

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2013

(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

2. **Pu LALTHANSANGA**, to present to the House the Fifth Report of the Committee on Government Assurances, 2012-2013.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

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

3. General Discussion on the Annual Budget for the year 2013- 2014(to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

We will take Starred Question No.61 and invite Pu T.T.Zothansanga to ask.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Tourism Department be pleased to state –

- a) How many Tourist Lodges are constructed during this Ministry and how many are being equipped?
- b) Whether there is an intention to hand over Tourist Lodges to private company?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister for Tourism Department, Pu S.Hiato to give the answer.

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

- a) Number of Tourist Lodges constructed during this ministry are as follow: - Sialsuk, Aibawk, Darlawn, Khanpui, Thingsulthliah, Zawlnuam, Chakhang, Niawhtlang, Berawtlang, Bungtlang South, Chhumkhum, Phura, Longmasu, New Latawh, Maubawk 'L', Serkawr, Zawngling, Aizawl and Serlui'B' lake.
- b) Number of Tourist Lodges being equipped are: - Saichhoh, Thenzawl, Durtlang, Sakawrdai, Kanghmun, West Phaileng, Lengpui, Chawngte, Tawipui South, Serchhip, Reiek and Berawtlang. Projects funded by the Ministry of Tourism are: - Rural Tourism, Thenzawl; Rural Toursim, Lungtian; Tourist Lodge, Khawzawl; Tourist Destination, Demagiri (Tlabung).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga, Pu John Siamkunga, Pu K.Liantlianga and Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are: –

- 1) What is the total cost of fund for equipment of Tourist Lodge at Champhai? What is the expected date of completion? A year has passed since the date of completion. May the Minister clarify the reason for the delay?
- 2) Who are those experts from Sikkim? Whether do we have such kind of expert in Mizoram?
- 3) If enough revenue is collected from our Tourist Lodges?

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu K. Liantlinga and then Pu John Siamkunga.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. May the concerned minister give number of post being created from Chowkidar to higher level or grade and what step has been taken so far for improvement of the department?

**Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA** : Pu Speaker, it is obvious from the answer given by the hob'ble Minister that Tourist Lodge at South Vanlaiphai and Darzo are completed but not yet commission. What is the reason?

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, We have the Mizoram Tourism Development Authority with budget provision of more than ₹1,000 lakh. I want to know whether it is meant to be shared with the Directorate. Generally, the project is taken up by the authority itself instead of handing it over to PWD. May the concerned minister explain the system and the detail work programme? In addition, it seems that all the members are the officials. If this is the case, I opine the fund could easily be misappropriated. Is there a way to include outsiders who are interested in Tourism? Regarding Privatization, what step has been taken so far for its implementation? Are the land value and lease period and number of property being assessed?

**SPEAKER** : Let him answer first and we may continue with other supplementary questions as necessary.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, amount sanctioned for tourist lodge at Champhai and its surrounding areas are as follows: –

1) Champhai	-	₹ 270 lakh
2) Kawlkulh	-	₹ 141 lakh
3) Hringlangtlang	-	₹ 31 lakh
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>₹ 442 lakh</b>

For development of tourism, Pu P.K. Dong from Sikkim, an expert in tourism as well as an officer in Ministry of Tourism under the Government of India. Regarding revenue, it depends on the area. Although regular revenue is received from tourist Lodge at Lunglei, Saiha, Thenzawl and Champhai, we do not get enough from others.

Regarding the question of Pu Liantlinga, there are some staffs in Toursim department who has been working on M.R. basis for 25 years where as some nearly reach their

retirement. Knowing their situations, the hon'ble Chief Minister creates 34 new for regularization of such staffs. We truly are thankful to him as we are taking step for improvement.

It is true that constructed of tourist lodge at Vanlaiphai and Darzo along with N.Vanlaiphai, Bualpui NG, Sakawrdaia and Darlawn are completed. However, we are not satisfied with the work done by the PWD as some roofs are leaked and we have to repair them first. We may be able to open them after the repairing works are done.

On Pu Duha's question about Tourism Development Authority, it was established in 21.7.2008 prior to the directorate. It functions under the Chairmanship of the hon'ble Minister of Toursim, Secretary, Director, Joint Director, Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary and a representative from Tourism Department and Finance Department. Besides, a representative from Hotels Association and Tour Operator are also appointed with SE, PWD (Building) as the technical representative. The fund received is deposited in the following Banks such as: -

- 1) Axis Bank - ₹99 crore, 4 lakh 89,299 thousand (amount of interest, ₹87,20,79).
- 2) Vijaya Bank - ₹55 crore, 60,843 thousand (amount of interest, ₹12,12,42,768).

A Society is being set up to implement projects coming from Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India. To implement such projects, approach has been taken for engagement of some technical firms. Besides, some experts have also been engaged for promotion of Aero-sports in which sponsorship can also be made with permission of the Board for Promotion of Tourism.

Pu Duha further pointed out regarding slow progress of work on Tourist Lodge at Serlui 'B'. However, Pu Speaker, 80% of the work is being completed as we are hoping to inaugurate it in June. Apart from this, we have other work components at tourist lodge at Hmuifang, Reiek, Chaltlang, Berawtlang, Lengpui, and Tlangnuam and work progress is 80%. For projects within Aizawl, the Board selected Royal Engineering, Aizawl Prop. Er. K. Lalrimawia to take up the work and for Serlui 'B' Project, Lushai Engineering Pvt.Ltd. Prop. Michael C. Lalmuanpuia. The fund is being utilized accordingly and to make the most out of it. We engaged PWD to do the works so we cannot interfere in the supervision. However, their works standard is not to our expectation. Besides, the process of architectutral design is taking quite a long times which compels delay in work. As such, the work may be tendered with some restrictions in order to receive more competent applicants. Pu Speaker, thank you.

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

**Pu K. LIANZUALA** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: – Whether there is an intention to construct Tourist Lodge at Baktawng?

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, my question for time for completion of Tourist lodge at Champhai remains unanswered.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question regarding privatization also.

**SPEAKER** : Let the minister answer their questions first as they truly are interest in tourism department.

**Pu S. HIATO, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, too much questions are there and so easy to miss some. Regarding proposal of Tourist Lodge at Baktawng, it has already been approved but sanction could not be made as yet due to financial problem. Let us hope for the immediate sanction.

Regarding Privatization, it is also our wish to privatize tourism as soon as possible. Pu Speaker, the department is always in short of staff as we cannot improve the situations even though we have numbers of tourism enthusiast persons around. With a view to absord such persons, the government engaged Pu P.K. Dong from Sikkim to make evaluation and to prepare terms & conditions and after completion, tourism will then be privatized. Regarding construction of Champhai Tourist Lodge, I think the work is almost finished as we prepare to open it shortly.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will go to the next question. I invite the hon'ble member Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask his starred question No.62.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Department be pleased to state –

Whether an area of 100 acres of land at Damdai (Pangang zau) of Kolasib District being prepared for cultivation of Red Oil Palm in 2012?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu H. Liansailova to reply.

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

Yes, in 2012, cultivation of oil palm was taken up at Damdai (Pangang zau).

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu B. Lalthlengliana and then Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA** : Pu Speaker, who is the cultivator? Is cultivation was done at the expense of the owner of land? According to my knowledge, the cost of cultivation comes from Agriculture Department as concerned DAO supervised the work of cultivation. Is this a fact? How many owners and who are they?

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Lalduhoma.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, did the government aware of the problem brought by Godrej Company by demanding concerned red-oil palm cultivators to deliver the products at the main road which is quite a problem for some as there is no link road? As Red Oil is the only contract farming we have in our state, it is necessary that we provide them with appropriate link road. What is the government plan for construction of link road to Red Oil plantations?

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the Minister to reply.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, answer to the question of Pu B. Lalthlengliana is: –

51.82 hectares of land was cultivated in the area in question. The farmers are as follows: -

- 1) S. Khaia, Tuitha Veng
- 2) L. Tholiana, Rengtekawn
- 3) Parhangzuali, Rengtekawn
- 4) T.K. Thanga, Rengtekawn
- 5) Zamchhuana, Tuitha Veng
- 6) Hawlmanga, Tuitha Veng
- 7) Seikhawgina, College Veng
- 8) K. Sailiana, Tuitha Veng
- 9) Hmingmawia s/o S.K.Kama (L), Rengtekawn
- 10) Hemseia, Rengtekawn
- 11) Civilthanga, Rengtekawn
- 12) Tluanglianthanga, Tuitha Veng
- 13) Lalthanmawia, Hmar Veng
- 14) Zangura, Tuitha Veng
- 15) Liana, Tuitha Veng
- 16) Lalthangfala, Rengtekawn

- 17) C. Lalpiangthanga, Rengtekawn
- 18) Tuahmanga, Rengtekawn
- 19) Tuahtlingi, Rengtekawn
- 20) Seikhawthanga, Tuitha Veng
- 21) Remliana, Rengtekawn
- 22) Roluahpuia, Project Veng
- 23) Manga, Silchar Road
- 24) R.K. Vala, Venglai
- 25) Sanghminga, Venglai
- 26) Lalremsanga, Venglai
- 27) Ronghaka, Venglai
- 28) F. Rinkima, Venglai
- 29) B. Tluanga, Vengthar
- 30) Thianghlimi, Venglai
- 31) K.L. Hawmpuiliana, Venglai
- 32) Nicholas Lianzela, Tumpui
- 33) Rinsanga, Venglai
- 34) Tlangthanzauva, Venglai
- 35) Khawmpuiliana, Venglai
- 36) Lianzela, Tumpui
- 37) Rinsanga, Venglai
- 38) Tlangthanzauva, Venglai
- 39) Lalthianghlima, Salem Veng
- 40) Lalchharliana, Diakkawn

We provide them with seeds; however, being in a thick forest with no proper approach road, some wild boars and porcupines allegedly destroyed it. Investigation will soon be made.

Regarding hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma's question, we are working with Godrej Agravat Pvt.Ltd. since 2004 for contract farming. As mentioned, there were some problems in the beginning such as Mautam in 2007-2008 which discourages many farmers. However, we made fresh efforts as we now become successful. At present, 6000 hectares of land in Kolasib District is being covered by this cultivation. We urge Godrej to set up a factory they procured 3000/4000 quintals on the spot every year at the rate of ₹4.75/- as many hard-working planters are now becoming successful. Approach has been made to the central authority to sanction fund for construction of link road to that respect. Our Chief Minister has even explains our problems to the Union Minister as our land is not plain like in other States. As a result, we

are now able to enjoy RKVY Scheme-II to cover more plantations as survey has been made for construction of road.

Regarding the purchase rate, we have Zonal Committee to deal with the company and take care of the rate.

(..Interruption.....)

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my question is of the problem while the road is under construction. The company used to collect the product on the spot but now they demand the farmers to place it on the main road which creates intensive problems for the farmers.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker that is what I am saying. The Zonal Committee is instructed to deal the case with the company as to how problems of the farmers will be resolved. I supposed the process is in good term as nothing come to my notice till date.

(...interruption.....)

**Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA**: Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Minister missed my question as he has given the names of the farmers only but not my main question of cutting of land allegedly as per instruction of DAO Kolasib and funded by the Agriculture Department fund. Is this a fact? Obviously concerned DAO used the office fund but the Directorate is unable to fill up the expenditure and thus went to the DAO liabilities. May the minister make clarification in this regard?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, if the farmer want to cultivate land, there is fund for compensation under this scheme. However, if the DAO used fund available for cultivation, there is a way to recompense the expenditure. Pu Speaker, the DAO might have been involved in the case to put the cultivations in a compact area which happened to be the desire of the company. In addition, it must be noted that the central encourages plantation of oil palm to reconstruct our economy. Therefore, it is our intention to continue with the work started by the DAO so that his effort will not become in vain.

**SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask starred question No.63.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Trade & Commerce Department be pleased to state – Do we have Food Testing Laboratory?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to reply.



**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO :** Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.63, we do not have Food Testing Laboratory at present, yet we are planning to install one at Thenzawl very shortly.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary questions, first Pu T.T.Zothansanga and then Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA :** Pu Speaker, My first question is: - Is there a way to test if foods prepared by Hotel and Restaurant is clean? Secondly, what is our progress in solving the problems with ginger marketing before and after 2009? Thirdly, if we are going to have a Food Testing Laboratory, would it also be possible to test drinking water being sold in open market and make restriction by introducing license system?

**Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is – if we are going to have a Food Testing Laboratory, is it more appropriate to install it in Aizawl? Secondly, whether there is a difference in ginger rate in the previous and of this ministry?

**SPEAKER :** Let the minister reply as he can as some questions seem to concern PHE.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO, MINISTER :** Pu Speaker, regarding testing of foods, Trade & Commerce Department does not have instrument for such testing. We applied fund to set up the laboratory as it has now been approved. However, the machine is quite complicated and so requires some experts to handle it. With the guidance of expert from Health Department, we are able to perform some testing but not as yet on foods. Since testing of foods is not the purview of Trade & Commerce Department, we monitor it from Health Department as it concerns health. However, we have a testing instrument under RIPANS but the quality does not meet our demand.

Regarding the rate of ginger, we are fortunate that during this ministry the rate increases to ₹30-34/- per kg while in the past it does not even reach ₹8/- per kg. Regarding testing of supply of drinking water, we never do the testing since it is the purview of PHE department. The said Foods Testing Laboratory is decided to be installed at Thenzawl with a view to provide extensive coverage across Mizoram. Yet, we applied fund from NEC for another one for Aizawl and let us hope it is successful.

**SPEAKER :** Starred question No.64 is a clubbed question of four members. I may call Pu P.P.Thawla as his name is first in the list.

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Education Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether 55 vacant posts of H/S Headmaster and 27 of M/S Headmaster being filled-up?
- b) Out of teachers of High School provincialized in 1993, how many are promoted to Headmaster?
- c) If any, who are they and in which schools they were posted?
- d) Among the 55 Nos. of H/S identified as without Headmaster, how many cases are being resolved?
- e) Whether all the M.E. Schools in Mizoram are with its own Headmaster?
- f) When will the H/S, M/S, and P/S Schools without Headmaster be provided?
- g) When will Headmaster be given to Govt. H/S, Hortoki and Govt. Chalkunga H/S School?

**SPEAKER** : The hon'ble Minister, Pu Lalsawta to reply.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, my answer to the questions from four members are as follows: –

- a) The 55 vacant posts of H/S Headmaster in Mizoram have not yet been filled-up except 27 for M/S.
- b) As no H/S is provincialised in 1993, no promotion was made.
- c) Nil
- d) Answer to question (e) & (f), there is proposal to provide headmaster among the 55 H/S and also to M/S and P/S under the government of Mizoram as soon as possible.
- g) Headmaster will be provided as soon as financial concurrence is obtained.

**SPEAKER** : We will take supplementary question from Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte, Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu P.P. Thawla.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, my supplementary question is: –

When will the SSA teachers being attached in Aizawl be returned to their original post Tuirial and Kolasib?

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, to obtain the actual answer to the main question (b), may the hon'ble refers the case to H/S provincialization of 1992 as according to my knowledge, the year in question was 1992? In addition, the Central government favours us with funds for construction of school buildings, science laboratory and recruitment of teachers under RMSA. However, the State government does not execute the plan as intended as many weaker

students are made to appear in the examination from private schools. Is there a way to make one time relaxation to weaker students despite provided Rules?

Secondly, in Sialsuk and the surrounding villages, no school of Higher Secondary is found till date. Is there a way to place one?

**Pu P.P. THAWLA** : Pu Speaker, from the provincialised H/S teachers of 1994, is there any teacher being promoted to Headmaster?

**SPEAKER** : The concerned minister to reply.

**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE** : Pu Speaker, the last question should be read as Govt. Chalkunga H/S, Bukpui instead of Govt. Chaltlang H/S, Bualpui.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, before answering the questions, I want the members to know that the promotion pattern of Education Department is different from other departments. In any department, only a few staffs are promoted to higher grade but 20/30 teachers may get promotion at the same time in School Education Department. However, many problems arise due to negligence of some teachers to submit their ACR.

**SPEAKER** : Our time is over but the minister may finish his answer.

**Pu LALSAWTA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The problem arises especially when one promotion is due. Besides, one's promotion may also be delayed due to time taken for processing. In many cases, one is not willing to enjoy his promotion due to the condition of his family and a change of environment. However, we are planning to change the system in order to resolve the problems.

Regarding teachers under SSA, many of them abandoned their teaching for a better job. Where as some transfers were made on ground of illness or unavoidable circumstances. (**Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE**: Pu Speaker, is there a way to recruit a person from the locality?) In regard to provincialization of school, it is sometime confusing to deal with the problem as there are a couple of teachers in a particular school who are in line for promotion. When a school is provincialized, we cannot put the existing Headmaster at the same post as there are many who are more senior in service than him. Thus, we need to amend Recruitment Rules. According to the new entry, no one is qualified to hold the post of Headmaster. As of High School Headmaster, it is now under process and may be issued in the next academic session.

Regarding the problem of RMSA High School as pointed out by the member, it may be noted that school is opened in every available by space and as per the guidelines. However, in some places where there is the existing school, only few enrollments is there which brings us problems to maintain it regularly. Pu Speaker, it is true that no Higher Secondary School is there within Aizawl South-III and also in Kolasib District as in other regions. At present, we are able to run only 20 HSS while there are 199 H/S in Mizoram and many students are compelled to go to other places for higher education. Pu Speaker, we still suffer the result of upgradation of 337 schools in 2008 as such schools come up with 1800 teachers which is a burden for the department to have sufficient funds for their pay. As such, the Education Department is functioning with restrain under the government. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : We are using 11 extra minutes. Before we proceed to the next business, I invite Pu Lalthansanga, Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances to present to the House “Brief report of the Committee on Government Assurances 2012-2013” and may explain, if necessary.

**Pu LALTHANSANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our Report for today concerns assurances given in the House by the hon’ble ministers during the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Session dividing into four chapters. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter stated that the Committee is satisfied with the result. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter stated matters which need further follow-up. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter stated further recommendation in the implementation as it is found unsatisfactory. In addition, to submit to the Committee how they implement. The 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter comprises of assurances given by the ministers which the concern department does not reply yet. It is the Committee desire that each concern department submit implementation reports of the assurances immediately to Assembly.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and recommendation of the House, I present “5<sup>th</sup> Report of Committee on Government Assurances” to the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Now, we will go to financial business i.e. discussion on Annual Budget 2013-2014. 13 Members participated in the discussion yesterday and today is the last day for discussion. We will try to follow our timing and one member will have 10 minutes. Let us invite Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

**Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA** : Pu Speaker, first, I would like to convey my thanks to the hon’ble Chief Minister and Finance Minister for giving us full budget before the Planning Commission has a definite plan for our budget. I also thank the concerned department for their hard works and dedication.

Pu Speaker, we have seen many improvements in development works as we see increase of our Annual Plan Fund. It is also grateful that we are expecting increase of our growth rate in spite of the expectation in the national level. One of the most reputed Newspapers in the Country 'India Today' has even select Mizoram as the best state in investments. In regards to conservation of fiscal responsibility, I am thankful that we are giving enough important to fiscal sustainability as plan being made to provide scholarship to the students in order to develop our educational system.

Pu Speaker, we are also improving in data recording. As the hon'ble House Leader has reiterated, we need to maintain appropriate and uniform statistic in order to have a smooth operation in Planning. It is improper for a department to use a data recording which is different from other departments. As such, it is imperative for concerned authority to prepare appropriate and uniform Statistic Index and Baseline Survey of village level in order to achieve development.

It is thankful to learn from the minister that 10% lump sum provision for North Eastern Region is strongly follow up as there is a proposal to provide fund provision to the District headquarters and major towns also. At the same time, it is truly appreciated that the central government provided funds for construction of road which will link Tidim, Falam, Rih and Kalymiau for development of border trade. While this is the case, I request the government not to neglect improvement of trade route to Bangladesh which existed since the time of our ancestors.

Much as well, our achievement with performance monitoring and transparency in government administration is truly appreciated. We now have a plan to implement RFD under PMEF in 40 departments. It is also appreciated that the State Finance Commission is now fully function.

Regarding P & E Department, it is grateful to learn that step has been taken to develop power energy by setting up more power plants and hydel powers.

Many of us pointed out regarding NLUP as some believes that this programme will never be implemented in this ministry. But we now can see in reality, thanks to the effort of our leaders.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful for step taken under the Special Area Programme. In order to promote Decentralization of Powers, the government makes necessary plan which happened to be the desire of the Central Government. Now, we have District Planning

Committee with fund provision of ₹500 lakh in respect to Lunglei High Power Committee. As soon as a full budget is passed by the House, we will have more funds for development works. Pu Speaker, to add few words in regard to Lunglei High Power Committee, it was started in 6<sup>th</sup> September, 1990 as today, it turns 23 years. This ministry, within its four years tenure gives us ₹32 crore. Since the time of our ancestors, we were a tribe having our very own system of administration. As we came under the British rule, we were governed as the South Lushai Hills under the Gov't of Bengal from 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, the North and South Lushai Hills were later combined as Lushai Hills District. Since then, Lunglei District gradually deteriorated in all respects. On learning the situation, the hon'ble House Leader agreed to set up a separate Committee in 1990 as we are now enjoying the benefits. Under the initiative of our House Leader, we have submitted to the Prime Minister Office, a project known as Special Development Initiative for Lunglei District amounting to ₹104 crore. Now, the government is no longer turns its back on Lunglei District. But instead, we are given important as development covers the whole area. Many infrastructures are buildings are seen as we push ourselves forwards to attain more progresses. On behalf of the people of Lunglei, I extend my appreciation to the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Finance Minister for giving special attention to our concerns. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu Nirupam Chakma.

**Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to mention about Chawngte District Treasury Office. This office was inaugurated 33 years ago but remains without functioning until the hon'ble Finance Minister opened it recently. I convey my thanks on behalf of the people of CADDC as it is now put into function.

We are fortunate as the hon'ble Health Minister has recently inaugurated PHC (Primary Health Centre) at Borapansury which also remains without functioning. But now it functions properly with the help of the CADDC and the State Government.

In regard to NLUP, Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that we are expecting the government to distribute the second phase of first installment. It would be much appreciated if the first installment is distributed to the beneficiaries regardless of which party they belongs. As the Election Commission prohibits distribution of cash assistance prior to election, it is expected as soon as election is concluded.

Pu Speaker, I want to mention regarding Law College. We have two Law Colleges in Mizoram which remains at deficit status such as Mizoram Law College and Kalamanager Law College. The government has to give 10% contributory fund share only to the Deficit College but not the Government College which means an extra-fund has to be spent. If

these two colleges are provincialized, problem of fund provision for the same will be resolved. At the same time, it will provide some benefits for teaching and non-teaching staffs. As such, I request the hon'ble Minister to make initiative and urge the government to consider the case.

In regard to NLUP, Pu Speaker, the government targeted to cover 1,50,000 households. I am happy to learn that the policy will cover not only the supporters of congress party but also of others. We must therefore stop criticizing the policy for it is a programme for all. If we want benefit NLUP continuously, we must support the Congress party.

Lastly, I want to mention regarding RSBY of Mizoram Health Care Scheme. I am glad that the request for extension of time for registration in my constituency is fulfilled as there are many who fail to register themselves on time. I also appreciate the Finance Minister Budget speech regarding result framework for strengthening the government. The Central Government on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 introduced Performance Monitoring & Evaluation System for every department to follow in order to know their performances. Under PMES, every department should keep a record of their result framework and objectives of the department for one year. As the Government of Mizoram adopts this policy, I opine orientation course training to the department officials and MLAs is imperative. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : If the Leader gives permission, the hon'ble member is intending to contest in the coming CADC election. Let us hope that we will see him back after serving 5 years at CADC. Now, let us call Pu C. Ramhluna.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, I think it is inappropriate to have a full Budget discussion today. Under Articles 202, 206 and 207, this kind of discussion has never been practiced before receiving full budget funds. Even if it is passed by the House on Vote on Account, the Planning Commission does not make allocation to that effect. It is somewhat difficult to understand the whole process. If we look into this financial statement, the amount remains the same which indicates that we have to approach the Planning Commission first in order to know how much we are going to receive. As such, it is not easy to discuss of how much we wish to receive. If it is passed on vote on account, it will be different. Besides, if we look into Demand for Grant, allotment of budget to 34 departments decreases while 4 departments are unchanged. It appears that we put the whole amount in the hand of the Planning & Programme Implementation Department.

I have to clarify few points seen in the Annual Financial Statement. In taxes on vehicles, the government collected ₹ 2,317.93 last year while estimate collection for this year is ₹ 2,051 only. Is this difference because of not having a full budget? Besides, ₹ 200 crore is put

for Special Plan Assistance for Road Development this year. If I am not wrong, the Finance Ministry does not approve this even though the Planning Commission approved on condition. May the situation be clarified, Pu Speaker? Is the amount already sanctioned? Apart from this case, this House has a Contingency Fund of ₹ 200 crore last year but nothing is seen for this year. What is the reason? It is known by all the members that this fund provision is greatly benefitted as we can recover our inflexibility by borrowing from the Contingency Fund.

Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine clarification is necessary in regard to receipt budget as the amount decreases immensely only after one revision. While this is the case, why did we put ₹ 26,600 in the budget this year? Regarding Devaluation of Central Taxes & Duties, ₹ 8,100 lakh and ₹ 81,371 is placed against last year and ₹ 79,265 were reflected in the revise estimate. We are now in March and is time to receive the amount. While this is the case, ₹ 935.66 crore is reflected in the budget estimate which I opine as too much for this wee of time. Besides, on entertainment tax last year, our income is ₹59 lakh as for this year we estimate the same amount. Besides, while an amount of ₹ 74 lakh should be shown after passing the act, only ₹ 59 lakh is reflected. The amounts do not seem tally considering our statement and our action.

Pu Speaker, coming now to our employment status, handed out booklet of Salary & Employment indicates 52107 Nos. of sanction post. If we examine carefully, there are 52,134 posts in Group A, B, C and D out of which 44,819 posts being fill-up and 7,315 posts vacant. At the same time, there are number of sanction posts in the three District Councils as most of them are over-staffed. Out of the total number of 8,578 posts, 6,182 posts being fill-up and 2,390 posts vacant which I opine as burdensome for concerned Autonomous District Council. It is imperative that the case be examined immediately.

Regarding plan increment, the increase rate in 2005-2006 was 11% and in 2008-2009, 17.65%. This year, we have 33.3% but by deducting NLUP fund, the increase rate becomes 13.3%. As the new ministry came into power in 2008-2009, our GDP rate was 8.97% but now it reaches 10% which may be thankful in certain ways. However, if we determine the increase rate from Plan Budget of 2008-2009, it is 1 and a half percent only. If this is the growth rate of our GSDP, the increase rate of our Plan Budget will be more meaningful. Besides, Service Sector contributes 60%, Industry 22% and Agriculture 18%. Since Industry and Agriculture Sector are of the NLUP, its contribution is 40% and the rest 60% belongs to Transport, Storage, Trade, Hotels & Restaurants and of the government servants etc. We should maintain our growth rate as we need stability. Pu Speaker, we have to give more efforts so as to maintain a regular growth rate. Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me an extra time.



**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalrinawma.

**Pu R. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. As we are discussing the last Budget of this ministry, I am thankful that during this ministry, no unpleasant incident occurs in our state despite insinuation from the opposition bench. Pu Speaker, there are many reasons to thank for this ministry as already pointed out by fellow members.

During 2012-2013, the increase rate of our Annual Plan is 2,300 crore. Comparing with the previous years, it increases by 35.29% which happened to be the highest growth of the Annual Plan since our Statehood. I am very thankful for that as so other members should. On the other hands, it is sad as some members are willing to give up NLUP which happened to be the main source of income to many families. According to the report of the Planning Commission, the growth of our GSDP in 2002-2003 was 5.1% as it becomes 8.87% during 2007-2012. The growth rate of our country is 5% only whereas our state reaches 10.37% which put us up on a pedestal as the Best in investment among all small states. Moreover, Pu Speaker, the growth rate of our GSDP for 2012-2013 indicates 15.74% thanks to the efforts of the hon'ble leaders.

We used to have a discussion on Vote on Account. However, thanks to the decision of the Planning Commission on flexibility of our budget, a full budget session will also be held. Since the delay of a full budget usually entails problems to developmental works, we need to have this kind of session so that we may be able take initiative on any development work. At the same time, I am thankful that we are going to have a definite plan for plan expenditure as all the departments will have to determine their expenditure for a year. It is a fact that we are not a self-sufficient State whereas expenditure of most of the departments is exorbitantly high. We should make some efforts to reduce our expenditure gradually by means of giving up the practice of wasting papers and minimize the volume of the requirement of stationery goods etc.

On development of sports, it is much appreciated as intensive efforts are being made so as to promote our youths by building infrastructures in different disciplines. Vision 2016 has even been introduced so that we may be able to produce from our state many qualified participants in the upcoming Rio De Janeiro's Summer Olympic 2016.

We all are aware of how congested the Civil Hospital becomes. The government therefore renovates the Referral Hospital so as to accommodate various sections of the Hospital. It is also thankful that there is a proposal to set up a Medical College in the vicinity. It is truly

appreciative as we are able to observe Labour Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. As we have listened from the Budget Speech, intensive steps have been taken for improvement of our economy thanks to the efficiency of our leaders in this ministry. It is hopeful that all the departments will make improvement with introduction of Result Framework Document from the coming financial year so that aims and objectives of a particular department will then be transparent.

Pu Speaker, we all seems to know how funds sanctioned for Police Modernization Scheme was misappropriated in the previous ministry. It is regretted to learn that in the same manner, large amount of funds for electrification of rural areas under RGGVY has also been misused. However, this ministry ensure the success of any scheme, may be of NREG or RGGVY as we have now collected the revenue surplus of 81.81. It is truly appreciated to learn that with implementation of the Industrial Policy 2012, improvement is seen under Industries as stated in the budget speech.

Even though there are many things to mention, I wil conclude my speech here as our time is limited. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

**Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE** : Pu Speaker, I first of all would like to bring up once again, the message of Dr. Rothuama, our Ex M.P. He asked us not to belittle ourselves as we are highly regarded by the neighboring State like Nagaland. He wants us to remember that we can improve our economic condition and move towards progress. From the light of this message and of our Finance Minister speech on various departments, it is clear that we always have a bright future to improve ourselves and our economic conditions. As such, we have to appreciate each other instead of condemning the performances of others.

Pu Speaker, the topic of NLUP may be irritative to some people as it is commonly heard since long before the election. As I have previously stated, the Secretary General, D.S. Rawat of the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industries of India, on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 sent a letter to the previous Chief Minister. The letter concerns Agriculture in India and his ideal agenda for the newly UPA-II and for the State Government. In page 8 of his letter, he indicated short term, medium term and long term agendas and the reason for failure of agriculture in the Country despite engagement of 60% of the people on agriculture and the production happened to be barely 25%. He therefore emphasizes the needs to change the system for a more productive line. He further stated the need to urge the farmers to make an alternative occupation to improve his income. This is exactly what the hon'ble Chief Minister and his party manifested in the election of 2006 – 2007 and is now being introduced.

In Mizoram, number of manual labourers is recorded as 120,000. However, the number increases after introduction of NLUP at 141,001. This indicates that 80,000 families will not be covered under NLUP. From the speech of our Finance Minister, we can see that 60% manual labourers produce only 18.68% of our GSDP. Therefore, it is clear that our economic condition is not good enough. Thank you.

**Pu B. LALTHENGLIANA :** Pu Speaker, in the allocation of the budget, only Planning Department is able to maintain the previous amount of budget despite the expectation of the hon'ble Finance Minister an increase at least by 10% to each department. As such, it is obvious that requirement of most of the departments will not be met. I, therefore opine special consideration should be given at least to the departments such as School Education, Higher Education and Sports Department for it concern the future of our children. I supposed requirements of the departments such as Home, Medical, Agriculture and Horticulture could be met from NLUP. At the same time, I request the hon'ble Minister to prioritize the release of mounting TA/DA under Home Department.

In remote areas like my constituency, Pu Speaker, the service of Medical Officers or medical facilities could not be availed regularly which often result in loss of life. Since only one post of doctor out of 4 Nos. vacancies within my constituency is being filled up, I earnestly request concerned minister to consider filling up of the remaining vacant posts as we have already lost many life.

From the review made by the hon'ble Minister for the year 2010 – 2013, it is obvious that the development on the Agriculture & Allied activities is quite insignificant. Whereas the area of cultivable land decreases immensely as 25,826 in 2011 – 2012 and 23,150 in 2012 – 2013, the amount of harvest on the other hand also increases hugely. I fail to understand the situation or a wrong record might have been produced in this regard. I opine there is something which remains unexposed.

Pu Speaker, I opine the budget amount allocated for High Power of various districts is less adequate and should therefore be increased to obtain more progresses in each division. As we discuss about compensation on Ramrikawn - Sihhmui road, I opine we will never be free from the practice of corruption unless immediate action is taken against those officials who are trying to make personal benefits out of it.

Regarding NLUP, had been implemented according to guidelines and regulations, it may succeed. But the monitoring committee established by the government could not even function for a week and another monitoring committee was again established from party workers

meaning the monitoring is unjust. Besides, most of the beneficiaries do not utilize the fund as it should be as they purchase household materials such as T.V, Fridge, vehicles etc. In the meantime, there are some beneficiaries who have chosen trade they already have just to benefit NLUP funds. I am not against this flagship programme but the implementing system which needs improvements otherwise it will not be successful.

**SPEAKER** : We will have a recess now and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

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

**Pu K.S. THANGA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. In the development of sports, Agriculture and road communications, a remarkable achievement have been made under this ministry which placed Mizoram ahead of the remaining North-east states. Apart from these, MoU concerning improvement of Hydel project is signed which will enable us produce 1700 megawatts power supply. We also have ongoing projects for production of hydro-electric project amounting to 60 megawatts such as Tlawva project 5 megawatts and Kolodyne Phase-II 460 megawatts where as International tender has also been floated for Tuivai Hydel Project.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding supply of essential commodities, I would like to stress the need to improve supply of rice. Since no improvement had been made by the former ministry on agriculture, we depend on the supply from FCI, amounting to 80,000 quintals per month. Since no extra fund is allotted in the budget, we are compelled to pull it from development funds. However, intensive effort has been made by the government to maintain the situation as it is hopeful a positive outcome is seen very shortly.

Pu Deputy Speaker, with the initiative of the hon'ble Chief minister, the process for setting up of our own Medical College is in progress where as various improvements are seen in the field of Sports, Power Supply and in the implementation of Laws etc. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is much appreciated to learn that an amount of ₹15 crores is being sanctioned for the on-going project of power supply for the area of Champhai and Keifang. To expedite the work, our Engineers are doing their best as we are anxiously waiting for the companies to start their share of work. We are also grateful for the plan to set up 133 KV Sub-Station at Champhai.

At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, We are happy to know that ₹711 crores has been sanctioned for construction of Rihdil to Kalaymyo road and to expand our trade relation with Myanmar, we have a prospect to include Hnahlan and Zote the area which is believed to be quite convenient for the purpose.

Under Horticulture Sector, plans have been made for improvement of anthurium plantation as necessary equipments are made available on subsidized rate of 50%. Likewise, it will be much appreciated if equipments for plantation of grapes is issued on subsidized rate since 400/500 families within my constituency are engage in that occupation.

Under Agriculture Sector, I would like to inform concerned minister that the there is a vast area of suitable land for agricultural development in Champhai and is expected to be able to contribute a great deal for development of our state.

At the same time, under urbanization scheme, people living in rural areas are moving into the nearest urban town thanks to the initiative of the hon'ble minister of UD & PA. However, considering financial involvement, the outcome is less satisfactory. So, in areas like Champhai, I suggest concerned authority entrusted E.E. to expedite the process.

Pu Deputy Speaker, in the meantime, I would like the hon'ble to note that we have been producing numbers of excellent players from Champhai district where as great progress is seen in Sports. So, it is appreciative if step is taken to promote such players.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I would also like to stress the need for us all to prevent our tribe from assimilation which may brought by the practice of making personal benefit out of political power. In order to do so, we have to prevent ourselves from such practices as from illegal immigrants from outside. It is absolutely our responsibility to save Mizoram and we must all do our parts. With that, I will conclude by stating my support to the speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Selthuama.

**Pu R. SELTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all express my appreciation to an immense progress seen under the leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla and our Finance Minister, Pu H. Liansailova. Our economic growth rate increases during 2007 to 2012 by 8.87% and we have even been honored with the Best Performance Award on Investment among small States." From the increasing percentage of the annual plan in

which was 35.29 % last year, it is obvious that the Central Government has given trust in the administration of our government. The economic growth rate for the year 2012 – 2013 was estimated as 10.37% while the growth rate of India was 5%. So, I think our leaders truly deserve credit for this outstanding achievement.

The opposition members claimed the provision for NLUP as being spent for the annual plan. Pu Deputy Speaker, how could we spend the fund specially sanctioned for NLUP where as this flagship programme is intended for upliftment the poor? It is sad that we have been framed as if having no heart for the under privileged. In this connection, we must all aware that the people are living peacefully under the leadership of our hon'ble Chief Minister.

From the speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister, we have learned that Hydro-Electric Project has been initiated at Tuivamit 210 megawatts, Lungreng Hydro-Electric Project 815 megawatt, Chhimtuipui 635 megawatts, Kolodyne Phase-II 460 megawatts the total amounting to 2,120 megawatts. After the completion of all these projects, we will be able to 12% which is determined as 250 megawatts out of which 120 megawatts for local consumption and the remaining 130 megawatts to be sold out for our income generation.

Under Agriculture and Allied Activities, the hon'ble minister made a bold announcement that it will be a year of multiple harvests as he is determined to make it happen. In the process, the department gives out equipments like tractors and tillers on subsided rate as the department is being awarded Krishi Karman Award 2011.

Most of the opposition members criticized NLUP by claiming that the beneficiaries as being selected on party basis in which Congress party members as being prioritized in the selection. Pu Deputy Speaker, I must say that they might have been misinformed as I have a proof from my constituency that 186 Nos. of non-congress party families are included in the list. Even those unsuccessful beneficiaries from the 90's too are now making their best efforts to be successful this time. I request my fellow members to encourage and give our support to each beneficiary within our respective constituency as this scheme will directly affect the economy of our State. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

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

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, as we come to the end of the last budget session of this term, I would like to express that I am deeply mourned for the untimely demise of our hon'ble fellow member. At the same time, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate your

impartial conduct of this session as the hon'ble House Leader for taking our ideas into account as we play the role of constructive opposition.

It is gratifying to have new appointments such as recruitment of doctors just before the election as in the former ministry without considering financial involvement in the coming election. Pu Deputy Speaker, I have moved a motion of No Confidence as it is unbecoming for the ministry to join hands with rebels in which I am glad that the motion was headed by the House. On the matter of Hydel Project of Tuirial and Bairabi, a large amount of funds is utilized but still we have not enjoyed the outcome even after the inauguration.

Pu Deputy Speaker, many a times, our State has been awarded some titles by a national Newspaper, the India Today as repeatedly mentioned in the House. I opine it is not gratifying to be awarded by some Newspapers, but instead, it will be more satisfying if all these awards had been given to the Planning Commission as it may have more significance.

We have been discussing about NLUP for a long time with all the positive and negative points of view but my concern is the exit protocol. I doubt the next ministry will continue with this flagship programme. In my opinion, it is crucial for our state to set up some good processing industries as well as entrepreneurship.

Under Agriculture, we may have achieved multiple harvests as stated but meets only 20% of the demand as we still need to purchase another 80% from other sources on regular basis. Thus, we still have a long way to go in order to achieve self-sufficiency.

From the commercial banks functions in Mizoram, Pu Deputy Speaker, I would like to point out the fact that only 37% is loaned to Mizoram which means that the rest ends up in other states. Thus, this indicates that we are being denied of the benefit we should enjoy. On the contrary, it is truly appreciated as the Apex Bank provides us 72% of loans.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the rate of inflation is 35.60 % and we do not have proper regulations to keep this in check where as it is truly appreciative that attention is given by our NGO's in this regard. I think the government should also take immediate steps to control it by chalking out rules and regulations to that effect.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Salaries of the government employees are given from Plan funds which amount to ₹280 crores. Such amount should be maintained under non-plan so that it brings favorable consequences to our development. At the sametime, I think we should also give

more attentions to BPL record since it remains 38.6% for a long time. Hence, some sorts of step may be taken to this concern. And, I am glad that our revenue surplus has increased. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalthangliana.

**Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. If we examine our budget, no other significant points are seen except NLUP. But I am glad that this ministry continues to take up many plans we have made during my party's ministry such as construction of Rajiv Gandhi's Stadium (though the original plan was changed), Training Centres in Kolasib, Hockey field in Kawnpui and Thenzawl. Apart from such projects, Funds to construct a stadium at Capital Complex the project initiated during the previous ministry is diverted for construction of a stadium at Pitarte tlang. As of the success stories we have learned through the media, I must say it is not unreliable since those successful cultivators being mentioned are of hard-workings families who already started their occupations ten years back. As such, I suggest only a fact should be highlighted in the media.

Pu Deputy Speaker, coming to other important points such as the salary of SSA teachers and employees under MIFCO, the hon'ble Chief Minister once claimed that such cases lies under the responsibility of the concerned department. Considering the present situation, I suggest in future, any member should be selective of what he has to say as to not condemn our state government.

As we see, large amount of funds is allocated for NLUP as we are facing the upcoming election. The next ministry will surely have to continue this flagship programme. So, I suggest the people should not be misled by telling that this programme as to be discontinued in the next ministry unless the congress party is again in power. Lastly, I express my appreciation to our hon'ble Finance Minister for utilizing our finance in the best possible manner. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I will now call upon the hon'ble Finance Minister to wind up the discussion.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. 23 members have participated in our general discussions and I thank them for having a broad and constructive opinions.

The budget speech highlighted our financial status containing our fiscal management, Economic Policy, Fiscal Policy Statement and its strategy and Macro Economic Statements. The increase in our GSDP is due to our efforts and determination in which we all take our parts. It is the result of efforts made not only by the minister or the officials but of our



common efforts. From 1999, our outstanding liability increased immensely where as even in 2003-2004, it almost equalizes our GSDP as financial condition of our state was at stake. However, under the guidance of our efficient Chief Minister, our outstanding is reduced to ₹100 crores and if we are could maintain the same trend, we will soon be able to reach the stage of prescribed fiscal correction path. We need to increase our revenue surplus in order to increase our capital expenditure. As such, we have to give more efforts. At the same time, the miscellaneous expenditures of the government should also be restricted otherwise any vacant post in various departments will remain unfilled. Likewise, the District Councils should also rationalize its expenditure.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I thank our government employees for their patience on the implementation of 6<sup>th</sup> Pay as we have to go through many procedures as so it takes time. The increase or decrease in the allocation of funds to different departments depends on number of project or ongoing scheme which is taken up in a particular department. From the project taken by departments, special central assistance may be obtained in the form of EAP or ACA which result in difference of the budget amount allotted in respect to different departments.

NLUP fund has always been the first provision we receive from the Central government as prior to remittance sanction, NLUP fund is utilized to maintain government expenses. Due to NLUP funds, we are able to avail RKVY for maintenance of Agriculture & Allied sector which further enhances the budget allocation by ₹60 crores.

In the latest Bye- Election, the opposition members claimed NLUP as the main reason for their defeat. I am glad if this flagship programme is the main reason as it is now provened an effective tool for our party victory in the election since livelihood security which we have stressed are all contained in NLUP.

Regarding the exit protocol, our experts are working on it as approach has been made to concerned authority. Regarding the TA/DA of Police, advance payment was made prior to the election despite the existing financial crisis. But from the salary savings, an amount of ₹500 lakhs is set aside for their TA's in RE which may be utilized when needed. At the same time, Finance department is making intensive efforts to resolve this crisis. I request the hon'ble Home Minister also to restrain TA of our IPS officers as it may affect other staffs of the department.

**SPEAKER** : It is a fact that large amount of fund is utilized on this issue.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, regarding tax as questioned by Pu C.

Ramhluna, the present budget is the amount projected by the Central Government and I hope we will soon receive the projected amount.

Regarding Contingent Fund as stated by Pu Lalduhoma, it was introduced during 2009 – 2010 but we discontinued as per instruction of AG since we have faced problems in connection with the accounting system.

(... Interruption...)

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, we have passed the Contingency Fund and any excess expenditure had also been regularized by PAC. Soil Department and 2 others were not reimbursed the expenditure under the contingency funds. Is it possible to simplify the procedure of the accounting system?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, as suggested by the AG, we were trying to find another process but advance allocation can be made. Yet, we are trying our best to sort out the case. I thank all my fellow members for their active participations in the discussion and for their valuable co-operation by contributing many constructive ideas.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, may our C.D. ratio and bank deposit amount for the year 2012 - 2013 be given?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : It will be provided to you as most of the members demands for the same.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Pu Speaker, it is learned that an amount of Rs.200 crores for development of road for the year 2012-2013 has been approved by the Planning Commission. Is it true that the sanction is turned down by our Finance Minister?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, yes it is.

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, our deficit is of the target prepared by the Finance Commission. If such is our achievements, we are not supposed to expect any kind of award. Is there a way to increase our revenue?

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA, MINISTER** : Since the guidelines has accordingly been followed by our government, we are awarded an amount of ₹50 crores which was utilized as a mean to reduce our liability. If we are able to maintain the same trend with our financial management, we

may receive more funds. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : I now call upon the hon'ble House Leader to have his speech.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, if we do not receive funds for improvement of internal roads within this quarter, we are assured by the Planning Commission that we will receive in the next quarter. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : A moment please. Our time is up but we will spare a few minutes for the hon'ble House Leader.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I am glad that this session went smoothly and the oppositions have been very constructive as we all have shared our ideas for the welfare of the people. I am also glad that our Finance Minister suggested we should have a full budget session as he has made us clear with any doubt that arises in our discussion. Regarding two colleges who are not able draw their salaries, they are paid from Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Yet, I have made a written request to concerned minister of HRD to consider the case immediately. All departments are instructed to submit their annual expenditure but these two Colleges, Chawngte College and Law College are somehow being missed out when sanctioned was made. Yet, step is being taken to expedite the release of funds.

As mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma, Tourism can be a good source of Income for a small state like us and in order to make it happen, we also have to change our outlooks. I am glad that we all take interest in NLUP. Regarding partiality claimed by the opposition members as being prevailed in the selection of beneficiary, it may be noted by the members that those who deserved are selected regardless of which party ones belongs.

The government will take appropriate action on any employees who embezzle government funds. I do not literally accuse the officials in the construction of Vaivakawn-University road but what I am saying is that officials are often the source of corruption in these undertakings as they are the first to know about the works even in other projects as well.

Pu Speaker, I am profoundly pleased on the budget presentation by the hon'ble Finance Minister. We have seen improvements and progresses in per capita income as well as revenue surplus which is a major indication of our economic status. Finally, we need efficient leaders to make genuine progress and development and I urge the people to pray for good leaders. I thank the participants in the discussion for their mature insight and critique, I hope we

will strive together for a better state and ultimately deliver a self-reliant state in the future, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : With that, we will now conclude our business for the day. The sitting will be resumed tomorrow, i.e., 20.3.2013 at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned at 4:20 pm.