

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 24<sup>th</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.

**CALLING ATTENTION MOTION**

2. **Pu P.P.THAWLA**, to raise a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly in the matter of recent occurrence regarding "Mizoram Public Service Commission Combined Competitive Examination held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2012".

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**General Discussion on the Budget for the Year 2012-2013**

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

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

**SPEAKER** : Blessed are those who keep justice and he who does righteousness at all times. (Psalms 106:3)

We will take up question. Now, let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.81.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Tourism minister be pleased to state: -

- a) The number of tourist lodge and tourist centre under the government with the on-going projects.
- b) The number of staff employed by tourism department and the number of staff still required.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble members are: -

a) Mizoram Tourism department have 38 Nos. tourists lodge including highway restaurant and tourism resort. There are twelve Nos. of on-going projects.

b) There are 109 Nos. regular staff and 158 Nos. muster roll employees. staff requirements in various categories are as follows: -

1)	Tourism Officer	-	5 Nos.
2)	Assistant Receptionist	-	17 Nos.
3)	Cook	-	17 Nos.
4)	Room Attendant	-	17 Nos.
5)	Chowkider	-	18 Nos.
6)	Junior Engineer	-	1 No.
7)	Assistant Engineer	-	1 No.
8)	Plumber	-	1 No.
9)	Principal (JHM)	-	1 No.
10)	Dean/Vice Principal	-	1 No.
11)	HOD	-	2 Nos.
12)	Senior Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
13)	Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
14)	Assistant Lecturer	-	3 Nos.
15)	P.A. to Principal	-	1 No.
16)	Accounts & Administrative Officer	-	1 No.
17)	Accountant	-	1 No.
18)	Assistant	-	1 No.
19)	Audio Visual Technician	-	1 No.
20)	Peon	-	2 Nos.

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

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, the staff requirement is higher than the present strength. I would like to ask if approach have been to DP & AR or Finance department for these requirements. Secondly, there are 12 Nos. of on-going projects. What is the point of constructing buildings if there is lack of staff? I would also like to know if the staff requirement has been filled up at Hnahlan. Also, the total expenditure for the maintenance of tourist lodge, highway

restaurants and centre and the amount of revenue received by the government. Pu Speaker, if the minister could give the number of tourist received during the year 2011-2012.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, under the chairmanship of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Tourism Board was constituted and it was decided that lodge and restaurants with lack of staff be privatized. What step have the department taken in this regard? Till now, we do not have tourism policy and there is no board meeting. What is the reason? The board term is getting over. What is the problem in calling board meetings?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, we have tourist building in Buhchangphai which was completed just before the present ministry came into power. The building is yet to be inaugurated but the condition is ruined. Is there any proposal to repair the building? When will the proposal to construct tourist destination at Serlui B Hydel project be implemented?

**SPEAKER** : We will now call hon'ble minister to answer the question.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the questions of hon'ble members are as follows: -

The Cabinet meeting have approved for the regularization of 34 posts. The number of staff requirement is higher as mentioned by the hon'ble member due to the fact that Institution of Home Management for North-east is being constructed at Bung Bungalow which raises the staff requirement.

The revenue collected during the year 2011-2012 is ₹163 lakhs. Number of foreigner tourist is 700 Nos. and domestic tourist is 70,600 Nos.

As for Tourist Board, Chief Minister is busy with other commitments, yet, he is helping in taking various steps for the department. Regarding tourist policy, drafting is completed.

Pu Speaker, as for tourist lodge at Buhchangphai, it is decided for privatization since it is of a remote area. And, as for the rest of the lodges being privatized, the investors are not interested in the remote areas except such as tourist lodge of Chaltlang and Berawtlang.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, have you given awareness among the youths?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Yes, notification has not been issued. Negotiation is in process with Baptist Church in regard to privatization of tourist lodge at Tawipui South as so at Sairang.

The government has sanction ₹3 crores for Serlui 'B' tourist lodge. The building construction work is given to P.W.D. However, it is now taken up by Lushai Engineering Work and B.M. Infrastructure Work. Work is going on in full swing. Thank you.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble minister did not answer about Hnahlan.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Hnahlan, Zokhawthar, Farkawn have been opened and required staff are posted respectively. The lodges are functioning systematically.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, what about Buhchang?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : We are still in the process of examining Tourist lodge at Buhchang and we are yet to come up with a decision.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call Dr. R.Lalthangliana to ask starred Question No. 82.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Finance minister be pleased to state: –

- a) If Pay Committee have solved any of the adversity in the government salary?
- b) How is committee intending to solve salary adversity?

**SPEAKER** : To answer the questions; let us now call Pu H. Liansailova, concerned Minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's questions are: -

- a) Pay committee have solved salary of Mizoram government under 108 categories. Notification No.A.11014/12011-FIN (PRU) has been issued for the rectification of salaries under these 108 categories.
- b) Pay committee analysed pay in accordance with the previous pay revision and make a proposal which is approved by Council of Minister. After the approval is obtained, notification is then issued.

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, it seems everything is not at peace. There are around 50 complains still laying with pay anomaly redressal demand committee. Pu Speaker, the notification issued by finance department, pay research unit and 2011 pay committee recommendation which the cabinet approved does not tally. I would like to ask how the government is going to solve the problem. How will the government revise?

**SPEAKER** : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, notification issued is approved by cabinet meeting after careful study and revision made from the Pay Committee Report, 2011. Thus, there is difference between notification issued and pay committee report.

Pay adversity have been existed for the past 30 years and various committees have been constituted to resolve the problem. Fitment committee was constituted in 2007 for 6<sup>th</sup> pay revision to equalize pay of certain categories. However, federation disagreed with the proposal. Thus, cabinet sub-committee was constituted to study the various state and central pay.

The committee submits its report to cabinet and hence cabinet took a decision to revise pay. Federation agreed to the decision and it is the present pay which most of the government employees are enjoying at present. There are 58 representations that remain under negotiation for pay revision. However, due to financial constraint, revision is not possible. Leaders of PARDC met hon'ble Chief Minister. The hon'ble Chief Minister explains the finance condition of the government, the meeting ended with the leaders understanding the circumstance. The present up-gradation is done from whatever resource the government is capable of producing. Also, the government is compelled to implement up-gradation.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I believe that there will never be any pay structure which all section of government employees will agree upon. What I would like to ask is; if the government could make pay structure for new recruitment in which the government can maintain its stand.

**SPEAKER** : Alright, let the minister answer the question. Can we make Mizoram state's pay structure?

**Pu H. LIANSAILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is will be impossible. What is in the mind of the hon'ble member is the same with the authorities. But in actual implementation, it is almost impossible. Mizoram have been giving priority to pay for a very long period. There is no difficulty in other states after the implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> pay. Infact, pay under Mizoram government is much higher than states like Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Tripura, Meghalaya and Assam. 67% of our Budget goes to non-development expenditure. The government had done to the best of its ability.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.84.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for General Administration Department be pleased to state: –  
a) Whether Tuipang SDO (Civil) is still in function?  
b) If not, what is the reason?

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

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, SDO (Civil) Tuipang was transferred in the year 2009. He has been transferred due to shortage of senior grade MCS and BDO Tuipang is put in charge.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu P.P.Thawla.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask the number of SDO (Civil) who are still in their respective place of posting.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, SDO (Civil) North Vanlalphai have been transferred. Is there any proposal to fill up the post?

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact number to Pu P.P.Thawla as of now, but if needed, information can be given in writing later.

As for North Vanlalphai, the people seem to be quite satisfied with BDO Serchhip taking charge of SDO. Pu Speaker, he visited North Vanlalphai every week and there is no complain so far.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, it is true, we are satisfied. However, since SDO (Civil) post is lying vacant, the people have the attitude that the post should be filled up.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is the district headquarters of my constituency. I feel that I should give them priority. However, due to shortage of SDO, it is not possible. It is the same with SDO Phullen taking charge of Saitual, but Home minister have not complain. This is our situation.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask starred Question No.85.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce be pleased to state: –

- a) How many markets are there in Aizawl? What is the total amount of rent received from the markets during the year 2010-2011, 2011-2012?
- b) If there is any proposal to hand over these markets to Aizawl Municipal Council?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to answer the question.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of the hon'ble member, Pu K.Liantlinga is: –

- a) There are 29 markets. The rent received during the year 2010-2011 is ₹39,57,480/- and during the year 2011-2012, ₹36,32,060/-.
- b) There is no proposal as of now.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua and Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, from the amount of rent received, it means that one market received only ₹1 lakh. Thus, I would like to ask if there is any proposal to raise the rent and the number of shops that are given out for sub-let by allotted persons. If the department is not aware of this at present, is there any intention to rectify this matter? Pu Speaker, shops which are sub-letted are used for godown. I would like to know if they are permitted to use such shops for godown and if there is any intention to solve the problem.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA:** Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the hon'ble minister could give priority to the construction of Chanmari super market as the building is on the verge of collapsing. Also, if the hon'ble minister could give the total rent received from Lunglei market during the year 2010-2011 within this session. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, I visited New Market recently and as I was walking inside the building, they told me of their grievances. The building is old without maintenance. I would therefore like to ask if there is proposal to repair the building and who is in-charge of maintenance. I would further like to ask if there is proposal to hand over this market to Aizawl Municipal Council.

**SPEAKER** : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga; DPR have been submitted to NEC for construction of New Market.

As for the answer to Pu Joseph Lalhimpua; I have visited the building myself and saw the condition. We have submitted DPR at central government, but there is no sanctioning order as yet. Since Trade & Commerce is a small department, we are unable to construct from our budget. Hence, we have to approach central government.

Pu Speaker, 6 markets are directly maintained by the department and the rest 29 by the local council. As for shops being given out for godown, the department is aware of this, we therefore are taking steps to solve the problems.

Pu Speaker, in regard to handing over the market to AMC, we feel responsible of the regular staff of the market. Thus, there is no proposal to hand over the market immediately. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : To ask starred Question No.86, let us call hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Finance Minister be pleased to state: –

How was contingency fund utilized during the year 2010-2011? Is there any proposal to raise the fund?

**SPEAKER** : To answer the question; let us call the hon'ble minister, Pu H. Liansailova.

**Pu H. LIANSAILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma is: -

Contingency fund was not sanctioned during the year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. At present there is no intention of raising contingency fund.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over. Pu P.P.Thawla seeks permission for Calling Attention as per rule. We will now call Pu P.P.Thawla to utilize the time.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to bring to the attention of the House about the mis-deed that took place in the recently concluded combined competitive examination held by Mizoram Public Service Commission.

Exam was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2012, key answer was published and 5<sup>th</sup> July was the last day of complaint. On the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, key answer was published, and 5<sup>th</sup> July was the last day of complaint. On 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 final key answer is published again. Then, 11 key answers were changed. Out of the 11 key answers, 4 questions of 2 mark each should be given to all those who appeared in the exam which means all examinees will get 8 marks automatically. On the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, it was issued that 1:6 will be the ratio of preliminary exam. However, when result was declared, it is changed to 1:10. Usually, in Union Public Service Commission, it is 1:12. Result was declared on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 and 249 were declared passed. But on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, the result was changed and 5 students out of 249 were dropped as newly 6 examinees were declared passed. Out of the 5 dropped examinees, 4 were from Saiha district. In this combine examination, the examinees were asked to write their names as questions and answers were written in pencil may be with the intention of making correction it seems. Union Public Commission examination is done not with pencil. Due to unfair and unsystematic procedure of examination, MPSC made clarification through Zalen newspapers dated 22. Yet, it is difficult to agree with their clarification.

Pu Speaker, I regret to state that such unfair means of examination was held by MPSC. The name of MPSC is exploited. Thus, MPS, Police Service examination which is to be held shortly should be stayed, under this circumstance. Since this is a serious matter, I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to intervene before student approach court. Let all those examinees who appear preliminary exam be allowed to appear in the main examination or else, conduct fresh examination. I urge the hon'ble Chief Minister to consider this plea. If not, we will let down the moral of our youths. I wanted to highlight the matter in the House since it is of a serious matter. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : MPSC is an autonomous body with DP & AR being its nodal department. If the hon'ble minister for DP&AR have anything to say? Alright, let us call the hon'ble minister.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member did what is to be done in regard to the manner in which MPSC conduct preliminary examination. Pu Speaker, it gives me the ground to make clarification.

Mizoram Public Service Commission organized preliminary examination for the first time. The rules and regulations are given clearly. But the ratio is not given. Thus, Public Service Commission gave the ratio, as it is within their power. Union Public Service Commission does not have uniform practice. After careful study and keeping in view UPSC practices, Public Service Commission came up with benchmark ratio.



Preliminary examination was conducted successfully. In order to observe transparency, all key answers were published on website after the exam. From 14 examinees, complaint was received stating the answer was not correct. Examinees, subject experts setting the questions and moderator sat down to review the complaint. After consultation, they came to the conclusion that 4 answers, from the key answers were in correct. Thus, out of the 21 answers that were complaining, 4 were found incorrect after consultation of the authoritative examination book of the Union Public Service Commission. Then, it was decided that compensatory mark should be awarded to all the examinees for these 4 key answers. After all this is done, final key answers were re-published on the 9<sup>th</sup> July as complaining period was given; but no more complain is received. Thus, candidate response sheets were checked with these key answers by optical mark reader. The result was then declared on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

Pu Speaker, it was also found out that some candidates who forgot to write their Roll Nos. as some who wrote wrong number. This is the problem we are facing. Likewise in Saiha centre, the mark of one candidate was entered in absent candidate. Pu Speaker, one candidate from Saiha centre requested to appear from Aizawl centre and was granted the permission. This candidate wrote Roll No. of Saiha centre while appearing in Aizawl centre where as Roll No. of each centre is given in sequence. Thus, this caused data tabulation. There were 11 examinees who gave incorrect Roll No. Due to the quest of transparency by MPSC, all these were brought onto light. We trust MPSC Chairman and its members but the present incident is because of the candidates. In future, there is nothing to be apprehensive about MPSC. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move on to the next list of business. Today's absentees are Pu B. Lalthlengliana and Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Yesterday, 11 members participated in the discussion. Today, we will begin discussion with 15 minutes to be given to each member. Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte will start.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are going to discuss one of the best budgets we ever have. This is due to the fact that we have an able leadership in our Chief Minister and a very efficient finance minister who is efficient in finance management.

Pu Speaker, I will speak in detail about NLUP. However, it seems that the people have stopped believing that NLUP is being diverted from the main budget. Opposition leaders have influence the people and the government servants. But this seems to have stopped. It is pleasing to note this.

Tuirial Hydel Project began during Pu Lal Thanhawla's ministry. Japan's Oversea Company sanctions the fund. After survey, it was reported that 48 families were selected to receive compensation as their land will be submerged by the dam. Unfortunately, in the general election of 1998, MNF party came into power. Pu Speaker, compensation amounts to be received by the beneficiaries were not equal comparing to the area of their land. As such, NEEPCO abandoned the project due to the ground of compensation.

The present Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla, knowing the need to improve power, still take steps to meet self-sufficiency and mobilized revenue resource. Being a representative of Tuirial constituency, the first priority when this ministry was formed was to construct Serkhan Bagha road. I would like to thank the government as construction work is in full progress. I would also like to thank for the allotment of fund in the budget for improvement and construction of road in different parts of Mizoram. Pu Speaker, I would like to achieve what Pu K. Lalrinthanga have mentioned yesterday if concerned authorities considered this for us as well.

I would like to thank for ₹600 lakhs provision for Lunglei and ₹500 lakhs each for 5 districts. Pu Speaker, it is worth giving thanks to the budget provision for Higher & Technical Education, Sports, Youth and Services. There is so much to mention. Yet, that is all I can say in this short allotted period. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lal Thanzara.

**Pu LAL THANZARA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about NLUP. As we all have known, its purpose is to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor and also, to meet self-sufficient. The growth in NLUP is 58.12%. This proves that central government is satisfied with the project and that it has enough trust in the government of Mizoram.

I would like to thank for the growth in Agriculture & Allied Activities by 41.14%. It is a clear indication that this government gives priority to farmers. There is also one reason in the budget that will please even those who disagree with the budget is, the growth in local area development scheme of MLA.

I would like to thank for the provision in the budget for equity of self construction for 400 KV/DC as we have heard from members before me stating about power insufficiency faced in the state. Pu Speaker, the provision stated before will solve the power problem to a certain extents. The government pay fee every month for the line. With this provision, the government will no longer pay fee and instead, power can be sold to different parts of the country through this line. Thus, I would like to state that the congress party has once again taken steps for improvement of power supply for the generation to come.

I would like to request the people through this House to reduce their power consumption during peak hour in order to spare power for pumping water into reservoir.

Pu Speaker, the budget provision for sports clearly indicates that it is also a budget for the youths. I would like to thank the hon'ble Chief Minister and Minister of Sports for the infrastructure in sport department.

It is worth mentioning that the growth rate of the state economy is 10.9%. And that in revenue expenditure and capital expenditure, revised estimate is higher than estimate which indicates that the government is trustworthy in its work implementation.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to thank the the people of Keifang, Saitual, Rulchawm and Ruallung on behalf of persons who met with accident on quarry mishap near Keifang.

Today, I will not discuss textual budget, but would like to react on articles written on newspapers.

Pu Speaker, as we are aware, the government faced problem with the cattle being distributed under NLUP. It is regretted as the MNF Youths politicalised the whole incident. Pu Speaker, what we should bear in mind is, during their ministry 1,500 Nos. of piglets which were purchased were all died. I have the copy, I will submit for the property of the House. Furthermore, as per C & AG Report, there was proposal to purchase 4,500 Nos. of piglets. But as we all have known; only 1,500 Nos. of piglets were purchased as per record. Therefore, the question is, where did fund for purchase of 3,000 Nos. of piglet gone, the total amounting to ₹72 lakhs? Pu Speaker, that ₹72 lakhs just vanished. No document is found to highlight the whereabouts of this ₹72 lakhs.

Pu Speaker, I am wondering if peace and harmony will still exist. If you permit, I would like to mention these few lines. Pu Speaker, if we turn to page 207 of Pu Laldenga's history, we will find the words of Pu Laldenga in which he stated that peace accord is only the stepping stone. My question is, if they have the desire to go on. Furthermore, due to economy, it is not possible to struggle for freedom but the struggle for freedom is not over. Thus, I am wondering if they still have the desire to go against peace accord. To add to my suspicion, recently, the Secretary of MNF General Headquarter was caught of arm smuggling which is a serious case.

Pu Speaker, MNF party expressed their opinion through media that they challenge Congress party in development works. I will gradually react to that as we begin discussion on Demand.

In Zalen newspapers, MNF party compared Taliban government to congress government by further mentioning that they are like Sadam Hussein. (SPEAKER: Please speak about the budget; those topics can be spoken in public meeting and not in the House). Under peace accord, Pu Speaker, the state budget is increasing gradually and this will answer whether we are like the Taliban government or not. And, realising that there could be a hindrance to peace under this growth of budget, our soul is not at rest.

Pu Speaker, in the year 1998 when MNF won the election, houses were burned down at Zawnghling, Laki, Puansen, Phunchawng, Lengpui labour camp, which is more an act of the Taliban government. We still possessed the Taliban documents. In the year 1999, a driver of minister (who is church elder) was beaten up at Rangvamual and on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1999 at Kolasib, Police were beaten up by Mizoram truck drivers. Pu Speaker, on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1999, a woman who is IAS officer was thrown by file. Aren't all these acts much more Taliban? There still to mention, Lawngtlai bank robbery.

Pu Speaker, MNF party often alleged that plan fund as being diverted for NLUP. What I would like to point out is; if we observed audit report during MNF ministry, we realised that fund was diverted time and again. What we should realised is if the authorities feel the need

to divert the transaction of fund so be it. The government employees received their monthly salaries regularly. We should not bark at an act which we ourselves indulge at. Pu Speaker, there is so much to speak about. (SPEAKER: Instead of speaking history say something about your gratefulness or ungratefulness about the budget.)

Alright, but I have to speak about history since the people of the state tends to forget history very easily. It is due to this reason we are stagnated.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that there is a budget provision of ₹370 crores for the poor and ₹2,000 crores for government employees. What I would like to state is; let us stop talking ill of NLUP as it is means through which the rural people can achieve livelihood and it is their only hope. (SPEAKER : You should address the chair.) Pu Speaker, I am still learning. There is a vast difference between the nature of the previous government and the present in giving priority towards rural areas. Pu Speaker, the term 'Irregular Diversion of fund' was very popular in the previous term. There was no priority for the poor. From R.D. department alone, in the year 2000, ₹44.72 lakhs fund for BPL, IAY was diverted to urban area. Likewise, PMGY fund of ₹49,83,000/- was diverted from rural to urban as the fund for employment assurance scheme. Pu Speaker, funds for health sub-centre was also diverted as it is all stated in this GAD report. ₹1.26 crores was utilized for purchasing mobile van, the fund is an allocation for improvement and infrastructure for sub-centre. Pu Speaker, facilities for rural areas has been diverted to urban areas and due to this reason, rural areas remains backward. I strongly believe that the present budget will be utilized accordingly. I thank for the huge growth in the budget and give my support.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you, as we have heard this year's budget is highly praised and I thought what is there to be grateful for in the growth of budget. What we should realize is that what revenue resource does the state have, and what does the state produces. To a certain extents, it is true that we are living on drip from Delhi. From the budget speech, GSDP is very high but there is nothing to be happy about. In my opinion, the budget should reflect what is expected from the budget for economic growth.

From the speech of Finance Minister, ₹370 crores is allotted to priority sector of NLUP with 58.12% growth. For opposition members, it is not praise-worthy. But the situation may be different if it is distributed equally and without party feeling. Pu Speaker, it is a huge sum as we are aware of it and as for NLUP, it is not policy for all. ₹1,200 crores is earmarked for development component but only ruling party are its beneficiaries. If we look at infrastructure component, it is all in favour of party workers.

Under NLUP, cattles died allegedly from FMD as the hon'ble House Leader assured to compensate concerned beneficiaries. I opine it is important for concerned authority to give immediate attention to private cattles as well as the disease may spread unless it is nibbed in the bud. As we spoke of Sihphir cattles Pu Speaker, under National Disaster of Respond Fund in column 6, there is a provision in animal husbandry, financial assistance to small marginal

farmers and marginal farmers. The government should compensate the loss of the farmers from the budget. It is natural calamities as well.

In the meantime Pu Speaker, Youth Commission is not highlight in the budget where as only 5% to 10% youth benefit from sports. Thus, at least 50 crores should be allocated to Youth Commission so that it will cover larger group of youths. Anyway, fund allocation for Youth Commission should be highlighted in the budget to motivate our youths.

Pu Speaker, one more point, “The Government of Mizoram Regulation of Contract Employee Scheme” was issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2008 and it was revised on the 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2008. As the hon’ble member questioned why it was raised, it is stated as being done to evade lapse of recruitment procedure and was revised as per Transaction of Business Rules, 1987. The hon’ble Minister should look into this injustice as thousand of contract employees would suffer. Thus, from the look of our budget, the government views in constructive system. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now have break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**2:00 p.m**

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, today being a general discussion, it is an opportunity to highlight issues besides our budget. With regard to the budget estimate, (SPEAKER : However, remember this is not a political platform) the plan estimate is ₹2300 crore and the non-plan expenditure is ₹2875.56 crore which increased to 12.25% compared to last year. The gross total expenditure of consolidated fund of the state budget was ₹5327.25 crore, which increased by 21.95% of B.E. 2011-2012. In the revenue expenditure, the development expenditure is 1341.5% and non-development expenditure is 2828.20. If we take that as percentage, the development expenditure is 32.17% and the non-development expenditure is 67.83%, totaling ₹4169.71 crore. If we look at the interest panel, the interest to be submitted is ₹242.42 crore, which is 10.78%. There are 10,000 vacant posts. The salary of government workers under non-plan is ₹1615.64 crore and ₹416.15 crore under plan, CSS ₹25.97 crore, totalling ₹2570.67 crore. Thus, different break-ups are also seen in the budget speech.

The first point I would like to highlight Pu Speaker is, it has been 21 years since my participation in the the budget discussion on which I am really grateful for the opportunity. In the previous sessions, we would weigh the negative and positive points of the budget, but it is fortunate that there is no criticism with regards to the budget figures at present. We received ₹2300 crore as a finalized plan figure this year, which is commendable. The hon’ble Finance Minister presented over ₹400 crore as provision for the people which has never happened in Mizoram history. This budget will enable us to provide for the rest of those families yet to receive NLUP. Even though hon’ble member Pu K.Liantlinga mentioned of his dissatisfaction, he should rethink and be grateful for the 1.3 lakhs beneficiaries.

Pu Speaker, I had gone to Parva during 1993 election and come to realized that each of us have different needs and priorities. The people in Aizawl need good roads and electricity, but in Parva, what they needed more than electricity was food. Therefore, their basic necessities can be met through NLUP. In this constituency, majority of them were pro-Congress party as only a few were of MNF but they all received equal opportunity. Parva has mostly BRUs living there and will receive certain amount this year as well. We had also given the same to Chhaizo and Phulsera and it is a false accusation that NLUP as being given only to pro-Congress members. When we give people what they want, they eventually give us their votes.

Pu Speaker, have we ever given any thought as to how many votes we would gain from those who received ₹1,30,000/-. So, it is difficult for MNF, PC or ZNP to win majority in the election. I do understand their hesitancy to share our gratefulness.

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight on salary. The people are right to ask the high increase in salary of the government employees. On the other hand, how are we to fill up the ten thousand vacant posts? If a party which is least concerned about the Mizoram economy ever governs and fill up the vacant posts, we would suffer the consequences. We have so many unemployed youths who could fill up at least 2-5 thousands of the vacant posts.

When our present Prime Minister and former Finance Minister, Dr. Man Mohan Singh came to Mizoram, Pu Speaker, he said, "It is not so difficult to solve educated unemployment problem, but it is very difficult to solve uneducated unemployment problem". In the statistical handbook of 2010, those registered as unemployed is 30,540. It has incredibly increased in 2011-2012. The government should take steps in regard to unemployed educated youths as increase of unemployed youths could lead to bigger social problems. Therefore, it is time for us to lay down an appropriate policy.

Pu Speaker, with regard to Industry, we have lots of prospects in Mizoram for our youths. I visited Chawngte a few days ago and I feel the roads needs repair. MNF constructed black-topped roads with World Bank funds but that did not last. So, I kindly request the government to take necessary action. I also request that helicopter services be implemented soon. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Thank you. Now, let us call Pu R.Selthuama.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting an impressive budget. As we have a tight schedule, I will get to the point.

Regarding salary, teachers could not get their salaries in previous years as it had to be drawn from the New Year's account. However, salary has been carefully conducted this year including the government employees' names and allowances; the budget has made sure to cover every detail and I applaud this thoughtful budget. ₹416 crore has been allocated for salary in the plan, which is 18%. In the central government, DA is given twice a year, i.e. January and July, along with pensioner's dearness relief. This is released at the same time. But here in Mizoram, it is released first for the regular workers, and after two or three months to the pensioners. So, I request the Finance Minister to make it possible to release the salaries like the central government.

We have ₹370 crore in NLUP this year. With God's grace and the blessings from the government, I was the Director in Rural Development in 1990-1991. NLUP was initiated during that time and the amount allocated was ₹12 crore and the annual budget plan was also only ₹125 crore which was a huge amount at that time. Now, we have ₹370 crore for NLUP which has been included in the agriculture budget and in turn, brought in ₹148 crore in RKVY and ₹40 crore for convergence. So, in total we have ₹410 crore for NLUP. We, as Christians, give praise to the Lord for our blessings; but in today's session, we have members who are ungrateful with the budget. NLUP has helped 45,159 families, and now in the second phase we are aiming for 45,000. We have been accused wrongly of selecting only of Congress members for the beneficiaries. In my constituency Aizawl West III, 600 families were included in the first phase amongst which 180 families were from different parties. As the youth block has released a list which can be viewed by all. I wonder why members from your left often speak against NLUP. A man whose father belonged to a different party in my constituency claimed that it is only during Congress governance that their family receives any help; which is why he has promised to vote for Congress. Likewise, in Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala's constituency Aizawl South-II, a woman who received a sewing machine through NLUP has shown tremendous gratitude, even to the extent of asking her parish to give thanks with her because of the great opportunity. This indicates that NLUP is for everyone. About 1, 60,000 families were selected out of which 1, 20,000 will be covered. The rest will be given next year/term. We do not cater only to Congress members but to everyone in need.

The dead of several cattles have been the topic these days. I would like to remind everyone here that during the rule of previous ministry, 1500 piglets were purchased and all the piglets died. Animals die and human beings die as well; we cannot blame anyone for that. 21% purchased of cattles have died. The journey was long and the cows were malnourished. In spite of all these, we must be grateful; because the hon'ble Chief Minister has promised to provide replacement. The assurance is worth to be grateful for. I met some beneficiaries from Kolasib who said that their cows have produced plenty of milk which have helped in providing their basic necessities. The truth is, when people take extra care of their sole source of income, they eventually prosper.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful for the increase in MLA fund by ₹5 lakhs. West Bengal has ₹150 lakh, Meghalaya and Nagaland both has ₹100 lakh. It would be fortunate if we can attain the same.

Regarding roads, the condition are deteriorating and I am grateful that the hon'ble Finance minister has included funds for the repair. I hope the work is implemented without deducting 5% or 3% from the contractors as in previous government. Lastly, I would like to highlight school education. There have been cases when salaries had been delayed. We now have funds allocated for school education. So now, as the Mizo song says, "The whole community will be in harmony," the government employees and the community can all live in harmony.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, I am very happy with presentation of the budget amounting to ₹600 crore by the hon'ble Finance minister for the people of Mizoram. Being an independent MLA, Pu Speaker, I do not have much to say. However, I would like to contribute my views about the budget.

Though there is increase in the plan-size, about 34 departments have lesser budgets compared to last year's which when total, amounting to ₹256.12 crore. Regarding capital amount, 12 departments will be getting less than last year, totaling ₹256.12 crore.

39<sup>th</sup> point of the hon'ble Finance minister's budget, the total planned amount earmarked is ₹416.15 crore. Those unmarked are 690 crore, and if we deduct ₹416 crore, it amounts to ₹278.77 crore which I feel is too less.

Pu Speaker, we are all aware that we have three micro-minorities such as Lai, Mara and Chakma who have their own council elections. These elections are very well attended by the ruling members of the Mizoram state government as we also give them counseling sessions. But I feel the minorities and districts should take care of their own administration. 32 of our ruling MLAs attended the Mara District Council election on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May as they stayed in the 25 different MDC constituencies remaining there until the election was completed. The people must felt a lot of pressure. So, I request that such practice should not take place in future and to instead give them space to elect freely.

The CEM of the Mara Autonomous District Council, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, announced that their budget has been increased by the Mizoram government and their election as the fairest ever that took place. Even so, we can see in the sectoral breaking up of out lay for Annual Plan 2012-2013 released on 14<sup>th</sup> June, which decreases by 1100 for Lai Autonomous District Council, Mara Autonomous District Council by 900 and Chakma Autonomous District Council by 700. After all the accolades, things have turned out to the contrary. During the District Council election, the Saiha circuit House, Tourist Lodge, Lawngtlai circuit House and IB were completely booked by the ruling party while the opposition MLAs did not get a place to stay. We had severe counseling classes which could have been utilized more in seeking lost souls. This is what I would like the House to know, Pu Speaker.

In 2007-2008, we had a strong and powerful ruling government because of the prayers and support from the people of Mizoram. The people felt more peaceful. On the other hand, there were also several problems. Being responsible for a rural constituency like me, there are times when we do not get sufficient ration supplies and we have to ask for special permission. It is shocking when the supply department runs out of supply at such urgent times. Regarding LPG, most of the families do not think about storing or saving of the commodity and there are times when we have to give away our extra cylinders. I request the hon'ble ministers to please contribute if you have extra cylinders.

Pu Speaker, we are amongst those who do not receive NLUP. I would like to point out that 1/5 of the seedlings distributed under NLUP barely became full grown plants. I have also seen several empty chicken coops in my visits and empty sties well as empty sties. I feel that much of NLUP is misused. We cannot always fulfill our targets 100%, but these are some of



my concerns. Besides, it is quite a tragedy that many of the cows brought in from Ludhiana and Haryana are dead.

Pu Speaker, I would like to highlight about the MLA fund. Hon'ble member before me mentioned that, Meghalaya receives ₹100 lakhs, Nagaland ₹100 lakhs, Assam ₹50 lakhs, Manipur ₹50 lakhs and Arunachal ₹50 lakhs for each MLA; the previous ministry increases the amount from ₹20 lakhs to ₹5 lakhs towards the end of the term. The new government, in 2009 increases the same by ₹5 lakhs. Though a huge amount, I request that it is increases to meet the requirement of each member.

I would also like to speak about education, Pu Speaker. Education is an important industry in our state. Recently, it was on the news that lack of Geography and Science teachers in Saiha Government Higher Secondary School is causing a huge problem. The reason, I feel, is that when we conduct interviews, those pursuing MCS exams and competitive exams apply along with qualified but less scoring applicants. The more knowledgeable are selected and they enjoy the salary for some time but eventually try to find ways to move in to Aizawl. Consequently, the village schools suffer. The students do not get sufficient education and cannot compete with others their age. I would like the hon'ble House to be aware of this problem, Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Thank you. Now let us call Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly, as we have heard in the speech of the hon'ble Finance minister, this has been the highest increase in plan budget since Mizoram became a state. The plan budget has increased by 35.29%. This shows the relentless work of the hon'ble Chief Minister and it is truly praiseworthy.

Regarding the Budget, it is a blessing for the manual laborers, farmers and daily wage workers. ₹370 crore has been allocated for NLUP which is an increase of 58.12% from the previous year. We also have 148.55 as RKVY scheme and ₹40 crore given to RKVY convergence. This will be crucial for the low economy families with it being 24.26% of the entire budget, i.e. ₹558.55 crore. This plan has been approved by the central government and I thank hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister.

Pu Speaker, the National highway of Manipur was closed for almost 6 months last year. I dined with the Manipur Addl. Chief Secretary a few days ago during his visit and I discussed the situation with him, asking him about the difficulties faced concerning their daily needs. He replied that other than petrol and gas, Manipur is self-sufficient for daily necessities. I thought about it a lot. I feel the budget will influence us in becoming more self-sufficient state. The previous government highlighted about self-sufficiency but nothing materialized.

Thirdly, I applaud the government in prioritizing infrastructure development, road communication and power generation. 329.27 crore have been kept for road improvement and network. World Bank and Asian Development Bank are ready to give loans and the budget sees an increase of 169.51% from last year.

Regarding power, hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary presented it a few moments ago. We will be spending about ₹300 crore to take 400 KV line from Palatanna and Bongaigaon. The constituencies in the south rely on the 32 power line KV in Zuangtui and if it happens to fail in either Bukpui or Zuangtui, the whole southern area becomes pitch black. The government has planned through DoNER ministry to make a diversion of 32 KV line in Thenzawl. We shall be self-sufficient in power supply soon. I am grateful that measures are being taken to develop our state one way or the other as the world is becoming a global village.

Besides, work has been implemented in Serlui 'B' Hydel Project, Tlawva and Tuivate. Plans are made for Lungreng, Chhimtuipui, Mat, Kalodyne Phase-II, Tuirini and Tuivawl. I am afraid, Pu Speaker, that the people of Mizoram would not be made aware of these plans.

Fourthly, Pu Speaker, I would like to speak about grass root level planning. Two years ago, I accompanied our leaders to Nagaland to learn more about decentralization and I discovered valuable points. Pu Speaker, what we call MP fund or MLA funds was started in Nagaland. Our soon to be President, Pu Pranab Mukherjee, when he was the Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission went to Nagaland and realized that each MLAs have funds for their constituencies. Then in 2006-2007, the government started including MLA funds in the budget. Pu Speaker, I believe all the funds are utilized wisely in each constituency, so I am glad that the MLA funds have increased to ₹30 lakhs.

Lunglei High Power Committee will be getting ₹6 crore which is praiseworthy. In the election manifesto, District Planning Committee was formed in which ₹5 crore have been allocated for the five districts. Pu Speaker, Lunglei High Power Committee was set up on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1996 and the committee had a member secretary, vice chairman and two other members. One of the two members is our hon'ble speaker. We started with ₹2 crore for the upliftment of Lunglei in 2008-2009 and look where we are now today.

During question hour yesterday, we learnt that some crores have been allocated in the accounts of Local Council and village council through 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. This shows the caring nature of our present government.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to highlight about visual earth promotion, which had ₹20 lakhs at initial stage. This century belongs to the youth, looking at their fashion and styles and way of life. They are mostly inspired by the Hollywood/Bollywood culture. I applaud hon'ble Finance minister in planning the visual earth promotion for the youth, which could motivate many of them.

Pu Speaker, I would like to mention Lord Krishna Academy. After a year of its initiative, we have had two successful MCS candidates, 1 in MPS, 2 in Mizo Finance Accounts Service, 1 in Planning Economic, 2 in MIS, 1 as Employment Officer and 7 in the MZU offices.

Lastly, I would like to highlight one point, which is posting our views and opinions on mediums such as newspapers and social networks. We are a free society. However, Pu Speaker, all the negativity in the media might affect the minds of our children into regretting having been born Mizos. I had a talk with some media people the other day, and I suggested that

if we cannot praise the works of the Churches and NGOs to improve the Mizo life, we can always talk of how fortunate we are to be Mizos and look for positive points.

Pu Speaker, to summarise, I would like to say that we have a wonderful budget before us; I request that each and every one of us should get into the habit of praising the goodness of our state and its people.

**Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our honorable Finance minister's budget speech was truly comforting. I would like to take the time to convey my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister and Finance minister for having presented a well mapped out budget scheme which includes all areas of needs and requirements of the people of Mizoram. We have ₹5327.2467 crore in today's budget, which is great. Our leaders have made these allocations to serve and reach all the people.

Regarding Agriculture and Allied sectors, they have allocated ₹500 crore, ₹49 crore for Rural Development, ₹96 crore for special area programme, ₹115 crore for irrigation and flood control, ₹96 crore for energy, ₹93 for industry, ₹335 crore for Transport, ₹3.62 for Communication, ₹1.28 for Science and Technology, ₹181.49 crore for General Economic Service, ₹715.83 crore for social services and ₹10.88 crore for general services. We have heard through the Budget speech that in the economic survey 2011-2012, we have grown most in the service sector, occupying 60.45%; it is followed by industry sector and agriculture sector. This shows clearly, Pu Speaker, that we still have a lot of work on the agriculture and allied sectors and industry sector and such allocations have been made for further development. It was ₹230 crore in 2010-2011 and now it is ₹370 crore this year with an additional allocation of ₹40 crore in RKVY. ₹410 crore has also been allocated under the NLUP scheme. They have also allocated ₹93.84 crore in industry. As we all know, 70% of the families in our state do not have permanent income jobs. If we do not develop their situation, our state economy cannot develop. Pu Speaker, I am glad that our present government is taking steps towards developing and lifting up the low income families for a developing state.

I would also like to add that our state is developing and the population is increasing, knowledge is ever-widening, workers are increasing, needs for financial support is increasing. Children below 14years have now the right to receive free and compulsory education which is why all of us are running towards knowledge and learning. Therefore, we need teachers as schools are increasing, and we have more needs. So, steps have been taken to remove these inadequacies through the plans. While we were having such difficulties, our MNF brothers made a hurried decision. They upgraded 337 schools in 2008, without any thoughts on how they would be administered. They then left the responsibility on our shoulders. Our honorable Chief Minister and hon'ble Finance minister had to come together to draw additional funds. They have allocated ₹223.32 crore for the school education department and ₹52.23 crore for the Higher and Technical Education and they also gave ₹5.23 crore in aid of the scholarship board. They also allocated ₹.2984 crore for Sports and ₹20 lakhs for the film industry.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Liantlinga mentioned that allocating of ₹29.87 crore for sports shows lack of interest in human resource development. Human resources include many options; it also includes the Education department. Sports are still included in the co-curricular

activities under the Education department. So, I would like to point out its importance in developing not only school children but the youth and I commend the ministry in allocating ₹29.87 crore for sports.

Our hon'ble member, Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia, referred to the film industry, which is very important. (SPEAKER: You have two minutes) Yesterday, our hon'ble member, Pu Lalthansanga mentioned that scarcity of LPG leads to stealing electric lines, which leads to burning of transformers. I wonder why we need to steal electric lines. Shouldn't we have more sense of responsibility? We are all owners of our state. Everything belongs to us. While the owner should protect his possessions, it is wrong that there are thieves. We, as MLAs should teach our people more responsibilities.

The Serlui hydel project is now commissioned and steps are taken for Tlawngva, Tuivai, Lungrang, Chhimtuipui, Mat, Kolodyne, Turibari and Tuivawl. MNF ministry failed to continue Tuirial Hydel Project and ignored the importance of power. We are now looking after it; had it been completed, there would be power sufficiency.....(SPEAKER : We need to conclude the session at 4:00 p.m.) Pu Speaker, kindly let me finish. One of the members had charged us of collecting more taxes which has enabled us to have such a huge budget plan. I disagree. It is clearly seen on the state on tax revenue receipt budget, that the amount we raised was ₹190.42 crore. We have needs but we cannot meet them with the funds we have. So we need to teach the people the need to be self-sufficient and hard working. We can't always ask for help. We should work towards self sufficiency. We alone can form a developed land. We need to have a giving heart and be sincere.

Huge funds have been allocated to High Power Committee, Lunglei and the other 5 districts. They also allocated ₹300 lakh for the Sinlung Hills Development Council fund. I would like to thank and congratulate our hon'ble Finance minister for presenting such a well-thought out budget. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu H. Zothangliana.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Let me get to the point quickly. We have seen a lot of progress in the state since 2008 under the leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla.

Our GSDP increased in the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan of 2007-2011. This is possible because of our able honorable Chief Minister and Finance Minister. The GSDP is expected to increase by 10% in 2012-2013, which is what the Finance Commission expects of us and I sincerely believe we can achieve it.

Let us recall the past. We had Revenue surplus of ₹193.67 crore in 2011-2012 and our fiscal deficit was ₹490.86 crore. The surplus revenue was less than what we had expected and the fiscal deficit was more. This was a minor setback last year. However, it is not the fault of the financial management. The government employees enjoyed the new sixth pay and the revenue surplus decreased due to expenditure in areas like purchasing of ration, power and water. Another reason is because of the 337 schools set up by the previous government, it had adverse effects. Steps are taken to recover from them and sufficient funds have been allocated to the

education department. Sufficient funds are also allocated in the different PSU, owing to the good grace of our hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla. So within this year, we will have ₹627 crore as revenue surplus. The fiscal deficit will also be ₹265.61 crore, which is almost half of last year's.

Looking at the income of the budget, the state own tax revenue is about ₹190 crore this year, an increase of 5.6% from last year. This shows that even though we Mizos claim that we do not hesitate to pay taxes, we really are hesitant.

Our tax base cannot widen because we are unwilling to pay non-tax revenues. The leaders might be catering to our every need, working and planning; however, on the other hand, the opposition party is adamant to play a dirty game of politics.

Our respectable member, Pu K.Liantlinga, mentioned a few minutes ago that the people are willing to pay taxes as long as they are utilized correctly. I request that they support the work of the government I would also like to talk of expenditure. Out of the total ₹2,828 crore from the non-development expenditure, ₹2,057 crore will be allocated to the government employees working under non-plan, plan and CSS. That is, 72.76% will be utilized for the salaries of the government employees.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that the plan fund has increased to ₹2,300 crore. We now have ₹410 crore for NLUP. Our people in the rural areas are commending the work undertaken by our leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla. I, again, would like to thank hon'ble Finance minister for having present a healthy budget, and. Thank you Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : I am truly grateful that we have the privilege to discuss the plan budget today. But after hearing the different speeches, I wonder if we would ever be able to elevate ourselves. It seems like the ruling perceives us, oppositions, to oppose each and every deeds of the government. Pu Speaker, within the 4years of their rule, never have they gone without mentioning the previous government. Regarding NLUP, we do not oppose it; we just heightened the system of distribution.

Pu Speaker, I would like to congratulate Finance minister for the budget. If we review the budget of 4 years ago, there was not much increase. It increased by 25% in 2009, 20% in 2010 and 13.33% in 2011-2012. Last year's budget had only 1% increase due to the fact that ₹234 crore had to be moved from the plan fund for NLUP. It is commendable to see that we have ₹2,300 crore.

Pu Speaker, we have been going on Vote on Account for 4-5 years in our budget sessions. As budget session takes place in July, if we have our sitting next year, it will include the budget of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 up to the elections. Elections may be held the next day and it seems they have made a politically oriented budget looking at the bulky NLUP budget. As hon'ble member, Pu C.Ramhluna mentioned yesterday, the 46 departments could not fulfill the budget plan which totaled ₹256.12 crore.

I also feel that present budget will be carried out as ear-mark fund. ₹1605 crore of ₹2300 crore has been earmarked and the balance is ₹604.92 crore. The finance budget speech Sl.No.39, 1 calculated is only ₹277 crore that will go towards development Pu Speaker. We need to really discuss this.

Another point is Pu Speaker; in India, the Planning Commission includes the Prime Minister and Deputy Chairman. The North East has very wise leaders too. The plan size of our neighbor, Assam, is ₹1,500 crore. One comment the Planning Commission Chairman made was, "There has been constant improvement and GSDP during the first three years is the leveling plan". Meghalaya is very high with an increase of ₹3,939 crore in the plan fund. "In his comment on the plan performance of the state of Meghalaya, the beneficiaries said of the state have been performing well". Other neighboring states have also shown great development, with commendations and good comments about them. On the other hand, Mizoram was commented as – "Trust will be on the food grain production and productivity to reduce food grain deficit and ultimately attain sufficiency by raising plan allocation for agriculture and allied sector". We did not receive similar commendations like the other states, which clearly show that we have a lot to do. We need to examine ourselves and improve upon our shortcomings. The previous government also had shortcomings; but we should not waste time pointing out weaknesses. The more important question is how to lead the people in a better way.

We have election- next year and our present budget will only be carried out next year. We still use Vote on Account in India, so we think this could be our last budget. The ministry might not get a chance to really implement the current budget. Pu Speaker, having ₹2,300 crore this year is commendable. However, there we seen fluctuations in distributions. If we calculate the annual plan again, the NLUP received from the Prime Minister's special package has an increase of 13.52%. The addition of NLUP will not bring about much development.

Pu Speaker, there are lot of points missing in the Finance minister's speech. The different corporations under the Mizoram government also need to be examined and I request that it be included in our last budget. MIFCO employees have not received their salaries for about 5months. A good budget needs to bring about solution without reducing the BPL members. I feel we should stop discussing cattle deaths in the Assembly. The fact that we are still not self-reliant saddens me. Our people have a lot of expectations from us and are watching us. Time is moving fast, so let us move towards better goals with whatever amount of funds we have. I wish the very best to our Finance minister and other ministers. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it's been forty years since we became government of Mizoram in 1972. It's as long as the time the Israelites roamed in the deserts; totally dependent and fed; alive with the help of Delhi drip. We will cross over to Jordan next year and we are discussing our last budget before that. The budget has increased this year, but calling it the best budget is wrong. We should rather think of how the budget will help develop the state. The sports budget, though high, covers only a few of our youths. Pu Speaker, the

youths find our budget hopeless. What they expect is skill development. Regarding this, we are, at present, running behind our neighboring states. Skill development is a priority of the government of India, the planning commission and the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> five year plan. Ministry of overseas India affairs is used in the Nodal ministry and the Prime Minister is Chairman in the national council. Their core principle is to have 500 million trained people by the year 2020. The 'due date' for Mizoram is to train 70,000 youths every year. But there is no fund allocated for this in our budget.

Every state has set up skill development mission in which Industry department or Labor and Employment department is used as Nodal development. Then they have a line department which includes Industry, Labor and Employment department, Education department, RD and Tourism as well as other departments. Then there are knowledge partners to work with. Hospitality sectors are formed and the state can take steps of their own by collaborating with companies, consultants and foreign companies with a signed MoU. The main courses for training are Nursing, Health Worker, Hotel management, Receptionist and Medicinal Plantation. Our present budget has also failed to mention Tourism.

**SPEAKER** : Just a minute. Our time is up; should we continue or take a break? Alright, so we can continue.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. They also teach foreign languages, coaching classes for civil examination, agriculture, computers, food processing, music and dancing, films, beauty training, fashion designing, pilot training, farming, driving, technical traditional craft, bamboo unit and a lot more. Our Finance minister, in his speech, said that a road map has been made regarding bamboo; I would like to know the progress made. Our neighboring states like Sikkim have livelihood schools in every constituency and they have a separate directorate. 2% of the budget has been earmarked for skill development in all the line departments. They are partnering with the basic academy for building live long employability, New Delhi. And 60% of their students have received placements. In the meanwhile, our government is fast asleep. We know the guiding principle of the central planning: it paves ways for private investments. However, we passed the Mizoram ceiling on Government Guarantees Act, 2001 instead and our youth are left with no aid in funds. We had also passed that the government cannot be the guarantors regard to loans. These resolutions should be omitted. I feel we should help in reducing the unemployment problems in the state by paving a way for them.

I have never criticized the NLUP policy and scheme. However, they have been distributing it for 4 years on 44,995 families as beneficiaries within one year they have 75,005 families remaining, who are yet to receive. It is an easy way to bribe those that are of low income families. Some join their parties hesitantly as they need the money. It is a way of taking advantage of the weak.

Pu Speaker, those that have received the NLUP fear that the Congress will rule again. It is scary for those who did well as the rates in the market are unknown. And it is also scary for those who didn't do well for Congress to rule again as they would have to pay back with interest.

One big problem of Finance minister's speech is that we used ₹100 crore for purchasing ration and power in last year's budget. In spite of having been a state government for 40 years, we are still not self-reliant in power. ₹674 lakhs flowed to waste in the power projects. There are also four projects under repair. The central had passed national food security bill last year, Pu Speaker and they made rice our legal entitlement. We should have funds and schemes towards self-sufficiency in rice. Can't we have local procurements instead of depending on rice from Punjab?

Pu Speaker, GSDP was also mentioned in the speech. We used to have the highest debts in all of the Indian states, but now that has decreased and our present debt is 54.40% but we shouldn't be content as our debts are still more than our earnings.

60% of the GSDP comes from the service sector, 20% comes from industry and agriculture and allied service. It has increased to 42.14% in the budget for agriculture and allied, which is a good sign. How can we utilize it well? If we are not careful, BPL might increase again.

Pu Speaker, one huge problem of our state is oil and gas. We are still very dependent on others for the said items. There will be landslides during monsoon and food will have to be stored. We don't have any oil depot or gas depot to talk about. If we cannot have rail fed, we can at least have road fed. Increase in budget does not prove that a government is well off; it has to solve the problems of the people.

RKVY is also not a new project. It's just that it is being used for NLUP. It has been used other years as well. So, let us talk of projects as they truly are. However, I do not think the budget has included solutions to big problems, which is why I am not very thrilled about it. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call hon'ble Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova to wind up the discussion.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : 23 members spoke about the budget and I would like to thank everyone.

Firstly, the Commissioner and Secretary, the Additional Secretary and officers of the Finance department have worked really hard. They are the ones responsible for publishing the budget. If there are any shortcomings, I apologize to all of the hon'ble members.

Secondly, we have to stick to Vote on Account for the budget. I have mentioned that Vote on Account has been an important means since 1999. Because of certain problems, the plan could not be completed. But I am grateful that we could present a normal budget within the month of July. We also heard the Planning Commission's comments on the different states as well. However, the Planning Commission's perception of Mizoram is not low. As we have an able Chief Minister, we could receive 1700-1800 instead of the estimated sum of 1300 more. Our divisible amount is more than ₹600 crore. The government employees are the arms and legs of the government. The rulers may change, but they will remain; so they need good salaries. We



don't want to hear that they did not get their salary for a particular month. A big amount from the divisible amount is for the government employees, which is to encourage them.

Funds are allocated through projects and schemes nowadays. Our sole purpose is not to have an increase in the departments. We no longer follow the old system of increasing each department's funds by 10% if there is 10% increase in the plan fund. Everyone should get the salary they deserve. So, with the guidance of the honorable Chief Minister, we planned on increasing the salaries of the government employees and suggested for an increase in the corporations.

Regarding Education department, some teachers collect 8-10 months' salary and they face a lot of problems. Salaries are now given through divisible amount. The reason why we allotted united fund is because we need to give about 10% at the departments. We hope to receive some amounts as gap funding in the plan fund. I hope that the Chief Minister talks about these concerns to the newly sworn-in President, as he has gone there, un-tide funds have been kept so that they could be utilized well. The department will take steps and have projects, and they will soon have funds sanctioned to them from the central ministry and we can also add matching shares to the un-tied funds. We need to make a viable project for us to receive help from the central scheme. Infrastructures below expectations will be helped by DoNER and NEC via gap funding. We have rejected the idea of setting up fake NGOs and giving priority to private concerns.

Another point is, it is the priority of both budget and government to help manual laborers and low income families. That is why we have ₹370 crore for NLUP with an addition of ₹40 crore in the RKVY converge. The other RKVY will help agriculture productivity with ₹148 crore. The NLUP has positive and negative points, but at the end of the day, we are helping many of our people to rely on themselves, becoming productive and self-dependent. We also accept that there were times we were harsh, but all that came out of a caring heart.

Another point I would like to talk about is that we are aware of the plan funds from the divisible amounts not being the same as other years for department 46. However, as mentioned earlier, our programmed, policies and plan were not equally distributed. It could lead to frivolous expenditure for some departments. As this is the case, we have made such allocations that they might seem less for some departments.

It is true that the RKVY is not a new thing. It is because of the budgets received through NLUP that we could exceed the norm in Agriculture and we have ₹148 crore in the budget.

Regarding suggestions about MLA funds to be increased, we have to keep in mind the need of the people. We are especially focused on the rural areas and salaries of the government employees, so we have to be content with our present situation.

We used to have decentralization of power which was not so successful. The government now has an administrative reform outlook and has come up with district

empowerment and has set funds for initial implementation of district planning boards or district development boards.

The Sinlung Hill Development Council was set up long ago. However, as there have been difficulties in politics, it didn't get the care it deserved. So, we have increased funds for them by ₹50 lakhs. ₹3 crore has been earmarked for initial work in the area through RKVY. It is expected that the youth will get employment through agriculture and allied activities by giving them training.

Our rate of interest had increased immensely this year. But still, comparing with last year, it has decreased by 10.7%. Our borrowing size had also decreased by 22.28%. Funds utilized for pensions have also decreased by 1.53%. We are also grateful to the government employees for understanding our financial problems as we increment in their D.A could not be provided as per our intention. But we have released 7% from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

Every year our state utilizes about 100 crores for our ration of rice and likewise a huge amount is also utilize for the purchase of power. But our income cannot reinstate the amount we utilize for these purpose. But after considering the ongoing potential of our power resources, Tuirial project will be completed in 2014 which could provide 60 mega watts. Though our budget amounts to ₹ 5,127 crores, we earn about ₹421 crores only. But after the completion of our project, our income will amount nearly to our Plan – Fund. Though our financial conditions are tight, we have an investment in Palatana, acquiring an equity share and we will be able to collect revenue very soon. Lastly, I thank all my fellow members for listening patiently and for their invaluable advice and opinions. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have come to the end our time for today, we will resume our session tomorrow, 25/7/2012 at 10:30 Am.

(Sitting is adjourned at 4: 50 p.m.)