of fund provision for district empowerment, school education, youth services and infrastructure development construction of fire station are truly appreciative.

Lastly, it is to be noted by the members that growth of funds for the programmes as mentioned by various members happened to be the result of efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance minister. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu John Siamkunga

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I will not go into detail with various departments since today is scheduled for general discussion on the budget.

Let me express my appreciation at the outset for increase of 35.29% of the plan budget. As seen in the speech of the Finance Minister, our budget is expected to be increased by 7% during the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and 10% increase in Gross Domestic Product. This indicates growth of our Treasury. Service Sector, the highest contributor increased by 61%, Industry 20%, Agriculture & Allied Sector 20%. In tax revenue, we have an increase of ₹17 crore and on the contrary, we have decrease of non-tax revenue by ₹8 crore. As such, more effort is needed to avoid decrease of GSDP.

As for the Capital Receipt, we are expecting ₹383.45 crore which indicates the decrease from last year by ₹110 crore. However, the decrease is direction of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. In the previous ministry, there was an outstanding of nearly ₹300 crore almost every financial years end. However, with the efficiency of the congress ministry, strict financial management is in practice.

As seen here, in the statement, for the consolidated fund of the State being allotted for the coming financial year is ₹5179.93 lakhs and ₹5327.25 lakhs for expenditure which indicates shortage of fund by ₹147.32 crore. In the meantime, allotment for non-development expenditure amounting to ₹2828.2 lakhs is comparatively much higher than that of fund allocation for farmers. Pu Deputy Speaker, we have seen decrease of ₹10 crore in interest payment and ₹1.53 crore in pension payment which indicates efficiency of the government in financial management.

It is pleasing to note that the fund allocation for rice and electricity subsidy is high as it indicates sufficiency in supply of rice and electricity in our State. In regard to improvement of roads and various networks also, ₹329.37 crore is allotted which is an indication of priority given by the government towards communication.

There is fund allocation of ₹370 for NLUP. This is what I would like to emphasize. As a result of village grouping during MNF movement, poverty struck Mizoram as the mindset of the people has devastated and their confidence to attain self-sufficient vanished. Thus, keeping in mind of the need to boost up this morality, our leaders are making all efforts to build the future with the prospect of globalization as major projects such as Kolodyne Multi Modal Projects the work which is now in full swing.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the sons of the soil should be self-sufficient. Keeping in mind of this need, our leaders therefore introduced NLUP in our state to obtain self-sufficiency as various choices of trade with its allied developments have been laid down for concerned beneficiaries.

To conclude my speech, Pu Deputy Speaker, I am grateful that there is 32% allotment for development expenditure in the Budget. I thank the Congress party ministry for providing such a handsome budget. Also, I thank an efficient Finance Minister for this budget.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K.S. Thanga.

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all have to express my thanks for the opportunity to participate in the general discussion on the budget. Due to limit of time, I have to make only few points which I feel as important.

There was a period when government is said to be failed in its financial management. However, due to the efficiency and dedication of hon'ble Chief Minister, we are able to produce this remarkable budget today. As stated in the Finance Minister's speech, we have achieved ₹27.77 crore surpluses, the highest ever in the history of the State Finance which truly deserve appreciation.

If we look into the Fiscal Deposit as per recommended by 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the target is not to exceed 5.2% of GSDP and we are able to place the deficit at 3.31%. This is a clear indication of efficiency of the government in financial management. Again, due to the efficiency of the government, the Revenue receipt is high and expenditure is under control. Thus, we are able to hear this resounding budget speech. Pu Deputy Speaker, as highlighted in the Union Budget, we are receiving ₹329.37 crore, ₹190.72 crore for Non-Tax Revenue, ₹229.42 crore for Non-Tax Revenue, ₹813.71 crore for Central tax, ₹2,398.56 crore for Plan Grant and ₹1,634 crore for Non-Plan Grant.

I would also like to make a few points to clarify the prevailing speculation on pay of the government servants. The following is classification and existing numbers of government servants:-

Group A	-	4,477 Nos.
Group B	-	18,072 Nos.
Group C	-	19,769 Nos.
Group D	-	12,034 Nos.
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,352 Nos.</b>

In this regard, the percentage of pay from the budget for Non-Plan is 31.19%, Plan 8.03% and from CSS .05%. Thus, the total percentage of pay from the budget is 39.72 %. It indicates enough funds remains for development.

As for NLUP fund, there is an increment of 60%. In this connection, I would like to point out that the sufficient amount of fund is seen for the farmers' share. It is commendable that RKVY fund which is centrally sponsored scheme is increasing due to NLUP. The farmers have an enormous benefit from NLUP as they are able to receive fund from RKVY only because of NLUP. Apart from this, Agriculture and its allied department have received the fund for the benefit of farmers. It is due to this fund that Agriculture Department is able to distribute power tiller on 75% subsidy. In fact, 800 Nos. of power tiller and 100 Nos. of Mini-tiller have already been distributed. In addition to fund received under NLUP Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹11crore have



been allotted to LADC from RKVY fund, ₹9 crore to MADC and ₹7 crore to CADDC, totally ₹27 crore.

As you are aware Pu Deputy Speaker, the previous Chief Minister made a commitment to transform Mizoram into a self-sufficient state through agriculture within three years and, to be the richest State in India within five years. But today, there is no trace of such policy. As for now, we are beginning to experience some sorts of development due to efforts made by the hon'ble Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister for implementing appropriate agriculture and economic policy.

Again, it is fortunate that due to our able Chief Minister that we now have ₹329 crore for road improvement plus ₹200 crore scheme in the budget. In the meantime, we have made a remarkable achievement in setting up power generation. Within a short period, we will be able to profit huge amount from supply of power to the neighboring states. The hon'ble Chief Minister, being human too may have his own weakness but I daresay that 10 years from now, the people will no longer complain about shortage of power supply. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Today, we are discussing financial speech which I opine as of a healthy budget. To analyze the Annual Plan of the government, there was an increase of 26% in 2009-2010 and 20% in 2011-2012. But now, increase rate is 35.29% which is comparatively higher than the previous years.

At the sametime, I opine it is important to consider the possible affect of increase of our plan size. Pu Deputy Speaker, for our flagship programme NLUP, there is a provision of ₹370 crore. If fund provision for NLUP is deducted from our plan size, it is quite small. As such, I am afraid it may have a negative affect in the functioning of each concerned departments having high earmark sector. On examining the budget allocation to 46 departments, the total amount of revenue and capital of some departments are found to be exorbitantly high due to duplicacy which causes problem to sum up an accurate total amount. Anyway, it seems that the said 46 departments have suffered the outcome tremendously. Likewise, the percentage of decrease of revenue in some departments also is tremendously high. It is further learned that proposed allocation of fund to some departments, as per government order dated the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 does not match with the amount as shown in Demand for grant. For instance, allocation of fund provision to LADC as per government order which is ₹5458.52 lakh is shown in Demand for Grant as ₹5358.52 and the difference is ₹1100 lakh. As per fiscal strategy statement, anticipated ratio of the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission is not met in tax and GSDP, 2014-2015 which also is unfortunate. If GSDP was increased during these periods, we could have benefitted in many ways.

Regarding the strategy statement of fiscal policy of Finance Minister, it is pleasing to note that the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission has written-off liabilities of various departments. However, it is highlighted in para 10 that there is a liabilities of ₹75 crore which

was loaned from the Central Government makes our outstanding very high. I wonder how this will be sort out.

Again, here in the statement, fiscal strategy pointed out that “The annual plan size of Mizoram is ₹2,300 crore” which is 35.29% increase over last year. However, it may not be our place to mention the ability of State Government relating to the provision of 10% State share against this grant. I request the hon’ble Minister to highlight in his wind up speech what expectation he has in mind.

In para 15, it is regretted to learn that non-tax departments are unable to achieve their revenue target.

In Power sector, we are expecting ₹119.11 crore where as 80% of Mizoram is electrified. If more efforts are made, I believe the present revenue can be raised to ₹30/40 crore. Whereas, in Industry sector, I opine fund allocation is less sufficient for development work. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are fortunate to be able to discuss this huge budget. It is due to the efforts made by the hon’ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister and concerned officials. If we look at the budget, there are various points to be grateful for. The most amazing and delightful factor is NLUP which is included in the budget. This budget truly concern for the poor. Since my constituency is included under SHDC scheme, we are extremely grateful. It is pleasing to note that there is increment for RKVY and the additional fund is expected as well. It is much appreciated that there is sufficient amount of fund for Education Department particularly fund allotted for salary. Yet, we experience irregularity of power supply due to stagnation of the project brought by huge amount of compensation. However, effort has been made to resolve the problem.

Next, fund allocation for District Employment is worth mentioning. Being a member from a remote constituency, I expect the government to allot enough funds so that it is benefited by the people in remote areas.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as we received work programme, I would like to point out regarding work programme of Health Department in which there is a provision for construction of PHC and Sub-Centre buildings. I request the hon’ble Minister to prioritize constituency where no building is constructed as yet.

In the meantime, fund allocation for road improvement is worth-mentioning. Pu Deputy Speaker, the roads within my constituency remains unattended for many years but the present government is kind enough to improve roads within my constituency. We are now living in a dreamworld considering our condition in the last decade. In fact, the road condition within my constituency is tremendously improved thanks to the effort made by the hon’ble Chief Minister and concerned officials of PWD.

Likewise, we received special concern of Home Department as well. I thank the hon'ble Home Minister for giving us vehicle (Gypsy) of good condition as a result of commitment he had made in the last Session. Also, for allocation of fund for the construction of staff quarter, I am confident that the government will continue with the remaining development work.

In regard to Art & Culture Department, I request concerned minister not to forget construction of YMA library building at Tinghmun.

Lastly, in Education Department, I request the hon'ble Minister to take note of the problem of primary schools within my constituency where only 3 teachers are allotted. It is expected to allot at least 4 teachers in such schools. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The discussion is scheduled for two days but we can finish today itself as tomorrow is a holiday. If there is no one else to speak, I call upon the hon'ble House Leader to wind-up the discussion.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Deputy Speaker, Transport minister gave this morning, a detail statement about landslide at Saitual. I thank senior ministers for reaching the spot in time. I also thank transport minister for taking care of all possible aids to be given by the government. I also thank YMA for their active participation. It is much appreciated that the minister gave ex-gratias of ₹1.5 lakhs to each of the bereaved family.

**SPEAKER** : Our discussion for today is finished and we will resume the discussion tomorrow.

(Sitting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.)