

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 18th 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.

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Correction of Schedule of Demands and Appropriation for the year 2013-2014 appearing at page i & ii in the Demand for Grants 2013-2014.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR
GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013**

3. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2012-2013.

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR
REGULARIZATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE DURING 2008-2009
AND 2009-2010.**

4. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

5. **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

6. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013"

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7. **Pu H.LIANSAILOVA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013”

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**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR
THE YEAR 2013-2014**

8. General Discussion on the Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 (to commence).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Proverbs 13:11

We will now take up Starred question No. 41. Let us call Pu Lalrobiaka hon'ble member to ask the question.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state: –

If Police Outpost has been allocated for Kanghmun area?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is no allocation for Police Outpost at Kanghmun.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalrobiaka, Pu Lalthansanga and Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, my question is: - What is the reason as the hon'ble minister has been reminded several times of its necessity? I request if rapid steps could be taken.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthansanga

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister if additional staff and vehicle be allotted for North Vanlaiphai Police Outpost.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask if Police check gate could be made at Phaisen since there is a repeated report that this road has been a regular route to smugglers.

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to state that- It is the wish of government to fulfill what the hon'ble members have mentioned. But, due to financial constrain we are unable to fulfill these wishes.

Pu Lalrobiaka' hon'ble member mentioned if Police Outpost could be allocated for Kanghmun. Pu Speaker, it is earmark of the government to put not just Police Outpost, but Police Station at Kanghmun. As I have said, due to financial constrain, it has not been finalized.

As for North Vanlaiphai Police Station, I have gone there and felt the need for construction of Police Station building, thus it was included. However, MPF was revised by central government, which makes us unable to take up within this financial year. But, we have handed over the PWD, we are expecting that they will tender any time.

What hon'ble member Pu K. Lalrinthanga mentioned is an important issue. It was in this route that 1st IR Police ambushed a stolen truck. Temporary check gate have been made there. The desire of the member is the desire of the government as well. Let us expect it will be fulfilled.

SPEAKER : Starred question No.42. Let us call upon the hon'ble member Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to state: - Is there any proposal to repair Sazaikawn jail?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we are expecting to repair Sazaikawn jail in spite of financial constrains. But as for construction of building, it is impossible now.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I was expecting from 12th Finance Commission fund within this year. I request the Minister if something could be done. Sazaikawn jail is located on hill-top and if there is strong wind from Bangladesh, I thought it may not survive this monsoon.

SPEAKER : Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if Saiha jail is included in the work schedule of jail repairs within the financial year/coming financial year.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, among jails in our State, there are still some like Saiha and Champhai which are still barbed wire fencing. Thus, I would like to ask if there is any proposal to improve these fencings.

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Pu Dr. R. Lalthangliana was invited to come along when hon'ble Chief Minister visited the jail in the constituency of the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma. Pu Speaker, had he accompanied us then, I would have visited Sazaikawn jail too. Let us expect that we will be able to take up with this budget which we are about to pass.

As for hon'ble member Pu P.P. Thawla's question, I request the hon'ble member to pray that there are no inmates in Saiha Jail. Anyway, whatever steps that can be taken shall be taken up.

Pu Lalduhoma's question is very important and we will look into the matter.

SPEAKER : We will move on to the next question. Let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred question No. 43.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Home Minister be pleased to state –

- a) What is the total amount of TA/DA pending for transfer and posting of Mizoram Police upto 1st March, 2013?
- b) What is the reason for such pending?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The total amount of TA/DA pending for transfer and posting of Police is ₹1,013 lakhs
- b) The reason for pending is that the budget provision is still the same for the past 10 years.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question for Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is an important issue that the budget provision has not increased for the past 10 years. My question is: - If the Budget provision is made need base? Why is the budget provision not increased, where in some cases, it increases enormously? May the hon'ble Home Minister give the amount of pending TA/DA in battalion-wise? Also, I would like to ask how Police training is given. Whether in battalion-wise or platoon-wise? How many police have already been given training?

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask hon'ble Home Minister the present position of Bukpui outpost. Thank you.

SPEAKER : To answer the questions, let us call hon'le Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISRER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble Minister is: -

Showing concerns towards Police Department and it is due to this fact that law and order situation is under control, in spite of problem arising now and then. Pu Speaker, it is true that there are some Police personal who are unable to receive TA/DA for 3 or more years. We have demanded to Finance Department and they sanctioned whatever additional provision was available but it is not sufficient. We are expecting that the government will look into our needs.

As of the amount pending of TA/DA in Battalion-wise, I am unable to give the list.

The answer to hon'ble member Pu Hmingdailova question is: - Due to financial constrain, rapid steps cannot be taken for Bukpui Outpost.

SPEAKER : Starred question No. 44. It is joint question of three members Pu Lalduhoma, Pu Lalrobiaka and Pu T.T. Zothansanga. Let us call Pu Lalduhoma to ask the question.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble UD & PA Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) In which part of Aizawl is the construction of under privileged building going on? How may?
- b) What is targeted date of completion?
- c) Who is the contractor?
- d) What is the total percentage of fund invested and percentage of work completed?
- e) What would be the criteria for selection of occupancies?
- f) For how many families the building is constructed under IHSDP?
- g) How many buildings have been completed in different District?

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

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer to Starred Question No. 44 are as follows: -

- a) (i) Lawipu - 408 units. Pu Speaker, we have submitted DPR for construction of Privileged Home at Chite. Since no space is available at Chite, we transferred the project to Lawipu but we will refer to it as Chite in the coming answers. I request the members to understand it.
- (ii) Rangvamual - 368 units.
- (iii) Durtlang - 320 units.
- Total - 1,096 units.**

b) Targetted date for completion is December, 2013.

c) In the beginning M/S Mesnia Enterprise, Arunachal Pradesh works as sub-contractor to Hindustan Prefab Ltd. (Central Public Sector Unit). However, there is a misunderstanding between them and the project was terminated as advised by the government. Therefore, the government and Hindustan Prefab Ltd. made an agreement to continue the project. As of the project at Rangvamual and Durtlang, M/S Royal Infra construction Ltd. Kolkata does the contract work under National Project Construction Company Ltd. (Central Public Sector).

c) Percentages of fund used and work execution are as follows :

Name of Project	% of fund used (From Total Project Cost)	% of fund used (From Fund Released)	% of work finished
EWS Housing, Chite	22%	45%	40%
EWS Housing, Lawipu	40%	81%	40%
EWS Housing, Rangvamual	40%	84%	26%
EWS Housing, Durtlang	40%	82%	30%

d) Construction under IHSDP (Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme) and BSUP (Basic Services to Urban Poor) are not finished yet. Housing under IHSDP is taken up at Serchhip, Champhai, Saiha, Kolasib, and Mamit and BSUP is taken up at Lawipu (Chite & Lawipu - combined project), Rangvamual and Durtlang.

e) The Ministry of Urban Poverty Alleviation provided criteria for the selection as beneficiary may be selected according to ones income.

g) The target is 1950 households and allotment to the districts is as follows: -.

1) Lunglei	-	500 families
2) Champhai	-	450 families
3) Kolasib	-	300 families
4) Saiha	-	200 families
5) Serchhip	-	350 families
6) Mamit	-	150 families.
Total	-	1,950 families.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from, first Pu Lalduhoma followed by Pu T.T. Zothansanga and Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are as follows: –

- i) As practice under IAY, is it permissive to concerned beneficiary to build the house in his own land so to avoid disruption of social order?
- ii) Whether the assurance given by the House Leader in the Committee is fulfilled in the remaining project?
- iii) Whether there is construction of an individual house within Aizawl City as in other districts?
- iv) What is the actual reason for failure to complete the project as per work scheduled? If the project remains uninitiated, it may be considered as invalid. How is the government plan to deal with this matter?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: –

Is there a plan to continue the works at the District Headquarters? If so, is there an intention to submit DPR?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Pu Speaker, my questions are: -

- i) Is there any plan during the previous ministry to revert allotment of 500 households for Lunglei District as there were many speculations?

- ii) Under EWS Housing Scheme, it is learned forest royalty is taken from some beneficiaries who collected their housing materials. May such people be exempted from forest royalty so that their problem relieved?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon'ble Minister to reply.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. Point raised by Pu Lalduhoma is true. However, the Central Government implemented BSUP with a determination to wipe-off slum habitation by setting up buildings for the homeless. Accordingly, we follow the same in taking up the project at Lawipu, Chite, Rangvamual and Durtlang. Since this scheme is criticized in the discussion of the House, the project is discontinued. However, on receiving many applications to occupy those completed, the department determines to apply for the fund once again under this scheme.

Next, the Central Government introduces a new scheme called RAY (Rajiv Awas Yajona). Under this scheme, we make pilot project which concern economically backward people so that they may be able to build or renovate their home within their own land. The fund has already been received since we are the first in the north-east states to apply for the scheme. The area covers the whole of Mizoram.

I think my fellow member Pu Lalduhoma misunderstood my point on the progress of work whereas 80% out of the total amount sanction i.e. 40% has already been utilized. As of the progress of work under this project, I would like to inform the House that the main contractors of the project are some companies of the central and were sold to sub-contractors within Mizoram. As we approach such companies to expedite the works, it is our fellow Mizo's sub-contractors who suffer the pressure of the government. If the progress of work remains unimproved, we have no other choice than terminate the project. Thus, it is kind of difficult to take such a harsh action knowing that our very own Mizo sub-contractors will suffer the result most as they have spent enough for purchase of contract work. It may as well be aware by the public concern not to involve in any sub-contract work which may be offered by some company from outside. Pu Speaker, we have been facing the same problem with the project at Rangvamual and Durtlang while Lawipu and Chite project are being resumed.

Regarding the question of Pu Joseph Lalhimpua, there was a proposal during the previous ministry for reversion of 500 households allotted to Lunglei district for other districts. However, as the ministry changed, concerned authority did not agree to make reversion but concentrated entirely for Lunglei.

The problem faced by the beneficiaries in collecting housing materials as stated by my fellow member is true so may be considered immediately. Pu Speaker, in regard to dealing of fund, it is released on installment basis so that the beneficiary may not face problems in collecting housing materials and the project is completed on time. As for the project at Kolasib, there was an escalation of price when releasing the fund as the cost of timber woods increases from ₹250/- to ₹600. In order to avoid this kind of incident, installment system is being applied so that timber woods are acquired at a reasonable cost.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that a careful system is maintained for releasing the fund to the beneficiaries. After a separate Bank Account is opened, the amount is deposited with approval of concerned Local Council/VC. Thanks to the effort made by concerned officials, we are able to execute the work at our level best and for the progress in India.

SPEAKER : Coming now to the next business, let us invite Pu K.Lalrinthanga to ask his starred question No.45.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state: -

What is the increase rate of fishpond after implementing NLUP? Does our production increase?

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister in-charge Pu R. Lalzirliana to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is:- After implementing NLUP, 1,447 more fishponds are being set up as our production also increases.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu K. Lalrinthanga and then Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: -

Is it a fact that the cost price of fishes produced in Mizoram is more expensive when it reaches Cachar? If so, which market is more profitable for the beneficiaries?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My supplementary questions are: -

- i) What is the total numbers of fishponds in Mizoram during the previous Ministry (district-wise)?
- ii) How much CSS fund is released to Fish-Fed?

- iii) Is there a problem in releasing the fund?
- iv) How many farms receive the CSS fund, who are they?

SPEAKER : Our time is up; however, we may call the Minister to reply.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. As Pu K. Lalrinthanga question is unclear, I cannot give a definite answer. In my opinion, our production will increase if income of fish-farmers is increased.

As of the question regarding the number of fishponds in the previous ministry, I do not know exactly. To answer the next question, the fund is released to Zo Fish Fed.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, how many farms received the Central Sponsor Scheme and who are they?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, my question is the rate.

SPEAKER : Yes, I know that and the minister himself should not be blamed for not being able to give a definite answer as your questions cover the whole of Mizoram. Our fellow member Pu P.C. Lalthanliana is absent today for the demise of his close friend at Lunglei.

Before we proceed to Financial Business, there is a correction to make in Demand for Grant 2013-2014, which we receive on last Friday. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to lay on the table the corrected version.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to apologize in regards to errors seen in the Budget we present on Friday. The department is doing their best to hand out to the members the correction of the budget. We ask the hon'ble members to understand for laying it on the table of the House as "A copy of the correction of scheduled of the Demand and Appropriation for the year 2013-2014 appear in page 1 & 2 in the Demand for Grant 2013-2014".

SPEAKER : Let the copy be handed out. Let us make correction in our respective copy of the budget. The department is willing to replace it and if it is ready, we will accept with thanks. It will be replaced during recess hour

Now, we will go to the Financial Business. I invite the Minister to submit Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2013-2014.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor and your consent I move additional grants for demands Nos. 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47, and 48 totaling ₹789,91,2,000/- for 2012-2013.

SPEAKER : We will take the demand one at a time. This demand does not call for discussion as it represents what we already used and does not concern the principle and policy matters. If we agree, the Minister may now move for passing the bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass the demands which has been laid totaling ₹789 crore, 91 lakh and 20 thousand.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree? If so, I declare that this House passes Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2012-2013 in concurrent.

The next business is regularization Supplementary Demand. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to submit to the House, Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and your permission, I submit to the vote of the House the following Additional Grant for Demands Nos. 8,9,20,29,30, and 33 totaling ₹39 crore, 3 lakh and 86 thousand for regularization of excess expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

SPEAKER : As practiced, this does not need voting as it comes from the recommendation of the PAC. Therefore, it is appropriate if you beg the house to pass it.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to pass the Additional Grants for Demands as mentioned for the year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 for regularization of excess expenditure.

SPEAKER : Now, those who agree to pass say, 'agree', if not, please say so. Now, this House agrees to pass the Supplementary Demand for Regularization of Excess Expenditure during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

Now, we have to pass the Appropriation Bill in order to use those Demands. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister to beg the House to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013".

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I move "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013" for consideration of this august House.

SPEAKER : The Minister begs for introduction. As we agreed, we may let him proceed.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013".

SPEAKER : The Minister begs the House to pass the bill. Let the copy be distributed as we already have passed the demand-wise.

Now, those who are in favour of passing "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013" may say 'agree' and those who are not, say, 'no'. As we all agreed, this House passed the "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2013" in concurrent.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I think there is a mistake in Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation. While the Assembly voted the figure 409.00, placing of the figure or typing is incorrect. If that is the case, the entire total will be incorrect. Likewise, in the schedule of the Demand of Soil & Water Conservation also is incorrect. While the number should be 55.00, it appears as 55. If that is the case, the total number 91.16 will become incorrect. I think it needs correction. Is there a way to make the correction right here?

SPEAKER : Does the Minister have anything to say?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, some mistake occurs while typing in a computer. I cannot locate each mistake instantly. However, if there is a mistake, it may be corrected right now.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it is in the Demand No.30, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, is it in 2008-2009?

SPEAKER : Yes, 2008-2009.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, column No.3, DM & R Department, the amount shown is 409.00 but the total is incorrect. In addition, in Demand No.33, Soil & Water Conservation, the correct placing of figure is 55.00, but it is shown as 55.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, let the members make correct in their respective copy and the department will present in the correct form.

SPEAKER : The total number remains the same as placing of the figure is slightly mistaken.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : There is nothing to confuse as it is just placing of the figure.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, what is more serious is mistake with the calculation as figure placing here is incorrect and should be detected immediately. Anyway, this is not an appropriate form of placing of rupees.

SPEAKER : Yes, we all seem to understand the point and this kind of mistake will not be repeated. Is it not the Appropriation Bill No.1 which should be taken up now? Bill No.2 is supposed to be done later. It is appreciative as the members seem to examine the pros and con of this the Bill as to pass or not.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : The Bill, 2013 has already been passed and what we have to discuss now is its regularization.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : With your kind permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill in this august House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be handed-off to the members. Provisions of the Bill shall be studied by members carefully. Now, let us call the Minister to beg the House to be passed it.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I beg the House to pass 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013'.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister has begged the House to passed 'The Mizoram Appropriation (N0.2) Bill, 2013'. The Bill will now be voted.
(The Bill is voted and passed).

Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now, we will have General Discussion of Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014. 10 minutes each will be allotted to the members and 15 minutes each to group leaders. Now, let us call upon Pu P.P. Thawla to take his time.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I am very happy for having the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the Annual Budget for the year 2013-2014 of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative assembly. At the same time, I congratulate the hon'ble Minister for being able to present full budget by year's ending.

First of all, what confuses me is our general practice of the long delay for filling up of posts vacated by retired government employees even though 40 years has passes since our statehood. I supposed it should be filled up automatically but it is not so. For example, a clerk of Zawngling High School who had died six years ago but the vacated post remains unfilled. If she was paid from non-plan fund, I supposed the vacant post should be filled up automatically.

Pu Speaker, numbers of Arms and Ammunitions were seized at the out skirt of Aizawl city by a joint-venture of the Assam Rifles and the Mizoram Narcotics Cell around. I opine staffs of Mizoram Narcotics Cell who were involved in the venture deserve promotion to higher rank. In this connection, Pu Speaker, it is learned that 5 persons kidnapped by an insurgency group of Tripura have not been released till today. What step has been taken so far by the government to rescue those kidnapped?

In regard to Health & Family Welfare Department, the building of our district hospital at Saiha has now becoming old as various wards, beds and latrines are useless. The hospital staffs frequently complain about the building whenever I visit the hospital as doctors and nurses there feels neglected in this hospital. It is noted that the project for construction of the building has already been submitted to the Central government of the former Ministry. Pu Speaker, unless the project is prioritized by the Chief Minister, I am afraid it is not achieved as 10 years has already been passed since submission of the project. What is the exact position of the project, Pu Speaker?

Pu Speaker, I once agreed with the statement of the ruling party that this ministry is an answer to the prayers of the people. But to see the government not functioning as expected and much complaint from the people for irregular supply of food grains and poor condition of roads, I am beginning to doubt what I believed. So, Pu Speaker, it is important for the government to give more efforts so as to meet expectation of the people.

Pu Speaker, we all have witnessed yesterday that one Party left the House during discussion of motion of thanks to the Governor's Speech on ground of selection of NLUP beneficiaries. In my opinion, NLUP is a good programme but there are many questions from the people as some deserved families are not selected to benefit NLUP whereas on the other hand, some selected beneficiaries are of family member of government servants. I believe one party is not willing to attend yesterday's discussion for this reason. Pu Speaker, it is further alleged that NLUP fund is not completely disbursed. I am afraid that it will only be continued during the election campaign. Since the people wish to have free and fair election, the said fund should not be used by the ruling party for their election campaign. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate the hon'ble Minister of Finance for presenting a favourable Budget. With the increase of budget framed by the Planning Commission, our budget increased by 8.87% which truly is appreciative. (Deputy Speaker at the Chair) I feel that the progress of our government is praiseworthy considering our poor status. Due to prioritization of investments by the state government, it is appreciated that we are awarded the best invested government among the small states of India. This truly is a remarkable achievement brought by our leaders.

During the last two years, the economic conditions of giant countries like USA, China and India declines which further affected many states. Even so, we are fortunate for not receiving the negative affect due to a wise fiscal management initiated by our leaders to achieve good governance. It is again truly appreciated as the economic survey of India highlighted the performance of our state government for the year 2011-12 which reaches 10.37% of GSDP while the aggregate increase rate of our country is 5% only.

In Power & Electricity, I opine members from the opposition have nothing much to say as Tuirial Hydel Project which has been renewed by the ministry headed by the present Chief Minister during 1996-1998 was again flatly abandoned by the next ministry formed by MNF/MPC party allegedly on ground of multiple land-holders. Otherwise, the project would have been commissioned in 2004. As such, I feel that some members have nothing much to say in regard to our shortage of power supply.

In regard to NLUP, I am happy to learn that our production of milk increases by 2,600 litres where as increase in the production of cash crops has also been witnessed during 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. As a result of implementation of NLUP, shifting cultivation is also decreased by 2,670 hectares where as our food production from WRC-1 and WRC-11 has also been increased. It is to be noted that our state received Krishi Karman award, 2011 which concern with outstanding performance in the production of food grains and individual crops of rice. For the sake of our efficient leaders, I am confident to say that this government is heading for more progresses in the field of cultivation.

For my last reference, Pu Deputy Speaker, one of the major projects being attached to NLUP is Agriculture & Allied Activities in which we receive ₹62 crore from RKVY periodically. The fund is used for construction of link road approaching lands which is found suitable for cultivation. It may be noted that roads constructed under NLUP and RKVY concern mainly of the farmers. So, I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give priority to the welfare of rural people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next, Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I appreciate the presentation of a full budget by the hon'ble Finance Minister even before a regular budget is finalized in the plan. If the government is keep going on with the budget on Vote on Account, it means that Annual Plan has not been finalized and development work could not be regularized. Having unspent funds at the end of financial year indicates failure of concerned department or the government and such problem will come to an end if regular Budget is presented. In fact, this presentation is truly appreciated.

Pu Deputy Speaker, this budget provision concern for families of grass-root level as so for the poor. We have learned from the speech of the Finance Minister that ₹226.76 crore is allocated for Agriculture & Allied Activities. Besides, ₹370 crore is allotted to NLUP, the flagship programme which is expected to be able to cover more than 1,30,000 families under NLUP.

Pu Deputy Speaker, ₹1,085 crore has already been received particularly for NLUP as the total amount received as Additional Central Assistance and CSS comes to ₹246.38. There is much speculations about the source of NLUP as of Prime Minister's Special package or else. In this regard, Pu Deputy Speaker, what is more important is if the fund actually reached the beneficiaries. It should be noted that beneficiaries across our state are rejoicing to receive

assistance from the government and that is enough. It is grateful as we are able to witness a successful outcome of NLUP. In milk production also, I am glad to hear that MULCO is now busy with disposal of production of milks which immensely increases since implementation of NLUP. We are truly fortunate to have leaders whose main concerns are of alleviation of economic condition of the poor. Again, under the leadership of an able Chief Minister, Workers Day is observed on the 14th January throughout the state which truly is a notable idea as awards were given to successful beneficiaries under NLUP.

I want to add that the community of Bru and the Chakma, as I visited their areas surprised me as they kneeled and begged me not to proceed to their villages as receiving NLUP fund is enough for them and that they assured I will win again in the upcoming General election.

In the budget document of 2013-2014, we have seen some new schemes such as Detailed Fund Released and Detailed Fund Transfer to Local Bodies under which ₹300 lakh is allotted to Sinlung Hill Development Council, ₹600 lakh to Lunglei High Power Committee, ₹500/- lakh each to 5 District Planning Committees and to each Autonomous District Council as per requirement. Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that this government is the government of equality and of transparency.

Regarding expenditure management, the government did it best to control expenditure by taking measure to reduce the administrative costs which enabled the government to save large amount of fund.

In Power & Electricity, the government is making an intensive effort for production of power supply such as Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 mw, the abandoned project and later renewed by the congress ministry. If things go as plan, we may be able to commission very shortly. I would like to inform the people through this August House that MNF Ministry is responsible for our shortage of power supply. If Tuirial Hydel Project had not been abandoned by MNF ministry, it was planned to be commissioned by 2004. Apart from this, various steps has been taken for achievement of the following projects: -

- 1) Tuivai, 210 megawatts (PPP Mode)
- 2) Lunrang, 815 megawatts
- 3) Chhimluang, 635 megawatts
- 4) Mat Power Project, 76 megawatts
- 5) Kolodyne Phase-II, 460 megawatts

Besides, the government has also taken step for production of power line of 132 KV at different places. As the hon'ble Chief Minister, in 2009 assured that self-sufficiency in power supply to be achieved after 7/8 years, intensive effort has been made by the government.

In Health & Family Welfare Department, It is truly appreciated that the project of Referral Hospital is renewed and now is being renovated for Aizawl Civil Hospital. Not only this, there is a plan to set up a Medical College in the vicinity of the Referral Hospital. If it is completed, it will be of a remarkable achievement for the State government. Besides, Pu Speaker, there is a plan for construction of Cancer Hospital for which DPR is under process.

In Sports & Youth Services Department, there is a proposal to set up world-class Sports infrastructure thanks to the efficiency of hon'ble minister for Sports. In the meantime, I have to express my appreciation to the step being taken to enable our talented youths participate in the coming Summer Olympics at Brazil. On the contrary, it is regretted to learn that budget provision to this department decreases from 2009-2010 to 2012-2013. I think that it is important to reconsider the case when revise estimate is made.

In short, I Support to pass the Demands which has been discussed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next, Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that the hon'ble Finance Minister truly deserve credit for being able to present full budget in the last portion of this term. Since it is a general discussion, I have to say a few points regarding financial performance of the government. Pu Deputy Speaker, our GSDP this year increases by a margin of 15% i.e. ₹8,091.86 crores as of last year was 15.74 %.

As it appears on the budget, our revenue receipt is going to be ₹5039.42 crores which is more than our previous budget by ₹242.94 crores. Our capital receipt is ₹413.01 crores which is also more than our previous capital receipt by ₹29 crores. The consolidated fund of the state is ₹5452.44 crores and the amount of increase from last year is ₹272.51 crores. I commend the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a clear and simple budget which, even the layman can easily comprehend. There are several panels for development such as Sinlung Hills Development Council, Lunglei High Power Committee and the 5 District Planning Boards consisting of Aizawl District Planning Committee, Kolasib, Champhai, Mamit and Serchhip District Planning Committee with a budget of ₹500 lakhs to share between them.

One of the most reliable yardsticks for measuring the efficiency of a government is its view on educational development and I believe this Ministry has given high priority to education, which is reflected on the budget allocation. The amount of ₹26927.92 lakhs has been set aside for the education sector and I am sure this will have a deep positive impact in the future ₹300297 lakhs will be received by the Medical and Public Health which will be extremely comforting for the general masses especially the rural areas.

₹370 crores has been allocated for further implementation of NLUP and I believe this is a great improvement because the people will now be able to say that they have a solid fund in the budget now. This is an inclusive budget and from the NLUP alone, many people will have a chance to better their welfare and livelihood. The increase in per capita income - ₹61731 from ₹38582, is profoundly pleasing as it reflects the progresses and advancements we have made during the previous years. I sincerely feel that this budget is prepared with the sole ambition of achieving universally encompassing development in the state, thank you.

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

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : I would like to begin by commending the Finance Department for their hard work and dedication to prepare a full and complete budget for the session. I am pleased by the reception of 'Best performing state on investment among small states' award and the Krishi Karman Award, 2011. This is a direct result of the dedication and efficiency of the department; they are truly worthy of praise.

There is mention of bamboo development in the speech and it appears that they are considering import of bamboo variety from abroad. If they are seriously inclined to act on this, I think it would be wise to test our soil beforehand and to restrict harvesting of bamboo shoots to a certain extent.

I would like to extol the decision of the government to provide direct allotment to the Sinlung Hill Development Council, Lunglei High Power Committee and the District Planning Committees. This is a great follow up on 'more power to the people' under a democracy and I am certain that we will see a positive result very soon.

I am also happy that the previous government did not abandon the project of establishment of Hospital at Falkawn. Now that we have taken up the construction, we are able to shift wards from the Civil Hospital gradually thereby mitigating the congested condition there.

The projects under SIPMIU promised to be very beneficial for the city since there is a proposal for construction of sewage system and sanitation. There are many sites where landslides and other natural calamities can be avoided if there is good drainage and sanitation system. It is my humble opinion that the level of works done by this Ministry and the previous Ministry is highly varied. I hope even the opposition are able to recognize and appreciate the progresses made by this Ministry, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short break and discussions will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 5 members have participated in the morning discussion. Let us now begin the afternoon session with Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I am pleased that the Budget has been translated to Mizo version and I hope the people of Mizoram will have a deeper insight into the budget as a result.

It is also pleasing that we have not used the vote on account system this time and I hope this will mean that our developmental projects will be able to continue unhindered. Looking at our GSDP and our fund allocation in the budget, we seem to have made tangible improvements in terms of our economy but at the same time, we are devoid of comforting developments in the field of agriculture since we do not have even 20% considering the funds we have received for agriculture and allied sectors.

The budget proposes work projects for several aspect of development which is satisfactory for the common people while the actual implementation might be completely different. I hope the government will ensure correct utilization of the fund so that all the people will harvest the result of these implementations instead of just a handful of powerful politicians.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanzara.

Pu LAL THANZARA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I think there are several instances to be thankful for in the budget presented by the hon'ble Finance Minister unfortunately, I will be unable to point out all of them due to lack of sufficient time. Our economy has grown considerably from the onset of this Ministry and it is indeed a huge

achievement to be able to decrease our debt from ₹85.58 crores in 2008 to ₹54.40 crores in 2012. At the same time, we have introduced the NLUP which promises to be a stepping stone to betterment for thousands of unprivileged people who has no avenue to rise from their wretched conditions otherwise.

There are still some people who try to expose failures of the government and they often use power and electricity as their basis of arguments. However, the reality is that we are one of the states with the most sufficient power in the North East. Newspapers and journals of the N.E are often replete with their lack of power and their resulting complaints, but we are among the few fortunate states.

We have also made several breakthroughs in sports and our exemplary achievements are highlighted not only in the local newspapers but the central papers as well. Finally, I am grateful that we now have a state planning commission to monitor and regulate our financial expenditures. This is a huge improvement and a notable step in the economic development of our state, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Lianzuala.

Pu K. LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker, I would like to commend the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting a full budget instead of vote on account in this session.

Due to the effort of this able Ministry, we have seen remarkable developments and progresses in all sectors of the economy and I believe the opposition has also realised and acknowledged this from their previous discussions.

We have now implemented the NLUP which is in truth, colossal machinery in elevating the wretched state of the poor. Under this scheme thousands of people are now able to find stable livelihoods and professions.

We have also heard of the efforts made by our leaders to construct a dependable power project. This is a long term project which literally means that it will continue to serves as a basis for criticism of the government. Whether we are in the ruling Ministry or in the opposition, It is imperative that we support the government in implementing its policy to garner true development in the state.

I am pleased that the MLA Fund is utilized fully by the members. This is an extremely important fund and I wish the amount could be raised in order to cater as per the requirements.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to mention some points regarding NLUP. We experience and see tremendous change in the field of horticulture and other areas due to NLUP and I applaud the Ministry for coming up with this project. Lastly, I appreciate and would like to congratulate the hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting the Mizoram Budget in our own language. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Firstly, I would like to applaud our hon'ble Finance Minister for providing us with quality budget. I would like to start with NLUP and the benefits that the people of Mizoram have received. As of today, 96,139 families are covered by NLUP.

Scholarship is provided to the students studying within and outside India and a sum of ₹34.46 lakhs have been added for the purpose of providing scholarships to students studying within Mizoram. Also, a sum of ₹35 lakhs is also added for overseas students.

In the Health Sector, NRHM has been lauded as the best health-care programme in India. Funds for Referral Hospital, repairing of medical equipments and for helping lower income families have been added.

Lastly, large amount of funds are set aside for projects under Local Area Development such as Special Area Programme and District Planning Committee. We are all aware of the contents of this Budget and would like to thank the hon'ble Minister for presenting us with this Budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I would like to thank the Leader of the House for recognizing the talent of our Finance Minister and also our hon'ble Finance Minister for presenting us with a Budget of this quality.

The current ministry has been working nonstop for the development of Mizoram such as the completion of Sawleng Sub-station and several other investments and projects such

as NLUP, RKVY. We are only at the beginning especially on NLUP which will be continued with a few improvements planned for the future.

Enough funds are allocated to Lunglei High Power Committee, Sinlung Development Council, and District Planning and to the various District Councils. I would like to end with the phrase that all these development projects and plans were possible due to the amazing leadership of our House Leader. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Liantlinga

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Those members who spoke before me are all very complimentary towards the current ministry and the Budget. However, I will instead provide constructive criticism towards the current ministry and the Budget.

Many of them have sung the praises of NLUP and I do agree to some extents. However, we must be careful in the sense that this might only be what we are looking forward to instead of working hard to earn money. There is no arguing that to some extents, this is free money given to the people to Mizoram.

We mention this Budget as full Budget even though information regarding the Plan Budget size and central assistant size is not known.

Regarding the accolade given to Mizoram by India Today as the Best performing State on investment, it might not be appropriate to mention this at a State Budget discussion as we do not know the criteria for their assessment and also this is an accolade given by only one newspaper and not by the government of India such as the Planning Commission.

A number of positive comments have been made regarding Education sector and I would like to mention that we still have a long way to go if we want the quality of our education to improve. Since we live in a mountainous area and do not have industrial production, education is our industry and we must do our best to make this possible. It is decided that the Scholarship Board should be made a full grown department but until now this has not been done. We must do more so that students do not face financial hardships. We should also revise our Education Rules to have better management with the best possible outcome.

Also, only 125 lakhs have been allocated to Sports & Youths Services which are for promotional activities, sports goods, infrastructure maintenance, for the District sports committee and for the State Level.

In Sports Council, funds allotment is less sufficient as in 2009-2010, ₹680 lakh, 2012-2013, ₹400 lakh and 2013-2014, ₹125 lakh despite the plan to send our youths to Rio De Janeiro to compete in the Olympic Games. I wonder from which fund such sports persons will be sent. I do not criticize development of infrastructure such as Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, Lammual or other Sports Complex but we have to consider who will benefit such materials if no sufficient fund is allotted for development of sports enthusiast youths. So, Pu Speaker, fund allocated to Youth Commission or Boards or Councils is less adequate to achieve the goal. So, step should be taken from grass-root level so as to attain development.

In NLUP, I am happy to learn that we have been making some sorts of achievement. But in broom production, royalty of ₹7 is imposed which in my opinion is untimely. Anyhow, royalty should be imposed by Trade & Commerce Department if it concern for trade.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I also want to inform the House that boundary of some village council needs a clear-cut demarcation such as land-holdings of West Serzawl village council which crosses inter-district boundary. Pu Speaker, it is learned that there are 29 Nos. of periodic patta within the rubber plantation of west of Tlawng river being purchased by some officers and well-to-do persons obviously for want of compensation knowing that railways will pass through such areas. So, I suggest any land settlement within the area should be examined appropriately otherwise, NLUP, the flagship programme of this ministry will be affected.

Lastly, may concerned minister inform the House, the CD ratio as well as Deposit ratio of 17 Banks which are functioning in Mizoram? Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : It will be much appreciated if immediate action is taken by the Revenue Department. Now, let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I appreciate financial management of the government under this ministry. According to the Planning Commission, growth rate of our budget during 2002-2007 was 5.1% where as in 2007-2012, the rate increases by 8.87% which indicates financial management of the government under this ministry is more efficient than that of the previous.

Point No.7 further indicates a remarkable growth rate of Mizoram as per Economic Survey, 2011-2013 which happened to be 10.7% while the same for the country as a whole is 5%. Thus, our Finance Minister truly deserves credits for this remarkable performance of the government.

Besides, as shown in Point No.33, the Consolidated Fund of the State received by the government happened to be ₹5254.44 crore whereas the same during 2012-2103 was ₹5179 crore indicating increase of growth rate by 5.26%. Hence, performance of our government is truly appreciative.

Again, as shown in Point No.38, it is truly appreciated that the government implemented Defined Contributory Pension Scheme as a measure for reduction of government expenditure on pension.

I also want to express my appreciation to the government for making a wise decision for shifting of Civil Hospital to Referral Hospital of Falkawn thereby setting up a Medical College in the premises.

Also, introduction of a permanent land use system of NLUP as a replacement of shifting cultivation truly is a remarkable approach made by the government. We now have a prospect for increase of our agricultural product thanks to the efficiency of the government.

In regard to Hydel Project, it is appreciated that the government signed MoU for production of 2120 MW. Apart from this, we have Tuirial hydel project which is expected to produce 60 MW. In this connection, I want to express my regret that the opposition party by taking advantage of irregular power supply organized a demonstration and distribute candles to the public. Pu speaker, they should clearly think of the reason for the delay of Tuirial hydel project which has been abandoned during the previous ministry due to the existence of bogus land settlement in the area for want of compensation.

Lastly, I express my appreciation to the government for implementing Special Area Programme. For this reason, Lunglei High Power Committee which hardly had fund provision for development in the previous years has now received ₹600 lakhs with additional fund of ₹3,000 lakhs as SHDC received ₹300 lakhs and Planning Committees of 5 Districts received ₹500 lakhs with additional fund of ₹1,000 lakhs each. At the same time, I would like to request concerned authority to determine fund provision for the salary of lecturers and staff of Kamalanagar College and Aizawl Law College who have not been paid many months obviously due to mistake made by the Education Department. It is regretted to learn that this further result in deduction of funds allotment to five districts. So, it is important for concerned officials to be more careful in dealing with such kinds of fund. Thank you, Pu Chairman. (Pu Lalthansanga at the Speaker's Chair)

CHAIRMAN : Let us call upon Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I, first of all, would like to express my appreciation to the government particularly to the hon'ble Minister for Finance and his official staff for having achieved a favorable budget statement. This achievement indicates efficiency of this ministry headed by the hon'ble Chief Minister. As known to us, good governance is measure by the criteria of maintenance of GSDP. The world economy faced recession two years back as so by India with decrease of GSDP by 5%. However, GSDP of Mizoram is 10.37% which indicates the actual progress of our economy is safe under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister as well as Finance Minister.

Increase of our plan fund during 2/3 years by ₹2,300 crores has won confidence of the Central Government. On the contrary, I would like to point out that the fixed position of the former ministry was quite poor with increase of our fiscal deficit. But with the efforts made by the leaders of this ministry by following the Central Guidelines of Fiscal Correction Path, a remarkable recovery has been and in return, we are able to receive budget allotment of ₹200 crore for recovery of debt. In short, the fiscal management of this ministry is good enough.

At the same time, the Central as well as the government of Mizoram are quite concern for the system of subsidy which brought us financial problems. In order to alleviate the problem, we have seen here in the budget book plan for improvement of the public distribution system thanks to the efficiency of the government.

Pu Speaker, I want to emphasize that this government truly concerns for the welfare of the three Autonomous District Councils as well as their future as plan fund to that respect is being increased by this ministry.

Pu Speaker, it is known to us that Health Minister stands on behalf of the government in dealing with health of each individual. Keeping in mind of this important role, health care scheme is being implemented for public concern. In the meantime, it is regretted to learn that the majority do not clearly understand RSBY scheme for which awareness should be given more as a whole.

In Urban Development, I would like to point out that efforts made by concerned Minister is truly praiseworthy but the need to point out the weakness of the previous ministry is regretted. As known to us all, the former ministry did not like to declare Lawngtlai as township despite it is a major town. As a result, Lawngtlai did not receive any fund under EWS while other district quarters received it. So, I am deeply grateful to receive assurance from the hon'ble

Minister to include Lawngtlai in the aforementioned scheme.

In NLUP, I am proud to mention that Food & Agriculture Organization of UNO has offered its support to NLUP, our flagship programme. In pursuance of its support, exit protocol has even been conducted. Hence, it is important for the people as well to understand which party is truly concern for the progress of Mizoram as the next General Election is drawing near. In some previous ministries, the government laid the blame on the people concern if any policy is failed. So, I want the people to know that NLUP is a policy which truly concern welfare of the people as a whole.

In Sports & Youths Services Department, it is not necessary to point out each and every progress of sports infrastructure in our state. The former ministry developed fields and indoor stadium which were useless as of Lawngtlai and Zobawk. But now, we are fortunate that our playgrounds and stadiums are upgraded to world class. It is, therefore important for sports enthusiast youths to appreciate achievement made by this government. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Hon'ble members, our business for today is done. The House will be assembled again tomorrow at 10:30 p.m.

(Sitting adjourned at 10:30 p.m)