

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013  
(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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Thirteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

4. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as almighty stream.

Amos 5:24

Now, we will take up Questions. Let us call upon Col. Z.S. Zuala to ask Starred Question No.1.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for E & F Department be pleased to state: - From where a variety of bamboo of 60 ft long and without its sheath-scar may be obtained?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is - It is not known.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.2.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Department be pleased to state: -

- a) How many sitting has already been held by State Level Coordination Committee in respect to Persons with Disability till date since 2010?
- b) Whether the state government has actually implemented employment reservation of 3% seat to Persons with Disability as per the Persons with Disability Act?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.2 are as follows: -

- a) Meeting of the State level Coordination Committee for Persons with Disabilities is held only once, on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.
- b) As per Disability Act, 3% seat reservation is actually implemented for Persons with Disability with appointment at the following Groups: -
  - Group A - 5 posts (including MCS & MJS)
  - Group B - 3 posts
  - Group C - 12 posts

Group D - 10 posts

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary Question.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it is true that disables needs special attention.

My question is: -

- i) May the Committee, in future call more committees concerning Persons with Disability?
- ii) Will the Committee determine employment reservation of 3% post to Persons with Disability as per the aforementioned Act?
- iii) It is a fact that the central government gives priority to the welfare of the disabled. If so, may the state government set up a separate cell under Labour & Employment Department to deal with the welfare of the disabled?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon concerned Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I am regretted to point out that the Coordination Committee could not give more attention towards the disables as expected. So, we may try to do so from now on. Regarding reservation of 3% of post, all the departments are informed to follow accordingly. In 2007, 873 posts are identified for the appointment of the disable persons.

Regarding setting up of a Special Cell under Employment Exchange, the District Employment Exchange is assigned to carry out special attention for persons with disabilities.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask starred Question No.3.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Is Transport Department ready for restructuring the department itself as proposed?
- b) Will Office of the Superintendent of Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei district be closed?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.3 are as follows: -

- a) Larger portion of restructuring of Transport Department has already been completed and some yet to be done.
- b) The office of Superintendents Saiha, Lawngtlai and Lunglei district will be closed and the DTO of each district will be assigned to take up responsibility of the Superintendent.

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.P. Thawla, to ask supplementary Questions.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: -

- i) Actually, DTO of Lawngtlai and Saiha are assigned to take the charge of BDO in addition to his own duty. Is it possible to assign to him a dual charge?
- ii) Which authority is responsible for dismantling of a temporary office building of MST at Kawlchaw East?
- iii) For what purpose the building materials were used?

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, is it a fact that the charge of DTO and BDO of Lawngtlai has already been separated?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, following the decision made by the Cabinet Meeting in 2008 for restructuring Transport department, initiative has been taken. Now, 75% of restructuring work is being completed. No other decision can be made by a single department of its own. Anyhow, the Department will note down points mentioned by the members and the case will be brought for further action.

Regarding temporary MST office at Kawlchaw East, the member will be given a written answer within this session as I am afraid that wrong answer might have been given. As of supplementary question raised by Pu H. Zothangliana, DTO is authorized to take up dealing of all works of Superintendent.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga, to ask starred Question No.4.

**Pu K. LARINTHANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: -Whether production of milk increases after supply of cows to the NLUP beneficiaries?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu N. K. Chakma, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu N. K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, only milk production of MULCO increases by 2,600 litres per day. Yet, we are expecting to increase all the productions within Mizoram.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, may the hon'ble Minister furnish to the House, the statistical record of milk production in Mizoram?

Secondly, will more efforts be given to increase the production of milk if requirement for Mizoram is being verified?

**SPEAKER** : Pu N.K. Chakma to give the answer.

**Pu N.K. CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 949 beneficiaries of NLUP selected trade of Dairy Farming where as each beneficiary will be given two cows each. Out of 949 beneficiaries, 804 have received the cows and the remaining 290 cows will be given to shortly.

Pu Speaker, production of 42 lakhs litres of milk is expected if the programme is fully achieved. Now, the production is increased by 2,600 litres even before the plan is fully harvested. Pu Speaker, it is our dreams to bring about White Revolution in Mizoram.

We have a proposal for installation of treatment plant for Milk Processing Unit at Chhingchhip with an estimate of ₹350 lakhs.

Regarding compensation on death cattle, Pu Speaker, I am regretted to mention that I have no idea how much it is given. In the same manner, total number of cattle rearing in Mizoram could not be given as yet as I do not have a statistical record. Anyhow, I will try to give him written answer within this session.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that cows given to some beneficiaries died soon after it is received which is solely responsibility of the government. The cattle were carried upon the back of a truck through a long distant and so were prone to suffer some sorts of health-problem and we are not aware of those cattle should be given medical aids when arrived which obviously is the reason for their death. Yet, we still are importing such cattle by the same process and the problem we are now facing is supply of their feedings and without resolving the problem first, production of 15/20 litres of milk may not be achieved. Thus, the government is determining procurement of the said supply on subsidized rate.

Pu Speaker, milk production in our state is increasing thanks to the effort made by the government. Yet, we have a problem with the marketing as so experienced by MULCO. In order to resolve the problem, we made a proposal for installation of treatment plant which may be started within 5/6 months from now as stated. Through this process, milk will further be

processed for ghee, paneer, butters etc. and will be distributed through collection centre which will be set up at various localities. Besides, preservation centre will also be set up at Serchhip.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, my question is not clearly answered. Will the hon'ble Minister give me a clear answer within this session?

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No.5.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, PHE be pleased to state: -  
What is the reason for the delay of financial sanction for construction of Biate composite water supply scheme?

**SPEAKER** : Pu S. Hiato, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is because the Central Public Health Engineering & Environmental Organization (CPHEEO) could not give technical approval. Yet, it may be received shortly.

**SPEAKER** : Any Supplementary question?

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, the same question is asked occasionally in the session but the answers given were not the same. So, my questions are as follows: -

- i) Is the amount of water supply per head 400 MLD?
- ii) Is there a new Scheme for water supply for rural villages?
- iii) Will the composite water supply scheme be achieved during this ministry?

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows: -

- i) When will Bilkhawthlir water supply scheme which is now under construction be completed?
- ii) May the hon'ble Minister give priority to the repair of pipe-line of water supply for Vairengte?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, PHE department wish to cover rural water supply scheme as much as possible but the proposed amount of ₹32 crores is being rejected as the expenditure is quite high. So, the department is instructed to cover only major villages and so the estimate is submitted afresh comprising Part-A and Part-B. Part-A includes Biate, Khawhai, East Lungdar, Tlangpui and Tlangmawi. Part-B includes North Vanlalphai, Leng, Sailulak,

North Mualcheng, Sialhawk and Bawktlang. The estimated amount of Part-A and Part-B is ₹50.03 crores. After submitting the project to central authority, we are again insisted not to include small villages. Accordingly, a new scheme is again submitted. If our demand is approved, the work could be completed during this ministry.

Regarding allotment of supply of water per head, the department maintains allotment of 40 MLD as far as applicable. Yet, it is difficult to maintain the quantity as we frequently encountered damage or corroded pipe-lines which could not be repaired instantly.

Regarding improvement of Vairengte water supply, it is included in the new scheme. As of Bilkhawthlir water supply scheme, it is under construction. Pu Speaker, I will give the answer in more detail when demand is discussed. Thank you.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, may I know the quantity of water supply for the period January - April of each year?

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the department has no such report of water supply till date. Petition is now submitted to the Central Government for survey of water supply in the villages.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalrobiaka to ask Starred Question No.6.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport Department be pleased to state: -

Is there any Taxi Permit for Aizawl being issued during this Ministry?

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

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.6 is: - No.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : During this year, Pu Speaker, is there any proposal to relax restriction of issue of Taxi permit for the time being?

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are as follows: -

- i) How many taxi permits are being renewed?
- ii) If so, what criteria are used for renewal of such permits?
- iii) What is the qualification to drive a taxi?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are as follows: -

- i) How many taxis are in service within Aizawl city?
- ii) Since taxi is commonly used as public conveyance, it seems that the existing taxi services hardly meet the demand. Is there any plan to issue more taxi permits?
- iii) How many times training for taxi drivers is organized by the department? If not, is there any plan to do so?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is no proposal to relax issue of taxi permit as yet. Regarding the questions relating to taxi permit, 1371 Nos. permit are being replaced and 69 Nos. are renewed. It may be noted that taxi permit has often been replaced if the rules permit. Regarding selling of taxi permit, some suspected persons are detained under the police custody. In accordance with the rules formulated by the Central Government, taxi permit is issued only to driving license holder.

Pu Speaker, regarding training for taxi drivers, it is given every year during Road Safety Week and in cooperation with the traffic police not only to the drivers of taxi but also of maxi-cab and two-wheelers. Regarding the question of issue of more taxi permits, neither the government nor the department deemed to be important as yet. As such, there is no plan to do so for the time being.

**SPEAKER** : Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla, to ask Starred Question No. 7.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for District Council Affairs Department be pleased to state: -

- i) What is the amount of allotment of plan funds in respect of the three District Councils?
- ii) What is the amount of revised estimate allotted to each district?
- iii) If size of the amount is different as per demand made by the three districts?



**SPEAKER** : Now let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to give the answer.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answers to Starred Questions No.7 are as follows: -

S/Nos.	Autonomous District	Salary Component	Non-Salary Component	Total
1	Lai	₹.1631.93 lakh	₹.459.07 lakh	₹.2091.00 lakh
2	Mara	₹.1280.00 lakh	₹.353.00 lakh	₹.1633.00 lakh
3	Chakma	₹.1062.58 lakh	₹.208.42 lakh	₹.1271.00 lakh

Pu Speaker, ₹382 lakh is demanded by Mara Autonomous District Council and was allotted ₹50 lakh; Chakma Autonomous District Council demanded ₹450 lakh and was allotted ₹150 lakh; Lai Autonomous District Council asked ₹64.00 lakh and was allotted as the demand. Allotment has not been made as per proposed revised estimate submitted by the three Autonomous Districts.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No. 8.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare department be pleased to state: - Whether Working Women's Hostel constructed by the Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of DoNER at Jasola, New Delhi admitted any Mizo Woman?

**SPEAKER** : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer to the question is 'Yes', we have one Mizo woman staying at the hostel.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, only a few people knew about the said Hostel. As far as my knowledge is concern, this hostel is constructed to accommodate more than 500 women from the North East only. So, may I know the following: -

What is the actual capacity of this hostel? May our government give notice regarding this hostel to the public? May our government help those who are willing to stay at the Hostel?

**SPEAKER** : Will the hon'ble Minister to give the answer.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, 45 seats each is allotted to each state of the North East. Our state government has even publicized in some local newspapers, radio and local cable networks. Several applications were received but only one woman actually stays there.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lianzuala to ask Starred Question No.9.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Will the hon'ble Minister, AH & Veterinary department be pleased to state:-

How many adult cows have been given to the beneficiaries NLUP?

**SPEAKER** : Pu N.K. Chakma, Minister to answer the supplementary question.

**Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer is: - 290 Nos. of cows'.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question No.10.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries department be pleased to state –

Whether our government has any law for protection of living beings in the water?

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the Starred Question is – Yes, it has “The Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002”.

**SPEAKER** : Any supplementary question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, obviously we need rules for protections of all living beings in water. Whether the Environment & Forests department has proposal to formulate rules for protection of such living beings?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, may the government make rules to control pollution of the rivers and its environment?

**SPEAKER** : Pu H. Rohluna, Minister to give the answer.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, there is a proposal for amendment of the Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 but it cannot be done as yet since Environment & Forests department is not NLUP nodal department actually. But for the time being, the Mizoram Forests Act, 1955, the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972 and the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 may be used for protection of the rivers and living beings in water. In fact, The Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002 concerns only for protection of living beings in water.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma on control of pollution in water, we have Pollution Control Board which needs public participation. So, awareness will be given to public and prompt action will be taken.

**SPEAKER** : Question hour is over. Now, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister to deliver statement on “kidnapping and seizure of arms”.

**Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER** : Thank you, the hon’ble Speaker. Even though most of the people knew from the newspapers and television that our fellow mizos are being kidnapped, I opine it is important to give a statement to this august House.

Pu Speaker, 5 persons of Chikha village, Mamit district were being kidnapped by National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 between 4 to 5 AM. The persons are: –

- 1) Vanlalfaka, MR employee under Forest department (BLFM returnee).
- 2) Lalliansanga, MR employee under Forest department.
- 3) Sangmawia, MR employee under Forest department.
- 4) Nelson Vanlalruatkima (28) S/o K. Thanzama (L), Hunthar veng, Aizawl.
- 5) Lalrammawia (22) S/o K.Thanzama (L), Hunthar veng, Aizawl.

We have learned about the incident on the same day from Tripura State Special Branch at 4:00 PM. As soon as the exact place of the incident is known, Mizoram Police and a team of CID (SB) were sent to Chikha. As the Polices were heading up to the boundary of Bangladesh, the NLFT have reached Bangladesh. SP CID (SB) too was immediately heading for Tripura to have tete-a-tete with SP (CID) of Tripura. It is learned that NLFT has 15 to 20 trained

persons from Tripura refugee camp. It is believed that kidnapping is planned for wants of ransom. On 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2013(7:21 AM), the kidnappers informed family members of the hostages and demanded a ransom of ₹1 crore. The Project Director of Wildlife was immediately requested by concerned families to take prompt action as the dateline is only 3 days with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. But the government on the other hand, insisted to safe the hostages without giving any ransom. As the hostages were kept in Bangladesh, it is not convenient to send our Police forces and so the government implored the central External Affairs Ministry to contact the government of Bangladesh.

On behalf of our government, I would like to express my gratitude to NGOs, journalists and media for being able to control impending communal violence which may erupt by publicizing the incident.

As a consequence, the government set up “The Crisis Management Group” under the chairmanship of hon’ble Minister for Home Affairs so that the hostages are rescued safe and sound. In pursuance of the incident, the government summoned leaders of MKHC, Central YMA, MZP, MSU and YMA of Hunthar veng at the Office Chamber of Home Minister to discuss about the incident and how to deal with the case. The committee decided that the case should be dealt without giving ransom or compromising to safeguard communal violence between the two tribes.

I would also like to inform the House that numbers of Arms & Ammunitions were seized on the 7.3.2013 in the farmhouse of Pu Rohmingliana. The details of seizures arms & ammunition are as follows: -

<b>Sl/Nos.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Numbers</b>	<b>Manufacture</b>
1	Rifles (AK 47)	21 Nos.	USSR Mfd.
2	Rifles (AK 47)	2 Nos.	China Mfd.
2	LMG 5.56	I No.	Singapore Mfd.
3	CBAR Rifles	1 No.	USA Mfd.
4	Ammunition (AK47)	86 Nos.	Nil
5	Ammunition (CBAR Rifles)	67 Nos.	Nil
6	Ammunition (LMG 5.56)	24 Nos.	Nil
7	Maxine	30 Nos.	Nil
8	Rifles (AK 47)	8 Nos.	USSR Mfd.
9	Maxine & Ammunition	632 Nos.	Nil
10	Pistols (3032 TOMCAT)	32 Nos.	USA Mfd.

11	Ammunitions	12 Nos.	Nil
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Serial No. 8 and 9 were seized later from the 3 Chakmas at the farmhouse. As a result of the interrogation on 8/3/2013, C. Lalngakthanga (47) S/o C. Saplala of Sazek, Bangladesh and Rohmingliana (44), S/o C.L. Thuama (L) of Vaivakawn, Zohnuai too were arrested.

Serial No 10 and 11 such as 32 pistols (3032 TOMCAT), made in USA and 12 ammunitions were seized on 9/3/2013 at 3:30 PM. A criminal case was registered against Rupan Chakma (28), S/O Durjoy Chakma of Khakrachori, Bangladesh who possessed the said items at Hotel Sangchia, Zarkawt.

All of the persons involved in the case of illegal possession of arms were seized on 7/3/2013, 8/3/2013 and 9/3/2013 successively as cases were registered against each of them.  
Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We will now resume our business. The following are Panel of Chairmen for this Session, such as:-

- 1) Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.
- 2) Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte
- 3) Pu P.P. Thawla.
- 4) Pu Lalthansanga.

Members absent from today's Session are: -

- 1) Pu Lalrinliana Sailo
- 2) Pu N.P. Chakma
- 3) Pu S. Laldingliana

Now, we will take up Presentation of report of BAC on 19/2/2013. In pursuance of yesterday's Governor Address, Business of the House is taken place. It will be much appreciative if the House agreed with the report. If the House agreed, the report may be laid on the Table of the House. Now, we will have discussion on motion of thanks to the Governor's Address to be moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana. Each member shall be allotted 5 minutes and 10 minutes for group leaders. Now, let us call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana to move the motion of thanks on the Governor's Address.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, it is quite exciting to have discussion on the Governor's Address for he has pointed out in general, the works done by his government.

As my party assumes the government, the hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that transparent government would be formed as a document framework (FRD) is being set up immediately under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary which indicates confidence of this government to maintain transparency. Besides, the government strongly follows the policy of oriented development.

Pu Speaker, it is, again, a great pleasure to hear from the Governor of his thanks to various NGOs for maintaining peace and harmony in the state.

The Governor further pointed out regarding Modernization of Police by setting up forensic laboratory building at the New Secretariat Complex and District Mobile Forensic Unit at Lunglei and Aizawl district to support crime detection of police forces.

It is also a great pleasure to hear that NLUP, the flagship programme of the government which covered 12,000 families in the previous year is now increased to 15,000 families. In this regard, there is a proposal from Foods & Agriculture Organization of United Nations and University of Minnesota for the success of NLUP.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that the state government also takes prompt action towards disaster management for which petition for financial sanction has been submitted for the action plan submitted previously.

In Agriculture, the government conducted district-wise meets to encourage farmers. Apart from this, there is a proposal to extent WRC coverage which is truly appreciated.

I also want to point out that priority is given to Public Health by setting up number of more Sub-Centres, PHC, CHC in rural areas and Ayush hospital at Thenzawl. Besides, Falkawn hospital is upgraded to 150 bedded.

The government also takes various steps for quality education. Supply of mid-day meal is continued as usual. Besides, pupils obtain enormous progress by means of RMS and SSA project under which text books and school uniforms were freely supplied to the pupils.

Furthermore, Pu Speaker, the Governor has pointed out our sufficiency in supply of Food and LPG gas which is truly appreciative.

It is also learned from the Governor that priority given by the government towards roads and air communication such as helicopter services which links all the district headquarters with Aizawl. We have even learned about the proposal to extent the aforesaid communication to other major towns in Mizoram.

Yet, Pu Speaker, it is somewhat incomplete as the Governor missed out steps taken by the government regarding improvement made in power suppl

It is pleasing to note that Saiha Water Supply Scheme is taken up. Pu Speaker, likewise, construction of hundred meters multi-modal transit project is in progress. Besides these, it was pleasant to have that the hon'ble Chief Minister opened Delhi Chanakyapuri Mizoram House and also laid the stone for Kolkata Mizoram House.

The Governor speech highlighted that the state had performed significantly well under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and National Rural Livelihood Mission. Pu Speaker, under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme, out of the 90 Districts selected from the country, Mamit and Lawngtlai are included which indeed is a stepping stone for developments.

Pu Speaker, we have heard of the various developments in Sports for the youths. This Government has taken huge steps for the development of sports. Another pleasant note which is commendable is the feat in various departments like Trade & Commerce, Transport, which are now able run without deficit. Therefore, I give thank to the Governor's speech and seek the support of the House to pass the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Just in time, you took 12 minutes. Next, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, we have come towards the end of the present term. We are in a stage where the previous Chief Minister stated that we shook hands and have now in the verge of completion. Pu Speaker, there is one stigma created by the opposition which pricked me yesterday. It is unfortunate that it will remain in history that they walked out of the House during the Governor's speech. Infact, they walked out at that time when the Governor stated that the beneficiaries of NLUP will be up-graded to 15,000 Nos. It is unpleasant that the party is unable to appreciate such a feat. It is indeed disrespect shown to the House as well the people who elected them. Pu Speaker, B.J.P is quite used to this practice. Therefore, I had an opinion that, in order to feel free to approach them, they must have done the same. During the Congress party as opposition, there was retaliation but not that intensive to disturb the session. It

is my sincere plea that such an act does not happen again in the House. Pu Speaker, election is in the corner, thus, unwanted act may prevail and hon'ble Home Minister should warm-up and prepared for that.

The Governor's speech on the whole is satisfactory. The term used from process to result by the Governor's speech is what strikes me. The previous Government completed its terms with developments in process without results. But it is grateful that the present Government is able to produce framework documents of 40 departments. I appreciate this Government.

The Governor stated that maintaining peace and tranquilities, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all fields have always been among top-priorities of his government. We all are aware of the hardship faced during 20 years of insurgency. We have climbed to a stage where peace and tranquilities prevail and we are able to proceed towards development.

The Governor emphatically stated the safety and security of its people which was gratifying. Pu Speaker, there is so much to speak of but very little time. I appreciate whatever the Governor has mentioned. In fact, I personally pay high respect to his Excellency, the Governor as an individual. He has held the Speaker's offices for two terms in Kerala. I approved of how he is governing our state and I give my support. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrobiaka.

**Pu LALROBIAKA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that today we are able to discuss the Governor's speech under a peaceful atmosphere. We all know that unless peace and tranquility prevails, there cannot be any development. In order to attain this peace, it is necessary that law enforcing agencies are supported by NGOs, Religious Institutions, Media and general public. In the previous ministry, we have heard of militant outfits such as NSCN. Pu Speaker, in my constituency in Dampa, there were training camps which also serves as hiding places of arms and ammunitions. As of now, such places were demolished and we have not heard of such militants activities. Therefore, it is commendable that we have attained peace as we are enjoying now.

Pu Speaker, it is commendable that we are able to see Performance Reports and Result Framework Documents here. The developments we have seen today's such as NLUP and RKVY are worth-mentioning. Pu Speaker, the Evening Post dated 11.3.2013 highlighted the speech of the hon'ble Opposition Leader made at Lunglei assuring NLUP would be continued if



his party come to power. Pu Speaker, I thank him for the assurance given. I thank for Krishi Gramin Award for farmers. All these are due to the fact that this Government is sincere and hard-working. So, I thank the Governor's speech and give my support. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now let us call Pu K. Lianzuala.

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would first of all like to thank the mover of this Motion. It is unfortunate that this morning Zoram Times Newspaper highlighted the unwanted scene created by the opposition party members yesterday. In fact, they walked out of the House as the Governor mentioned about NLUP. Pu Speaker, what we should realize is that there are NLUP beneficiaries from various departments; people are satisfied with the scheme. It is unfortunate that there will be a record of Proceedings of the House that the opposition members walking out during the Governor's address.

It was enlightening to hear from the Governor's speech of various developments under Health & Family Welfare. I appreciate that this Government does not neglect rural areas. It is pleasant to hear that urban and rural areas are given equal priorities in development.

I would like to thank the Government for providing Helicopter service as it is truly beneficial for the people. At the same time, I thank increase in tax revenue. I give my support to the motion of thanks to Governor's address. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I salute my leader as we know he is 91 years old and today he still attend session. As we meet in this august house to discuss how to move ahead in development, it is unfortunate that there has to be a walk out during the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, we often mention that we are the most peaceful state. But we have to analyse if this is the real state political war; we are suffering from political cancer. We need politically peaceful.

Pu Speaker, during by-election of Chalfilh constituency, there was political war yet the Governor mentioned peaceful atmosphere as being prevailed. The main weapon of the war is NLUP. The people have accepted NLUP as its flagship programmed but this programme does not cover the general masses. Thus, it may seem right in saying as the result of NLUP. But in actual practice, the programme needs review and supervision. At first, it was mono-scheme, as of now it is composite scheme.

Pu Speaker, the Governor has mentioned about cash crop. In spite of what the Governor mentioned, we may not yield effective result if we do not take up marketing strategy. The marketing committee needs to step up its game and remain vigilance.

Pu Speaker, I opine that if we can make more achievements at greater height in power supply, water supply and cooking gas as in the Governor's speech, than according to me, it would be the best Governor's speech. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a satisfying Governor's speech as he is a veteran politician. It is appreciative that the Governor first welcome hon'ble member Pu Dr. Ngurdingliana, winner of Chalfilh constituency by-election. Pu Speaker, it was unfortunate that the opposition members walk out of the house as the Governor mentioned about NLUP. I was wondering if they have walked out because they love the poor people so much so that they insisted the government to increase NLUP or if they do not pay keen to the welfare of the poor. In my constituency Aizawl South-II, the beneficiaries of NLUP are 32.30% non-congress. Pu Speaker, I wanted to highlight this to ensure the leaders that NLUP is not alone the Congress party programme.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for upgradation of firefighting equipments which have been procured. And, I also thank hon'ble Chief-Minister for resuming construction of Referral Hospital to its present status. Pu Speaker, it is commendable that scarcity of supply of cooking gas is not spoken of in the House any more. Therefore, I plead all members to accept the growth and development that occur during this Government. I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The Governor's speech comprises only of a summary of development; there are huge areas that have not been covered. I would like to speak in support of the speech.

Pu Speaker, first of all, when Lengpui Airport project was taken up, there was criticism such as it will serve as a privilege only for the rich and upper society. But as of now, like a cancer patient mentioned to me, this airport is for the sick and under privileged like us. We are able to reach Mumbai for cancer treatment in a day. Pu Speaker, likewise, NLUP is also in its gestation period. It is a stepping stone to resolve the state into one of the most self-sufficient states in the country. In regard to winner of NLUP beneficiaries, Pu Speaker, the award is not a fake. I visited Pu C. Lalpianthanga's WRC on the spot and his field and fish farm was truly a

magnificent view. He was a second place winner. The walking out of opposition members from the House yesterday was an insult to the farmers. I regret such incident occurred. Like I mentioned earlier, it is gestation period, results will be harvested. Likewise, a huge fund has to be invested to reap its harvest.

Pu Speaker, the Government has taken steps like no other Government has done such as laying the foundation stones of Mizoram House at different states. It is an utmost measure to safeguard the people of our state. Apart from this, construction of a bridge at Chhim is commendable as it has been the people long desire to have the bridge. It is an important infrastructure for development of Mizoram.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for Helicopter service. And, Pu Speaker, Rajiv Gandhi Stadium which is completed is a blessing and a great milestone achievement for the youths.

In regard to PHE, the Governor's speech is just a summarized of the achievements. It is commendable on how the Government is struggling to complete Greater Aizawl Water Supply scheme. Likewise, it is pleasant to know that Tuirial Hydel Project will be commissioned by the end of 2014. I, therefore give my support to the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It is time for lunch break. Meeting will be resumed at 2:00 P.M.

### **2:00 P.M**

**SPEAKER** : So far, 7 members have participated in the discussion. Next, Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. From the Governor's speech there is nothing new as of new project. Out of 48 departments available, the Governor mentioned only 20 departments. Pu Speaker, does it mean that the rest of the departments are sitting idle?

Pu Speaker, MNF Legislature party members walked out because we detest the system of NLUP. In fact, we are in support of the scheme. However, we are unsatisfied with the system of implementation. During the election, the people were promised with ₹1 lakh which has not been distributed till date. Now in 2010-2011 budget, there is fund allocation of ₹234 crores and 82 lakhs. Pu Speaker, if the selection of beneficiaries is as mentioned by hon'ble members

from Aizawl South-II, then there is nothing to be against the scheme. But, as in my Constituency, all the beneficiaries of NLUP in the first and second phase are of Congress party. Moreover, in the third phase, they insisted the people on enrolling for membership of congress party so as to benefit ₹2 lakh of NLUP. Pu Speaker, what we detest is the system of its implementation. We completely detest that ₹400 crores is allocated for NLUP in the budget for the benefit of one party. In fact, it is the people's fund that had been allocated. We definitely condemn this act and against it absurdly.

I believe it to be correct what Synod Social Front Survey report highlighted in regard to NLUP beneficiaries in which is 86.6% beneficiaries of NLUP are of Congress party, MNF 0.3% and MPC 0.6%. Pu Speaker, this is the finding of Synod Social Front. This is the reason why we detest NLUP like I have mentioned earlier. We did walk out while Governor mentioned about NLUP because of its implementation. I would like the hon'ble ruling members to know that we do not mind making history in support of what we believe is absurd state of affairs.

Pu Speaker, I thank for helicopter service. The Governor mentioned that it is ideal for transportation of sick persons from the remote rural area. But, what I would like to request instead is that Doctors be given in all PHC centers before election.

In School Education, The Governor mentioned that mid-day meal is provided continuously. But in my Constituency and other Constituencies, I was informed that mid-day have stopped since October. As such, the Governor should not give wrong information to the House.

Pu Speaker, what was mentioned in Power Department is not sufficient keeping in mind the need of the hour, which is electricity. In my constituency, there are projects which I observed with finger cross for its completion.

Last session, I requested hon'ble House leader to repair the roads within my Constituency on which he made a sort of commitment but nothing has been done. Thus, I request that these roads be repaired before YMA General Conference which will be held in my constituency during October this year.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, in every sentence of the Governor's speech, there is point of appreciation to be made. The first Para of the Governor's speech highlighted the

peaceful atmosphere of by-election for Chalfilh constituency. This made me very glad as in recent times of election, there were certain kinds of complains made in regards to voting machine, rigging etc. Pu Speaker, it was a pleasant relieve that in this election the opposition parties have nothing to complain and accept the defeat gracefully. But in the words of the ruling party members, it was the NLUP Policy that won the election.

Records have been made in the House like the walking out of the House during Governor's speech. During the MNF ministry, violent occurs due to Aiipuk episode. Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that history is created in that connection. They have left a mark in the minds of the people for creating history of unwanted incidents.

As for NLUP policy, opposition members are speaking about the policy and so are the ruling party members. This proves that it is a very significant policy which is worth mentioning.

Pu Speaker, I thank you for the efficient responsive fair and just administration. It is amazing how development is occurring in agriculture department. It is enlighting to learn about the Common Service Centre from the Governor's speech. Pu Speaker, likewise, if we mentioned every para, we can go on for more than an hour. Thus, I wil come towards the end of my speech as I give my support to the Motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K. Liantlinga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank for the new member in the House. But I disagree with the Governor when stated that election as being held successfully under peaceful atmosphere.

Secondly, I will not speak about RFD but I will just mention that it is not a new scheme/projects. The Central Government has practiced earlier. Here, we have Report 2009 - 2010 of the Central Government. I just wanted to highlight that it is not new as members have mentioned, but it is imposed by Central Government. Recently, the Cabinet Secretary came to give training for the process. Reports have to be submitted quarterly. If we follow central guideline, it will prove to be beneficial and effective as it will affect the budget. Therefore, we should be careful in its application.

In regard to NLUP, the opposition members walked out yesterday with a reason, that is, its selection implementation and allotment of its membership drive. Therefore, I see no harm in what they did. It is incorrect to utilise as a weapon of political campaign as the

programme has been adopted by the Government. It is the duty of the Government to govern with peace and equality to safeguard democracy. It is incorrect to corrupt the minds of the people with the policy.

In Agriculture, there is a difference in the statistical report. Last year, the answer given for starred question No.6 stated that 26,300 metric tons of rice was harvested. But as per the Governor's speech, it is 30,536 metric tons. Pu Speaker, we should be careful in giving the statistical report as it could make a huge difference while procuring demands from FCI. Thus, Pu Speaker, we should upgrade the Economic & Statistic Department. This department will carefully collect manually the statistic reports of all products that are reported. Pu Speaker, correct statistic will provide smooth operation while approaching central Government. Like recently, Managing Director of NRHM attended the meeting on infant mortality rate. It so happen that the mortality rate rises immensely. The Director was questioned as to why it was so high, he was unable to answer then as that was the statistic report he was given. Later, he apologized and said the report was taken from grass root-level so it was high. Pu Speaker, incorrect statistic hampers and makes quite a difference. Therefore, adequate measure should be taken.

Lastly one more point, the agent of LPG should organize the system of distribution more systematically. I appreciate helicopter service. Thank you. (**SPEAKER** : You have used up your time; you can speak at length during demand). Thank you. The development that has been laid for the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Years Plan is commendable as it will bring huge development for the state. I give my support to the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu K.S. Thanga.

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is unfortunate that MNF Legislature party walked out during Governor's speech yesterday. Even one of the members seems quite reluctant to walk out but party discipline seems to bind him. Anyway, in regard to NLUP, the first target figure was 1,20,000 beneficiaries and now, there is an additional which is 15,000/- families. The people accept this policy which is shown in the recently concluded by-election. Pu Speaker, I visited as many as 19 villages as the people are happy with the policy. Thus, they showed their gratitude by reflecting in the poll results. Pu Speaker, Congress MLA's and Ministers campaigned with their own vehicles and without designation plate while MP of MNF was intervened for campaigning with designation plate. We, the Congress party abide by the rules. Pu Speaker, everyone is pleased with NLUP Policy.

Secondly, the Governor raised point regarding Public Safety. Fire Department which in the past was retarded is now well equipped as the status of the Director becomes DIG rank. Pu Speaker, a continuous problem we have been facing in Mizoram is landslide. In this regard, it is grateful that well-developed plan is made by the government.

Thirdly, we have seen point regarding step taken for promotion of Agriculture. Last year, we produced 4,233 tons of rice. While the practice of jhum cultivation is declining by 40% of the cultivators, it is grateful that our production increases by 10% thanks to the implementation of NLUP. Apart from this, increase of our production is the result of availability of Power Tiller at a subsidized rate of 75% the amount which is affordable for the poor farmers also. Due to the policy of the government in spending a large amount of funds for the benefit of our cultivators, the strength of manpower becomes 1,08,740. Besides, step taken for processing oil palm is commendable. Obviously many villages will become prosper and some Districts are going to be rich shortly. Now, a oil palm processing factory is being set up at Bukvannei with a plan to build another at Thenzawl and Rotlang.

Regarding Referral Hospital, the previous government abandoned the project as offer was made to Roman Catholic and Salvation to purchase it. But the project is now resumed under the leadership of our Chief Minister with 150 bedded with specialists to look after the hospital. This will be upgraded shortly into 400 bedded. With all the progresses highlighted in the Governor speech, I want to give my support to the Motion. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Who will be the next or are we going to stop the discussion? Yes, Pu Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to discuss on the Governor's speech. This year, the speech has only 24 paragraphs while in the past it contains about 31 to 32 paragraphs and hence development works of many departments are omitted for example, bye-election of Chalfil constituency. So, I congratulate the newly elected member on behalf of my party.

I am thankful that RFD is made and a Helicopter service is available now. While this is the case, Pu Speaker, out of 49 departments in Mizoram, development of only 20 departments are mentioned by the Governor while DCA (District Council Affairs) also is omitted. Since direct funding from the central is a burning topic in the Autonomous District Council areas, I would like to know if it is a fact or not. Likewise, Minor Irrigation and UD & PA are also among the omitted. Pu Speaker, since these two important departments directly

concerns the public, it would be appreciated if the progress of works are made known to the public.

Regarding Law Enforcing Agency, which is the Police, GPF and MR have been applied by many staffs as in other departments but the department is unable to give them. In addition, they cannot even draw their TA/DA for a long time as some of three to four years back. It would be thankful if the problem is resolved. Besides, it seems that law enforcement is a bit weak as insurgent groups such as Santi Bahini are able to smuggle arms and ammunitions within Mizoram which were later used against us. Not only this, we have number of kidnap cases which further indicate the weakness of Law Enforcing Agency. In This connection, Pu Speaker, even though there is a plan for placing of IR Bn. at Thingkah which is my constituency, but no steps has yet been taken till today.

NLUP it is a subject which cannot be ignored. There was a walk out from the House yesterday by my party members as we opine from the light of the Governor's speech that there is injustice in the execution of NLUP. It seems that about 88% of NLUP beneficiaries are of Congress Party. During the election campaign, the people are being assured to benefit one lakh rupees of NLUP if their party won majority. As a result, they have won the election and soon after, injustice is observed in the implementation of NLUP as partiality in the selection of the beneficiary. So, in protest, we left the House. The government further claims that provision of NLUP will be funded as PM's special package but plan fund is used to cover the expenses of NLUP which further affected in delay of payment of the salary of the government servants as many departments could no longer subsidize materials to the public. Besides, this further caused problem in withdrawal of GPF and payment of medical reimbursement. Overall, it seems that many suffer due to the introduction of NLUP.

(Chairman at the Chair)

Pu Chairman, It is grateful to learn from the speech of the Governor that progress as being made in Agriculture as our production of rice increases. However, when calculate rate of the total production of rice, it is not much as expected as 40 loads could be produced in one acre of land. Hence, more efforts should be made to increase our production.

Regarding Healthcare, I am grateful that some sorts of progress are seen. But in my constituency, Smart Card could not be produced as yet since processing photos will be ready only in December. Besides, PHC's in my area re not well-equipped as X-ray machine at Bungtlang is out of service. In addition, Health-worker is not provided in most of the Heath Clinic Centres and Sub-Centres in my area. Regarding construction of Ayush Hospital at



Thenzawl, I am thankful to learn that it is in progress but PHC in different districts such as Lunglei, Serchhip, and Kolasib are not equip with a supporting staff for the doctors as effective performance could not be made.

Regarding Power Supply, is there a way to improve the RGGVY as the performance is quite slow? In my constituency, a demand for supply of solar light was made but in vain. On multi-modal transport, we have been facing a problem in claiming compensation and hence, will be much appreciated if transparency is observed in the dealing.

On Sports & Youth Services, I opine it is time for us to determine a new Sport Policy. Due to limit of time, I may conclude my speech here. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN** : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Chairman, it is sad to learn that the opposition members are not satisfies with the governor's speech obviously due ignorance of facts which prompts them to criticize. We all have witnessed the opposition members walking out of the House while discussing NLUP of the Governor's speech. Obviously their main concern is distribution of one lakh rupees right after the election whereas on the contrary, their party's first priority in the previous ministry was to revoke the Chakma District Council and to bring self-sufficiency in Mizoram within three years. However, they have failed to do so during their ten years reign. While this is the case, the Congress Ministry introduces NLUP to alleviate the status of the privileged so that they are able to see daylights. We, therefore, initiate NLUP to attain self-sufficiency and the MNF will see the positive outcome very shortly.

I am very thankful that the Governor, in his speech mentions the bye-election of Chalfilh constituency in which the Congress Party won. I congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana, the newly elected member who is here with us.

On Police Modernization, I am thankful that progress has been made such as construction of buildings and purchase of advanced weapons. Besides, peace prevails in Mizoram due to dedication and hard work of the government servants and all NGOs. Besides, it is much thankful to learn that there is a plan to cover more beneficiaries under NLUP and sufficient amount of fund being made available to promote the cultivators.

It is grateful to learn that the Mizoram Landslide Management Action Plan is made available for the benefit of the victim of natural calamities. Much as well, it is thankful that power tiller are made available to farmers on subsidized rate with a view to increase the

production of rice crops in which our government have even received President's Award for best production of rice crops.

Regarding healthcare, it is thankful as the government prioritizes rural healthcare in which my constituency is the first area visited by the healthcare team. I am happy to learn that the underprivileged are now able to receive healthcare from the hospital by giving only ₹60/- where as the actual cost is ₹60,000/-. In fact, there are many reasons to appreciate to the Governor's speech if we consider ourselves 'the champion of the poor'.

While there are much more points to mention as of electricity, sports, PHE and other departments, I may conclude my speech and give my support to the Motion. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Let us invite Pu H. Zothangliana.

**Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Pu Chairman, thank you. First of all would like to proclaim that it is because of God only that the Congress party won bye-election of Chalfil Constituency. The MNF and its allied political parties claim their victory in the election of Lai Autonomous District 2010 and of the Mara Autonomous District as a sign of their party victory for the coming general election of 2013. A strong opposition was put by the MNF and the allied parties against the Congress for the upcoming general election. But with God on our side, the Congress Party won the general election of 2013 with a landslide victory of 80% seats. Pu Chairman, the MNF and its allied party members claim that they walked out of the House as only of Congress party benefitted NLUP. This is not true, Pu Chariman as I have a proof in my constituency. For example, out of 199 Nos. households of Pang village, 171 Nos. received NLUP. Likewise, in villages such as Archhuang, Vartek-kai, Vartek, Tialdawnglung and Lungtian-II from which I have got 30% votes only but NLUP beneficiaries are more than that. In Mizoram, there are about 2 lakh families where as NLUP covers about 1.3 lakh families and all such families could not be of congress party alone. As such, I must say that the performance of the opposition party in the House yesterday was absolutely un-mizos.

Recently, there was a prevailing rumor of confiscation of arms and some armed rebels as on the prowl in some parts of Mizoram. What matter most is of armed rebels who had freely built their camps within Aizawl but after their arrests were freed without any case being charged. Such kind of incident is not happen under this ministry thanks to a strong an improved Home Department to maintain peace. In the meantime, I would like to express my appreciation to the government for the plan for placing IR Bn. at Thingkah.

Pu Chairman, The Helicopter Service is indeed, appreciative as it is greatly benefitted by people remote areas for airlifting ill-patient on urgent case. Regarding water

supply, no water-pumping scheme was made during their two successive terms. Whereas, in this ministry, there are 18 Nos. of water supply schemes within four years and 2 projects located within my constituency such as Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme and Sangau Greater Water Supply Scheme. In the same manner, Saiha, Tuipang, and the northern part of Mizoram also benefit the scheme.

On Roads & Highways, a remarkable improvement is seen within this ministry. Due to the initiative of the Parliamentary Secretary and the hon'ble Chief Minister, I am happy to learn that proposal for renovation of Lawngtlai road is underway as so with construction of Darzo Bridge. Besides, proposal for up-gradation of Lawngtlai P & E Sub-Division and opening of Sub-divisional office at Bungtlang 'S' are in the process.

On IAY, while only a handful of families benefitted the scheme during the previous ministry, number of the beneficiary under this ministry tripled the previous one. On Tourism, initiative of the hon'ble Chief Minister in forming Tourism Development Board shows our dedication for the development of tourism in Mizoram. For this purpose, the government hires P.K. Dong, an expert from Sikkim and the architect of development of tourism in Sikkim. Under his guidance, I am confident that we will become a developed State in tourism very shortly. Thus, I support this Motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. Pu Chairman, thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Pu K.Lalrinthanga.

**Pu K. LALRINTHANGA** : Pu Chairman, thank you. I want to start my speech on this Motion of Thanks with bye-election of Chalfilh constituency. Under the situation of many threats, the election was conducted peacefully. Even though the Election Commission of India prohibits defamation of any candidate, the Congress party candidate received one from PRISM on which the opposition party took advantages. In the end, my party somehow has won the election and I congratulate the newly elected member.

I have something to say about in NLUP. I am happy that fund provision for upgradation of the poor is allotted in the Budget which as far as my knowledge is concern, never happens in Mizoram. It has many impacts in and out of politics as thousands joins the Congress party believing that this party truly concerns the economic condition of the poors.

My next point, Pu Chairman, is fund provision for promotion of Aero-Sports amounting to ₹468 lakh. This will proof how well-advance we become in sports during this ministry. At the same time, I thank the service of Helicopter in the remote areas such as Tlabung,

Saiha and Lunglei etc.

In regard to the practice of jhum cultivation, the government initiates a plan to stop the system by introducing NLUP. As NLUP comes into force, the practice of shifting cultivation decreases by 16.9% as we have learned from the Governor speech. If we could maintain the same trend, we may be able to drive-off the practice of jhum cultivation very shortly and we may regain our valuable forests which will further help us change the climatic condition with the policy of Green Mizoram. Thank you.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Chairman, regarding demonstration of the opposition party by leaving the House while the Governor deliver his speech, it is regretted as it create a new history in Mizoram in a negative approach. However, it is not surprising to witness the incident as they have even made another demonstration by claiming that they are not Indian as they fought for partition of Mizoram from India but later claims they are Indians as they came back to rule the state government. I wish that such kind of unbecoming practices is not repeated in this august House.

As pointed out by the Governor, bye-election of Chalfilh constituency was concluded smoothly. I congratulate the elected member and am happy to welcome him to fill up the vacant seat next to me. In this connection, it is regretted as some political parties are in the habit of feeding wrong information to the voters such as the congress party as favoring NLUP only to their party members and to those who affiliate in their party. It is not so, Pu Speaker as I have a proof in my constituency as 186 Nos. of beneficiaries out of 600 are of parties other than Congress party. Hence, Pu Speaker, it is a degrading for the House to give baseless information and so should be stopped once and for all.

As the desire of our leaders, survey on NLUP beneficiaries was conducted by the YMA in 2009 and according to their findings, about 1,60,000 families are in a condition to benefit NLUP out of which 1,35,000 are selected without considering which parties ones belongs. The fact is Pu Speaker, only of congress party members are not that much as the numbers selected for the beneficiary which further indicates that other party members too are covered. But still, they criticize the system of NLUP which I opine as unbecoming. During the election campaign for bye-election, the opposition parties informed the people that the congress ministry as not being able to make provision for NLUP claiming that our budget too small for that purpose. Despite the claim, we now have seen the ministry fulfilling assurance made to the people, thanks to an able leadership of Pu Lal Thanhawla. I am proud to mention that some beneficiaries are now beginning to make a prosperous result as some even receives bonus as a prize of their successes. Therefore, this policy introduced by the Congress party truly supports

those who cannot help themselves. Once again, I would like to remind concerned people that distribution of NLUP fair and was done without discrimination.

Next, thanks to the able leadership of our Home Minister, peace prevails in Mizoram unlike in the previous Ministry. In the previous years, we witnessed the incident such as kidnapping and extortion of money alternately which even compelled the present Home Minister to have a court case. However, truth prevails in the end as he has a strong witness who happens to be a security guard to the PRO. We no longer heard of rebels as being camped within Mizoram or walking freely in the streets. As such, our State is known as the most peaceful State in India.

Pu Speaker, I remember leader of the previous ministry mentioning proudly that developments will be jumping within his party ministry and that some will not willing to join employment under the government for he will transform Mizoram into 'Switzerland of the East'. But unfortunately, we have not seen the result till today. As such, I give my sincere support to this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am somewhat feeling pensive as we are now in the last sitting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Mizoram State Assembly as every member are anticipatedly preparing for the upcoming general election. In the meantime, I want to share words of congratulation conveyed by the Governor to the newly elected member from Chalfilh constituency, Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Out of 50 departments under the government of Mizoram, only 21 departments are being mentioned in the Governor's speech. I am regretted to see that the opposition members walking out of the House as the Governor might have lost interest to continue with his speech. Pu Speaker, as I came across a copy of the Governor's speech, I have found out that it contains 21 pages only and the affairs of the District Councils being omitted. I presume it is due to failure of the government to provide additional fund which have been applied in 2012. As such, I myself find no reason to appreciate this speech.

Pu Speaker, despite the Governor's speech pointing out the Government of Mizoram as being taken a great leap in healthcare, the situation in rural areas remains unchanged. In PHC's within my constituency such as Phurra, Chhualung and Chakhang, we have no doctors and nurses to run the clinic. As such, I have found no point to appreciate to the Governor's speech.

Regarding continuation of mid-day meal as pointed in No.8, I am regretted to mention that I have visited 38 villages within my constituency in the month of January and my finding was that concerned teachers have to contribute money from their own pocket to provide midday meal for their students.

Despite the progress of the government in power supply as pointed out in No.12, I find it hard to agree as most of the calls I receive from my constituency are of irregularity of power supply even in the period of HSLC examination of their children. Parents of the students were so concern for the problem since they have depends only on it for long. The government assigned RGGVY for supply of power in rural areas but progress is quite slow as transformers being installed are of 25 KV with a capacity of barely 15 households. As such, I regret to convey to the House that the people are grieving for shortage of power supply.

Likewise, in the department of Food & Civil Supply, the problem of scarcity of cooking gas as well as supply of rice which remain unsolved. We are far behind from self-sufficiency as pointed in the Governor's speech.

Regarding Healthcare as pointed out in No.10, it is sad to learn that only well-to-do families are able to enjoy treatment at some Private Hospitals as poorer section of the people could not afford to get the same medical reimbursement from such hospitals are not accepted. In fact, it is a pressing need for the government to determine the case. Much as well, it is important for the government to equip PHC in rural areas with more facilities. At the same time, I would like to mention that the helicopter service in remote district headquarters is truly appreciated as it serves a great purpose.

Coming now to the much debated programme i.e. NLUP, I attended the launching of NLUP at Saiha In 2011 and what I have learned from that is, anyone who is willing to benefit NLUP should remain loyal to Congress Party. I presume for the same reason, the opposition members walked out of the House to show their grievances on partiality in dealing with NLUP. **(SPEAKER:** A moment please. As our time is up, will we continue with discussion or resume later? Alright. As we have more members to speak, we will resume after recess. Please continue as you still have 2 minutes.) Pu Speaker, thank you. Last year the Synod Social Front conducted a survey on NLUP and its beneficiaries. In their report, only 1% of the total number of beneficiary received 1 lakh rupees. In my constituency, some beneficiaries already received three installments of fund and they are mainly of beneficiaries who are engage in orange plantation etc. But since the seedlings being distributed are determined as for example 250/- per seedlings and deducted from the total amount one has to be received, it is not possible for any beneficiary

to receive the amount in full. I, therefore suggest that all the beneficiaries received the fund completely.

Pu Speaker, it is clearly pointed out at Point No.10 that 89.6% of beneficiaries of NLUP are of supporters of Congress Party and this indicates partiality is involved in the selection of the beneficiary. This is how our government deals with NLUP, the flagship programme. We appreciate for those who benefitted the programme but at the same time, it is regretted to learn that many deserving families have been missed out. Apart from this, NLUP policy is being manipulated by the Congress Party for their election campaign in the previously concluded election of MADC as names of selected beneficiary during the election were again deleted after the election. Not only this, some Government servants are included in the list. As such, I find it difficult to support this Motion of thanks to the Governor's Address moved by Dr. Ngurdingliana.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : At the outset Pu Speaker, let me congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana on his victory in the recently concluded bye-election.

As we discuss on the Vote of thanks to the Governor's Address, the notion which crosses my mind is that the condition of Mizoram would have been much different if the Congress party had made intensive efforts as they have done so in time of pre-election. In the meantime, I regret the incident of the day before as we are expecting to conclude this term with smooth ending.

Pu Speaker, I must say that my party supports NLUP for it resembles our policy matter. I opine it is not necessary to criticize the source of funding whether it is of a Prime Minister's Special Package or of the Plan Fund of the state budget.

We often speak of the needs to modify the system of NLUP not in the sense of criticism but out of true concern for the achievement of the programme itself. In this regard, I would like to request concerned authority to give attention to any suggestion which may be made by the members. In fact, it is difficult to make a clear cut opinion on the existing implementation of NLUP as to whether the Government programme or Party programme. It will be highly appreciated if the beneficiaries are selected by a village committee or village council in cooperation with NGOs so as to cover the entire people with the programme. It is sad to learn that the programme is manipulated to threaten voters in rural areas. In this connection, it is a shame to learn the incident in Vaitin in which NLUP fund issued in favor of Lawmsanga is being held for refusing to support Congress party. Apart from this, ₹500 each is deducted from the amount to be received by the beneficiaries as some beneficiaries were compelled to change

trades they have chosen which is absolutely against the guidelines. So, proper supervision is important in regard to implementation of the programme.

Pu Speaker, four or five years has been passes since the implementation of NLUP and we are now expecting to see in the Governor's address regarding its marketing and processing. We may have a problem with marketing of raw-gingers but it is learned from the Trade Fair at Maidan that there is a good prospect if it is processed in the form of powder. Despite large amount of supply order being received from major entrepreneurs, the demand could not be fulfilled due to lack of machinery for dehydration of gingers which impedes the processing. Pu Speaker, if there is provision fund covering infrastructure for marketing and processing of any concerned trades under the programme, why not the government utilize it for purchase of the required machinery where there is a good opportunity being opened for ginger production? Likewise, why not the government purchases machinery for processing Hatkora where there is a good prospect of marketing for the production? It is sad to learn that many plantations are wasted due to lack of machineries for further processing of the production.

My fellow members pointed out Serlui-B to have been worth producing power energy of 12 mega watts but in practical, it hardly produces 12 mega watts. So, I believe the report is of the maximum amount. I have personally visited the spot and regretted to learn that environmental clearance to that effect has not been resolved till today. It is unfortunate for the government to take up such a substantial project without having laid down appropriate plan beforehand.

Apart from this, Pu Speaker, despite large amount of fund sanctioned by Tourism development Authority for setting up tourists' attraction at Serlui yet, I could not find where or in which place the work is laid.

In regard to power supply, RGGVY is where rural electrification is depending upon. It has already been started since the former ministry as ₹991 lakhs is spent for hiring consultant which I opine as a waste of fund considering a few roles it plays. Pu Speaker, when PAC made a spot visit to RGGVY project of Rulpuihlum which has been falsely reported by concerned official as being completed, it is regretted to learn that the work was then started in urgent manner by deploying most of the villagers there just before our spot visit to show that the work as being completed as false report given. Yet, the truth could not be hidden as woods used for the posts were still green as a proof that the work is done barely a couple of days ago and in haste. In fact, some villages which have been reported as being done are not so as the report of number of electrified family too is hardly reliable. So, Pu Speaker, I am afraid that additional financial sanction may not be issued from the central when actually needed. Despite 89% of the



estimate amount which has already been drawn by the two concerned construction companies as only 11% remains, the work is being halted deliberately. What I would like to suggest in regard to the agreement is that those contractors may be suspended if they insisted not to continue and the department may take up the work. Even though expected date for completion of the project is March, 2010, it has been rescheduled twice since then. It is desirable if the existing work is left as it is and we may proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

Lastly, I am amazed that the Sports policy could not be finalized till today as it remains in a draft stage. It seems that the concerned department prefers to stay in that stage than implementing appropriate policy and having manual of its own.

At the same time, I would like to point out that the Scouts Training Centre at Tanhril needs a larger area. Despite the adjoining areas being surrendered to the state government for extension of the said centre, no step has yet been taken. I request the Government to take immediate step to this concern. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Dr. R. Lalthangliana

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all congratulate Dr. Ngurdingliana, the new member of this House. I wish him success in his service to the people.

At the outset, Sl. No.8 of the Governor's Address stated that "the mid-day meal as successfully implemented without any interruption since its inception", I opine the statement is false as supply of mid-day meal is irregular in many places despite strict order issued by the Supreme Court. In fact, it is degrading for the Governor to include false statement in his speech.

Again, it is further stated in Sl. No.3 that "the government is maintaining peace and tranquility, securing the safety of the citizens and affecting progress and development in all field have been among top priority of my Government". Despite the speech that Mizoram as under a peaceful situation, some citizens are presently being held by their kidnappers longer than expected. It is, therefore, high time for the government to take immediate step to rescue such persons.

In RKVY, I opine coordination between concerned company and the department of Power & Electricity Department has not been maintained appropriately. As such, repairing of transformer for Buarpui and the surrounding villages has taken almost a year. It is regretted to learn that large amount of fund is wasted without achieving the project which is worth

mentioning. Hence, it will be much appreciated if concerned minister made a commitment to give immediate attention to the problem to see that the project is achieved at its best.

Pu Speaker, it is quite appreciative that improvement of roads is now in full for the general election is drawing near. In this connection, I would like to inform concerned minister that MZU road which is nowadays covered by soils may also be repaired with immediate effect. At the same time, I suggest concerned minister that the on-going construction of road within Dawrpui area may be done at night time as it affects day-to-day life of the people living beyond the construction area such as Ramhlun North and South which is a one-way traffic.

Pu Speaker, I speculatively studied the Governor's speech and I hardly found a point which concerns the welfare of our youths despite their status as the future assets of our state. We are fortunate to have a large number of educated as well as talented youths and their welfare and future lies in the hand of the government. In the meantime, I opine the policy of Youths Commission during the previous ministry should have been highlighted in the Governor's Address.

Regarding road communication, may I remind concerned minister an urgent need of black-topping of road such as Lunglei - Buarpui, Thenzawl - Buarpui and Aibawk - Buarpui which becomes intensively weak. It is regretted that the said is not included in the Governor's Speech. In the same manner, we have not seen in the Speech matter which concerns Air transport. Apart from this, it is important for the government to seek the welfare of staffs of Lengpui Airport who are very much saddened by the proposal to hand over Lengpui Airport to the Airport Authority of India.

As known to us all, Pu Speaker, NLUP, an election manifesto of the Congress Party is said to be funded from Prime Minister's Package and without affecting the Annual Plan Budget of our state. Even so, it has not been implemented even after three years of this term lapses. Yet, a little amount is now seen in the budget by the end of its fourth year. The budget is not being used by Government properly. While, the success of NLUP are always seen in the Media by means of successful farmers which has been started not less than six years ago. It seemed that it is false information to the public. In regard to selection of NLUP beneficiaries, 88.7 % are from Congress Party, 0.3% from MNF and 0.7 from MPC. 10.3% of the beneficiaries are not being enlisted of Congress Party. As reported by the Study Group of Mizoram synod social Front. (**SPEAKER** : Your calculation might have been wrong if the beneficiaries are selected in proportion of the number of Political Parties.) Pu Speaker, if findings of a Study Group of Synod Social Front are not complaint, it requires to reflect in the House. The report stated that 89.6% of the beneficiaries are enlisted into Congress Party.

The New Land Use Programme is not being complaint but needs modification with the selection of beneficiaries. It is to remember that this Government is not Government of a Party but it is Government of the people. As a member of this august House, one should seek the best means of administration for the people. Pu Speaker, I want to say that it is important to manage the state budget for all departments concern. In fact, 40 departments have been affected by the flagship programme of the government as it results in shortage of funds. Pu Speaker, the General Election will be held by the end of this year. If MNF Party wins majority in the election, we may continue with NLUP as it is good for the people. This indicates we support the programme. But what I want to say is that careful management of such a large amount of fund is important. We did not opposed Governor's Address but we need to deliver what we support.

Pu Speaker, thank you for you had shown endurance with the performance of the opposition members in the discussion. As today is just the beginning of our discussion, I do hope that you may give us a chance to express our opinion freely. Hence, I request your understanding beforehand. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will call upon Leader of the House to wind up our discussion.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you very much, Pu Speaker. I congratulate and welcome Dr. Ngurdingliana in this august House. I also extend my thanks to the people of Chalfilh Constituency.

I thank to the reactions of members on the Governor's Speech but I beg their understandings beforehand as I may not be able to react to each and every point due to limit of time.

Most of the members mentioned about NLUP. I want to thank to the leaders of congress party for implementing the flagship programme of the Government. Pu Speaker, we all wish to have the best system of selection of beneficiary which is worth to lay on heavenly table, but being here in the world, we cannot afford to have though. In the meantime, suggestions of the members will open our eyes to implement the programme at the best possible. If it were reported in written to the nodal ministers or Vice-Chairman of the implementing Board or the Chairman of the Apex Board of NLUP, prompt action may be taken against any wrong doer. I also think the complaint will be true that supporters of congress party are more selected. I feel that it is a must and should not to be criticized. But I did not see list of beneficiary for I have enough confidence on the enforcing officials. But if there is any misappropriation in the process, we are responsible to it. But I want to inform the House that we did not witness any of their deeds. I

request the hon'ble members to have understanding. Regarding payment of ₹1 lakh each to all the beneficiaries as pointed out by the certain members; I said that the value of ₹30,000/- which was given in NLUP implementation of the previous congress ministry as equivalent with ₹1 lakh of the present day. Anyhow, it is thankful for some others have confidence to give out ₹1 lakh to each beneficiary on the first day I assume the office of Chief Minister.

Pu Speaker, this is how the government proceeds; showing that we stand by the election manifesto, ₹100 crore is allocated as the first budget session is held. But as the system formulated by our experts is being forwarded to the central authority, numbers of point are found for modification. As we explained the policy to the central authority, they understand right away that the programme further concerns afforestation, Sustainable Agriculture & Allied Services Economy, Sustainable Water Resources Management the policies which all are beneficial for solution of the global warming. At the same time, we should have taken the period of detainment of the proposal for modification as an opportunity to give awareness to concerned public as well as for training to concerned officials. In resolving the problems, God has provides us with helps from All Mizo Farmers Union, Hnam Chhantu Pawl, Widows and others Unions.

To implement the programme at the best possible, the government of Mizoram had set up Apex Board under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister and we are fortunate that we have received a good cooperation from church leaders and NGO's. Pu Speaker, our demand for implementation of the programme was only ₹1,500 crores but the central government had been very kind by sanctioning ₹3,000 crores with the thought that more fund is needed for purchase of vehicles and for cluster farming etc. but we had to contribute ₹300 crores from the state's fund.

We have often encourages each beneficiary to take up their respective trades with a sense of honesty, sincerity, hardworking and fear of God otherwise it could affect the reputation of the Mizos as a whole as so the government if the programme failed. As no one is perfect, we need cooperation of the members as well as the people in order to achieve the programme.

From our past experience of selection of NLUP beneficiaries, we need to be more careful this time as leaders of parties other than congress discouraged their supporters not to take seriously of NLUP for fear of losing in the coming general election. Despite such kind of encouragements, all beneficiaries were given the same treatment regardless of which party he belongs and the government continues to give assistance to anyone who is working hard for success.

Pu Speaker, researchers from Minnesota University, USA including the Executive Member of FAO came to Mizoram to study the system of NLUP and their finding is that farmers under NLUP have given enough interest in their respective lines of work yet scientific method is needed in the process. Those researchers came to know about NLUP from one Mizo student of their University.

Unfortunately, some of us mulls over if NLUP fund is actually of Prime Minister's Special Package. Not only this, there is a speculation that many of the government servants could not draw their salary due to NLUP which is allegedly funded from the State's plan but not from the Prime Minister's Special Package as previously stated. Pu Speaker, I represent the government of Mizoram in the plan discussion many times in which NLUP has never been included in the fund allocated to the State government as it is the plan incorporated within special package from Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. In this regard, I would like to inform the people through the House that it is absolutely illegal to utilize any plan fund being allotted to the state government for other purposes. If any government servant is unable to draw his salary, it is responsibility of the concerned department. It is a must that all government servants should draw their salaries. The Finance Minister informs all the departments in the beginning of the year to submit requirement for salaries so that it is incorporated in the allocation of plan fund. If there is any being left out, the department is responsible to it.

This year, Pu Speaker, 1,35,000 families will be covered by NLUP and I hope that no selected family will be left out as the main objective of NLUP is to alleviate the economic conditions of the poor in such a way to obtain self-sufficiency.

Coming now to Power & Electricity department, it is a fact that Serlui 'B' Hydel Project is initiated by the former Congress Ministry. Mr. Pranab Mukherji, the then Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission too had keen interest on this project but some experts advised our government to abandon the project for the rate of power unit consumption i.e. ₹4.50/- which is said to be excessively high. Thus, the Project is being abandoned. The project was estimated to produce 9 megawatts and the Economic Clearance, Forests Clearance and Environmental Clearance which had already been obtained. It is unfortunate that the project had not been continued in the MNF Ministry and that those leaders who had published Press Release of the MNF Party should know the fact. I would also like to inform the House that Forests Clearance has not been obtained for the new project of Serlui 'B' Hydel Project which is estimated to produce 12 megawatts except of the previous one. As such, no Press Release should be made against this ministry.

Some members complain the Governor's speech for not covering the detail project. In my opinion, time does not allow covering all the projects as some have already been covered in his speech of the previous session and should not be repeated. Regarding power supply, I do not think it is appropriate to accuse the government of our shortage since only 3 megawatts of our production remains under the authority of the State Government as 4 and above mega watts is of the central government. First of all, we need to obtain environmental as well as forest clearance which usually takes 5 to 10 years.

As already stated, Serlui Hydel project is able to produce only 8 mega watts even though it is expected to produce 12 mega watts. Apart from our own production of power supply, we are now appealing to the central government for allocation of coal block for commercial purposes. If it is achieved, we may be able to have 500 to 1000 mega watts.

Regarding selection of NLUP beneficiary, instruction is repeatedly given to concerned authority not to evolve partiality in the process of selection which is totally against the policy of the government as impartiality is our motto.

Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciated that our fellow member Pu K. Liantlinga stresses the need to introduce RFD as the same is encouraged by our Prime Minister. As of Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System for the Departments of Government, there is a plan to introduce result oriented approach instead of process oriented approach system and for this purpose; result framework document is being formulated. A representative from the Prime Minister's office came to Mizoram and conducted training at ATI and is greatly benefitted. Regarding punishment, it should be highlighted in the ACR. It is a worse kind of punishment which may be given to the government servant.

Regarding inadequacy of doctors, many were regularized but the problem may not be resolved since most of them were being employed since the previous ministry. Regarding plant for excavation of oil in the area of Thenzawl and Keihfang, the workers came to visit me last night and related to me that the oil deposit in such areas is as much as of oil deposit in Iran. If so, we may be able to produce sufficient amount of oil in our State. India relies on natural gas imported from Iran as we often encounter problem with the supply. As for this plant, our main problem lies with clearing of the ground and compensation as so happened in the process of construction of various roads such as Sihmui to MZU, Railway to Sairang and Multi Modal Transport Projects. Regarding exploration of oil source in the southern part of Mizoram, Reliance Company is entrusted to take up the work but progress has not been made as expected and thus necessary to approach the company to expedite the work.

Being the sons of the soil, we should not work under none Mizos. So, we the members should try our best to prevent our land and the people from assimilation by outsiders. The government is of the belief that we have been provided by God with sufficient amount of hidden wealth beneath the soil of Mizoram. We therefore recruited ONGC to explore oil by starting from Bilkhawthlir and Thingdawl. It was quite a promising project as the same was again initiated in the area of Hunthar veng, Aizawl and a plot of land had also been acquired. However, as the general election of MLA comes, we have lost the election as the ONGC took no further step to Hunthar veng. Pu Speaker, during 2007/2008, we have made an approach to the minister for petroleum for renewal the abandoned project. At the same time, Multi Modal Transport Project has also been taken up by organizing a joined venture with the Engineers from Myanmar but the project had been abandoned after we lost the general election. As my party again came into power, we proposed to continue the abandoned project and take necessary steps. Soon after the work is started, the existence of large volume of natural gas is discovered at Meidum, Bairabi. In this regard, it is learned that ONGC and Government of Tripura existed working partnership for the pattern of thermal project to produce 625 MW out of which 20 MW to be shared by us. Payment has already been made yet, no effective step is being taken since then.

What I want to emphasize is our wealth of natural resources and the blessings to each family of the Mizos. May the blessings to each family strengthen the unity of all churches in expansion of our preaching of the gospel which happened to be the purpose of this government.

Pu Speaker, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members for actively participated in the discussion on the Governors Address. I would further like to request them to give cooperation to each minister by giving suggestion for the smooth functioning of the government. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Chief Minister has wound up the discussion. Now, let us call upon Dr. Ngurdingliana to say anything what he want and let him beg the House to adopt it.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As the hon'ble Chief Minister has stated, I am glad to see that the members actively participated in the discussion of the Governor's Speech. So, I request this august House to pass the Motion of Thanks of the Governor's Speech. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : The motion of thanks on the Governor's Address has been

discussed and the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in this Session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he had been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013. Now, it should be voted.

(The Motion is voted as passed)

Now, The Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Address is adopted by the House.

We now have finished the Business for today. The next sitting will be held at 10:30 A.M. on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

Sitting is adjourned. (5:23 P.M.)