

SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 18TH MARCH, 2009
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pu R.ROMAWIA, Speaker at the Chair, Pu Lal Thanhawla, Hon'ble Chief Minister, DePuty Speaker, 11 Ministers and 22 Members were present.

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to make reference on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - (1) Shri R.Venkataraman, former President of India
 - (2) Pu H.LaltanPuia, former Member of legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

2. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the :
 - (1) Finance Accounts for the year 2007-2008 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - (2) Appropriation Accounts for the year 2007-2008 relating to Government of Mizoram.
5. **Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of :
 - (1) The Mizoram State Commission for Women Rules, 2008.
 - (2) The Mizoram (Election to Village Council)(Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2009.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

6. **THE SPEAKER** to report to the House the Time Table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction

7. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA** to beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2009'

ALSO

To introduce the Bill

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

8. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the address of the Governor. (to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : "Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble".

Psalms 41:1

Today we will have Obituary Reference on Pu R.Venkataraman and Pu H.Laltanpuia. Let us invite the hon'ble House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla to make a reference.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, it is very sad that we
CHIEF MINISTER have to observe an obituary reference on two important dignitaries today. First of all I would

like to make a reference on Pu R.Venkataraman, one of India's most distinguished figure of freedom fighters and one of the constituent members of our constitution.

Pu Venkataraman, son of K.Ramsumi Ayar was born on 4.12.1910 in Thanjuvar district, Tamil Nadu. In 1938 he married Janaki Venkataraman and have three daughters. He finished M.A.(Economic) from Madras University. He became a famous lawyer and practiced in High Court and Supreme Court. He became a freedom fighter and one of the pioneers in 1942 Quit India Movement and because of this he served two years in jail.

He was a specialist in Industrial Relation Laws. While studying law he was very interested in Labour Law and published The Labour Law Journal in 1949 in Chennai. It was his interest for Labour issue that made him enter into politics and was one of the important factors that made him famous.

When he entered politics he joined the Congress Party and became one of the drafting members of the Constitution of India. In 1950, he was elected in the Free India Provision Parliament election and was among the first elected member in the 1952 first Indian Parliament Election.

He represented India in the United Nations in the year 1953,1955,1958,1959,1960 and 1961 and lived in New York and was India's longest representative in the United Nations. He held the post of Secretary in Congress Parliamentary Party from 1953 and was elected in the Lok Sabha for the second time in 1957 but had to resign to take up the Minister post in Madras government. He was appointed in 1967 as a member in Planning Commission till 1971 and was in-charge of Industry, Labour, Power, Transport Communication and Railways subject.

In 1977 Lok Sabha Election he was elected from Madras South Constituency and became Chairman of Public Accounts Committee. In 1980 he was elected again and under Indira Gandhi's government he became Union Finance Minister and Defence Minister.

He became the 7th Vice President of India in 1984 and was elected to become the 8th President of India in 25.6.1987. During his tenure, the country faced a political turmoil and because of that he worked with four Prime Ministers and that included the period before and after the assassination of Pu Rajiv Gandhi. After the assassination of Pu Rajiv Gandhi there was a political upheaval and the government changed three times in two year. In that period he worked with sincerity and strength to look upon to.

On 12th January, 2009 he was admitted to Army Research & Referral Hospital, New Delhi because of Urinal Tract Infection. On 27th January, 2009 he died of Multiple Organ Failure at 2:15 P.M at the age of 95. He was survived by his wife and three daughters.

As we heard from his bio-data, Pu R.Venkataraman was one of India's most distinguished figures. He was known as RV throughout the country. He visited Mizoram during his Vice Presidenship and gave his friendship and favour for the Mizo people. It is very sad that we lost one of India's most distinguished and respected figures who was the constituent member of our constitution. May God protect his family.

Pu Speaker, today it is very sad that we have to observe obituary reference on our former fellow member Pu H.Laltanpuia. It is sad that we lose him at a very young age. Pu H.Laltanpui was born on 28th May, 1957 between Pu H.Sangthuama and Pi Selchhungi at Republic Veng, Aizawl. He married Pi Lalnuntluangi on 7th June, 1980 and had a son and two daughters.

He finished Middle School from Boys M.E. School and H.S.L.C. from St.Pauls High School. After finishing P.U. and B.A. from Pachhunga University he went to Shillong on 1984 to do his M.A (Economics). After he finished his B.A. he alongwith Pu Kapliana opened High School at Melriat but gave it up to further his study. After passing M.A. he worked as a bank Officer in Mizoram Rural Bank and held the post of Manager, Kolasib Rural Bank during 1985 to 1987. He was appointed as Vice Chairman of KVI Board and held the post till death.

While studying M.A. he gave his support to the movement of fighting independence and to strengthen this movement he joined the North East Region Students Union (NERSU) and became one of the important leaders among the Mizo Student Union, Shillong. In 1984 he passed his M.A. and came home and joined the Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP) in their movement to have peace and harmony at home. In the U.T. General Election in 1984, the Mizo Zirlai Pawl formed Mizoram Peace Forum and became its leader and contested in MPF ticket but unfortunately he was not elected. He had a strong sense of nationalism and did not compromise his principles with anything. On the 1998 General Election, he was elected from Suangpuilawn Constituency in MNF-MPC ticket. He devoted all his lives in politic and held the post of Secretary in MNF General Headquarter till death.

On November 24th 2008 he was admitted to Bethesda Hospital on the advice of the doctor as he had stomach problems. It was soon found out that he had water in his stomach and was transferred to Civil Hospital on 5th December, 2008. During investigation, it was found that his diabetic problem caused lung infection. With great care the doctors and nurses did their best but his illness became worse and had respiratory problem. On 17th December, 2008 at 10:45 P.M. he passed away at the age of 51.

From what we gathered Pu Laltanpuia was one of the most important figures to work for peace and harmony and after he finished his studies he pursued politics to work for the betterment of the Mizo people. He was very interested in social works. It is sad that we lose him at a very young age and it is not only our lost but the country lost one of its prominent young leaders. I hope and pray that his footsteps will be followed by others. May God bless his soul and protect his family. Thank you.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is sad to have obituary on the demise of two important dignitaries. First of all, let me speak about Pu R.Venkataraman. The detail has been mentioned by the hon'ble House Leader. It is a great lost for the country. He was an unique person. He was a messiah for the backward classes. He worked hard for the upliftment of the lower classes. He used his knowledge of law for this purpose and can be seen in reality of his handiworks. He was respected and admired specially by the agriculturists of his native village Thanjavur and his name will always be known among them.

He was a great scholar and achieved a doctorate degree in law. He was awarded “Honorary Kalsa” by the University of Madras and the University of Nagajona which was given to few number of scholars.

He also held many important posts during his lifetime and one of them which I regard as the most remarkable is the Vice Chairmanship of Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Fund. He was also a trustee in Indira Memorial Trust and president of India Institute of Public Administration. He held the post of Vice Chancellor and became a Chancellor in three Universities in Kandrun Rural Institute, Delhi University and Punjab University. Beside these he was the President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

As we already heard we have lost one of India’s most prominent figures who stood out while the country faced its worst political turmoil. He held the post of Presidency with great strength and honour and worked along with four Prime Ministers of the country. It is a great loss for the family and the country.

Secondly, I am very sad that we have to observe obituary on Pu H.Laltanpuia who was our colleague. We, his friends used to call him ‘Valtan’. It is sorrowful that we lost him only at the age of 51. As already stated by the House Leader he was a master degree holder in economics and a great supporter of nationalist movement. He held the post of leadership in various student unions. During the peace talk between MNF and India government he made his stand in the nationalist movement and did not dither away while many organizations within Mizoram had different thoughts.

In 1979, we formed North East Region Student Union at Shillong Club and I was the first Senior Vice President. After that he followed suit and became one of its leaders in the students union. He worked along with the Assam Student Union to bring peace and harmony. He held the post of president in the MNYF (Mizo National Youth Front) for sometime and then became General Secretary in the MNF Gen. Hqrs. till death.

One thing I want to point out is that he was one of the pioneers in the establishment of Melriat High School. He, along with Pu Kapliana opened High School and then later left it for another job. I also want to said that he was not avaricious. During my tenure as Revenue Minister, he came to me and said that it is his one wish if he can have a place of his own to build a house. But he died before we can do anything and I am very sorry that we cannot fulfill his wish till his death.

One of his great traits was his believe and faith in God though we may not see much of him in religious activities. But I know him well enough that he believed in God in everything he did. He was friendly and good natured and can go along with his friends and ready to help them whenever the need arises. We all know that he gave his best interest for his constituency during his membership. It is untimely and I am very sad and sorry for his friend and family. I hope and pray that God bless his soul and guide his bereaved family. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we already heard so much about Pu R.Venkataraman I am not going to take a long time. There are two things I want to speak about him. One thing is that we have a few who are still alive among our freedom fighters. He was one of them and that makes it very sad to lose him.

Secondly, he left behind us a great treasure that is the Indian Constitution. He was one of the constituent members and because of their hard works our country still functions as one of the greatest democracy countries in the world. That is the two points which made his untimely death very sad.

Pu H.Laltanpuia who was called by his friend 'Valtana' was a social worker who gave his time for social works. During his studies he was involved in students union movement and was the Gen. Secretary of MZP in Shillong for awhile. He was one of the founders of Peace Forum which was founded in order to have peace and harmony. I personally know that he was an active activist in Mizo nationalist movement. We used to work together in politics.

One thing we have not yet heard is that on his last day he surrendered himself to God and thanked Him for His guidance and that is the last word his family heard him utter. In 1996 he went to Gospel Thunder team's camping and received God's circumcision. After that he never looked back and I hope God will comfort his family and friends. May God bless his soul, thank you.

Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time to observe obituary on two distinguished figures. I have not much to say about Pu R.Venkataraman. But I was in Delhi on the day of his cremation to see Pi Ambika Soni, Union Culture Minister. The first thing she said when she came to the office is that 'today we cremated the father figure we had for the poor and downtrodden, he will never be forgotten by them'. Today it came to my mind again when we observe obituary in respect of him. During his presidentship he advised and directed the Parliament and we, the legislators to make law as much as possible and I hope that we will bear that in mind. I want to add that we have something in common in regard to family matters, he and I had three daughters and that makes him very special to me.

Pu Speaker, today I am very sad that we have to observe obituary on my friend whom I called Valtana. We used to faced hardship when Mizoram faced its darkest time. As a student union leader, we were put in jail and joined the underground due to unavoidable circumstances. He was my partner and friend in everything. I keep record of our struggle for peace and harmony as a student union leader. I want to say a few word on our time together as a student union leader. During our time, there were many student unions here in Mizoram and Shillong like MSU and MSF under the guidance of MZP. All of our dream was to bring peace and

harmony in our state. He was one of the pioneers with Pu Thangtea in forming student union. Today we lost an efficient man for our state.

He wanted to be self-reliant during his studies and worked in school and bank to support himself but in his heart he could not abandon his country and his first priority was always for the welfare of the Mizo people. Therefore, he entered politic and spent his lifetime serving for Mizoram. We may call him Nationalist but I know that he could not throw away regionalism from his mind and I used to tease about him. He was very clear in his identity as a Mizo but after we became Indian Union he accepted and contented in it.

During his membership we can see from the House proceedings that he ardently worked for his constituency and Mizoram. What I want to point out for the members and our younger generation to be remembered in his character is that he worked earnestly for what he think is right and fought for peace and harmony during even bad times. He became the leader in the student movement so that we can have peace and harmony in our state. I hope and pray that his footsteps will be followed. I want to bestow my favour to his wife and children to respect and serve God so that they will meet again. May God bless them, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now we shall observe one minute silence to show our respect to Pu R.Venkataraman and Pu H.Laltanpuia.

(One minute silence is observed)

Now, we shall go to the next business and take questions. Let us call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask Starred Question No.1.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in-charge Finance Department be pleased to state-

Steps taken by the Govt. of Mizoram for the implementation of Sixth Pay Commission recommendation.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred CHIEF MINISTER Question No.1 is – Fitment Committee has been formed to study different pay structure. There are many differences in grade like entry grade and grade pay. They submitted an application to extend their term till May and it is still under consideration of the govt. In principle we want to implement the recommendation but we cannot do so as it is unfinished. Therefore, the govt. is still waiting for the recommendation of the Fitment Committee.

S P E A K E R : We will go to Starred Question No.2 and invite Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in-charge LAD be pleased to state –

Is separate Village Council be given to Central Jail Veng, Ramrikawn and Tuivamit which are under Luangmual V/C.

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the hon'ble member's question is 'No'.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question, Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, first of all, it would be very much appreciative if the hon'ble Minister can assure us that separate V/C will be given to these three areas. I am sure there will be no problem from the Luangmual V/C.

Secondly, regarding Police Training Centre (PTC), there is still no Sub-village and V/C. As such they cannot have a retailer and have to buy goods in a higher price and they cannot even receive any development fund. In order to develop them can the Minister find a solution so that they can have Sub-VCP for a start.

Lastly, Phunchawng has become a big village now but they are still under Chaltlang V/C and deserve their own V/C now. Can the govt. find a way in negotiation with Chaltlang V/C to create separate V/C for them.

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it appears that they deserve to have their own V/C. When they submitted their application in 19th January, the election for V/C had

already been announced on 10th January. Therefore, it is too late for the govt. to consider it but will reconsider it as necessary.

Right now there is no plan to upgrade Village Committee and sub-V/C into full fledged V/C. But the govt. will look into the matter step by step when necessary.

S P E A K E R : Now, we will go to Starred Question No.3 and let us invite Pu K.Liantlinga.

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

- (a) Is there a plan to form Mizoram State Sports policy.
- (b) If so, when.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Minister Pu Zodintluanga to answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to question (a) is 'yes' and (b) draft had been put up for amendment and wait for the govt's approval.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Supplementary questions –

(a) Will expert from different Sports Association be included as a constituent member ?

(b) Is there a plan to put 5% fund from the Planning budget.

(c) Is there a criteria in giving Incentive Cash Award and other award.

(d) Is there a plan to reallocate the Physical Education Wing which has been under the Education department. (e) What is the development in searching talent among the boys and girls of school student. How will it conduct.

S P E A K E R : The Minister may answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. Answers to supplementary questions are as follows :-

To constitute the Mizoram State Sports policy, the government appointed members from Sports department, Sports Council and different Sport Associations.

Regarding Incentive Cash Award the govt. already have an Act and is being followed accordingly. As the Sports Physical Wing is in a draft stage decision cannot be made. In regard to talent search among the youth, the drafting committee included its criteria in the draft.

S P E A K E R : Now we will go to Starred Question No. 4 and let us invite Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department be pleased to state –

(a) Whether plan has been made for renovation of Biate – N.Vanlaiphai road ?

(b) If so, when will it be ?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to :-

(a) 'Yes'

(b) It will be done in 2010 - 2011 financial year.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, N.Vanlaiphai is the Sub-

Divisional Hqrs. and as the resolution passed by the Tuichangral 'S' Group YMA is there a way to start the work a bit earlier than the hon'ble Minister had promised. For supplementary question – Is there a way to urge the contractor of Lungdar – Saiphai Tiau road to work faster. Can the govt. take an initiative in this regard.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as we are going to work under Central Road Fund we cannot start the work before financial year. Regarding Lungdar – Saiphai Tiau road, we will work faster in the coming new year.

S P E A K E R : We will take Starred Question No.5. Let us invite Pu B.Lalthlengliana.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Law & Judicial Department be pleased to state-

- (a) Name of the dismissed Assistant Prosecutors.
- (b) The reason.

S P E A K E R : The Minister for Law & Judicial may answer

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 5 are as follows :-

Five Prosecutors are dismissed namely – (1) Rose Mary (2) K.Lalremruati (3) Rosery Lalnuntluangi (4) Linda L.Fambawl and (5) Lalremthangi. They submitted their resignation which had been accepted by the govt.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, from my information they were asked to submit their resignation. What is the real reason ? Besides S.L. Thansanga was also among them but did not comply, he was forced to resign. The reason appears to be the case involving the present Chief Minister, it looks like that they dismissed the present Prosecutor appointed by the MNF Ministry and reassign a new one of their kind for the hearing.

Secondly, is it against the law to reject hearing without having evidence ? How can this case be rejected without evidence ?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite the Minister to deliver whatever he can answer.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, being a Minister or not does not mean we can go against the law. In their dismissal we based our reason on their appointment and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 Section 24 & 25 and proviso to sub rule clause (b) sub rule 2 of rule 3 – Mizoram appointment, duties, fees etc., of Government Advocates rules, 1995. Besides they are not regular govt. servants and when there is a change of govt. they are supposed to withdraw themselves from their post.

S P E A K E R : Our question hour is over but let us give the House Leader a few minute.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, their accusation never bothered me. I believe in the saying 'The law shall take its own course'.

Pu Speaker, though some pastors and politicians have made an allegation against me it does not prick me for I have faith in the law, and believe that the law will take its own course. I am ready for whatever judgment the judge passes against me.

As in regard to Advocate General, it is the duty of the Advocate General to submit his resignation. If he does not submit his resignation it is the duty of the government to give a reminder.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over, we will move on to the next list of business. As per Rule no.10 section 1, the Speaker has appointed the following members as Panel of Chairman, Pu Nirupam Chakma , Pu B. Lalhlengliana , Pu Lalduhoma, Pu K. Lianzuala. I regret to state that in Bulletin part -11 Pu Lalduhomas' name has been written as 'aw' which should be 'o'. I apologize for the mistake.

Members absent – Pu S. Laldingliana, Brig. T. Sailo, Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte. We will move on to the next business - laying of papers. We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to lay the Finance Account for the year 2007-08 relating to Govt. of Mizoram and Appropriation Account for the year 2007-08 relating to Govt. of Mizoram.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House I lay the Appropriation Account for 2007 - 08, and Finance Account 2007-08.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Let us now call the hon'ble minster Pu P. C. Lalthanliana to lay ' The Mizoram State Commission for Women' Rules, 2008 and 'The Mizoram (Election to Village Council) (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2009.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker,with your permission and the House, I lay The Mizoram State Commission for Women Rules, 2008 and 'The Mizoram (Election to Village Council) (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2009.

S P E A K E R : I will now lay the report of the Business Advisory committee.

We will now move on to legislative business. Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to seek the permission of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Parliamentary Secretaries (Appointment, Salaries, Allowance and Miscellaneous Provision) Bill, 2009.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, with your permission
CHIEF MINISTER and the House, I seek the permission
of the House to introduce 'The
Mizoram Parliamentary Secretaries
(Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2009.

S P E A K E R : Can we give the permission to
introduce the bill? If so, let us now
call the hon'ble House Leader to
introduce the bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, with your permission
CHIEF MINISTER and the House, I introduce 'The
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(Appointment, Salaries, Allowances and
Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 2009'.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, according to Business
MINISTER Advisory Committee report, Friday
which is supposed to be private
members business is printed as govt.
business. Is this printing mistake?

S P E A K E R : This must be printing mistake, I
would like to request the hon'ble
members to make the correction

The hon'ble House Leader has introduce the bill but we will take up the bill for discussion some other day. Let us now call Pu T.T.Zothansanga to move the motion of thanks.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank God and the party leaders for giving me the opportunity to speak on this occasion. It was glorious to hear His Excellency the Governor to make a welcome speech in Mizo. It was delighting to note that the Governor highlighted the various projects and vision of the present govt. Also, the implementation of the manifesto.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to note that the Parliamentary Secretaries have been appointed to assist the Cabinet Ministers for effective disposal of the government business as per Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The Governor mentioned that transparency would be the hall mark of the government and that corruption at any level of administration will not be tolerated. It is also good to learn that vigilance commission will be strengthen and adequately equip the Anti Corruption Bureau to make it more efficient and responsive administration.

It is reassuring to note that the Governor mentioned that the government will not allow any part of Mizoram to be used by the underground elements as a safe haven or even for a temporary shelter.

Pu Speaker, the gap between the rich and the poor has widen tremendously so for the alleviation of the poor in the village and the urban area a high powered Apex board for New Land Use Policy has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister. And steps has been taken to establish Farmers Commission to take care of the welfare of the farmers as highlighted by the Governor which is a significant measure for the farmers. Pu Speaker, the Governor's assurance to ensure 100 days employment under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to mitigate the plight of rural households in Mizoram is also pleasing.

Pu Speaker, it is remarkable that Educational reform will be introduced and that adequate attention will be given to the youth to ensure that opportunities are provided in various ways. It is also good to know that the Mizoram Youth commission has signed an agreement with the Lord Krishna IAS Academy, New Delhi to open Civil Service coaching class in Aizawl and about 200 eager aspirants have enrolled themselves. It is good to know that Mizo youths are being encouraged to learn traditional dance and music besides organizing cultural meets and festival. I also believe that the establishment of IT hub cum- Human Resource Development Management in Delhi will be benefited by the youth as IT giant like Infosys, Wipro are expected to play vital roles.

We often mentioned that the youth are parched with thirst in sport, I am very grateful that the Governor mentioned that the Government of India has sanctioned ₹. 34.00 crores for the construction of State Sports Academy at Zobawk. It is good to learn that the government endeavour's to promote different sports and youth activities.

I appreciate the step taken for the constitution of the Mizoram State Law Commission with its chairman Pu Lalrinawma and the efforts being made

to establish a separate High Court for Mizoram to ensure that justice is brought to the door – step of common man.

With the revamped and the reconstruction of State Planning Board I believe we will be taken to a new era of development.

We have often mentioned about power, it was the main agenda of the PC party and now it seems that we are going to see reality with the present government. In the previous term Tuirial Hydel Project has been abandoned due to over high payment of compensation. It is note worthy that the govt will revive the project as agreed by the ministry of Power, Government of India. With this project, Mizoram will be able to acquire additional 60 Mega watts. Likewise, there is Kolodyne Hydel Project and Tuivai Hydel Project.

Pu Speaker, it is thankful to learn from the Governor's address that there is going to be a new Health Insurance Scheme and old age pension scheme with funding from Ministry of Labour, Government of India for BPL families. Also to revive and complete the Referral Hospital at Falkawn with a view to upgrade it to a Medical College.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for the Mega Food Park as it will provide ample employment to the people of the state. And the construction of Mizoram House at Chanakyapuri and Mumbai. Pu Speaker, it is pleasing that the Governor gave his address according to the desire of the people, therefore, I request all the members to give thanks to the address. Thank you. Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : How much time should we give each member for the discussion? Is 5 minutes sufficient or, 10 minutes?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we have our usual practice which is 5 minutes or 10 minutes but ten minutes will be sufficient.

S P E A K E R : The time allotment will be ten minutes, so who will start the discussion? Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The Governor highlighted the vision and achievements of the government in his address. In para 1 to 3, the Governor mentioned about corruption and the need to constitute Vigilance Commission and strengthen and adequately equip the Anti Corruption Bureau to make it more efficient and effective which I am grateful for.

In para 5 the Governor mentioned that the government will not tolerate underground elements and the prevention of drug peddlers. And in para 6 NLUP is mentioned, which the present government has implemented in their previous term without much success. But from the speech it seems that the government is giving special effort in its implementation. I would like to suggest the govt. to be more careful with the company and firm the agreement it signed with.

In para 7 Youth Commission is mentioned which makes me pleased. It is the agenda of every party to uphold and upgrade the youth, but I am a bit apprehensive about the Commission signing an agreement with Lord Krishna IAS Academy. Pu Speaker, I served the net in search of this academy but found that website is not available and contact person not specified, and also business phone not available. There are so many renowned academy in Delhi some around 100 academy with its website and email. Further, who can produce their performance sheet. Thus, I was wondering why has the government signed an agreement with an academy whose identity is uncertain, I therefore, request the hon'ble House Leader to give assurance to recheck this academy.

And, in regard to Human Development Center at Delhi for Mizoram youth, I would like to request that such center be established in all the metropolitan cities.

Above all, I appreciate the various vision that is highlighted in the address. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you for giving me the time to speak in this motion of thanks. It was reassuring to know the Governor spoke about peace. The foundation of development is peace as we are all aware. As we feel the previous government tighten the hands of the police officers, it is pleasing to learn that the people will have freedom and transparency will be the hall mark of the government.

In regard to education, it is good to learn that there is going to be educational reform. In the last 5 to 10 years in my constituency there has been tremendous set back in education. It is welcomed that we are having a new educational system to solve the various problem that we are facing.

It is pleasing to learn that the government has signed a memorandum of Association to take up the Kolodyne stage-11, 460 MW. Power is the need of the hour , as there are many depending their livelihood on power. It is good to know that the government has revived the abandoned Tuirial Hydel Project; I sincerely appreciate the effort given by the hon'ble House Leader and the government.

I believe that the Mega Food Park will bring great prosperity to the state. I personally have great hope in this project. There are 60% farmers in the state, so for the upliftment of the farmers NLUP has been introduced. The member

before me mentioned that NLUP was not successful in the previous term, the angle from which it is viewed may not be the same.

In my constituency orange growers benefited from NLUP resulting to the increase in the church offering. In my in the year 2007, ₹. 70.38 lakhs was earned from orange under NLUP. Last year though final calculation has not been made 53 lakhs and 19 lakhs in Darlung was earned. Therefore, we should whole heartedly support the Governor's address.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. If we look at the Governor's address from point 1-12, it is the highlight of the previous government's work implementation. However, the point mentioned by the hon'ble member from Aizawl South-I should be taken up sincerely, and I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look into the matter.

In para 10- the Governor mentioned that my government give importance to planning from the grass root level and not from top to bottom. To achieve this objective Lunglei High Power Committee is being reconstituted. Pu Speaker, will the reconstruction of one District High Power be enough to attain and achieve objectives? Likewise, in Para 7, the Governor mentioned about the declining education in the state which is a matter of great concern. What I would like to point out is in which stage does the educational system decline? If we are able to point out specifically, I agree, however we seldom mentioned that our educational system is declining without being able to point out specifically. Thus, I wonder if it is appropriate to mention in the House that the whole educational system is declining.

There are several points I would like to highlight which is outside this book? From the beginning of this ministry there were several problems that we have faced like scarcity of water, poor supply of power and the rising oil price. Pu Speaker, the price of meat has also gone up tremendously. The government should check and give special attention to these problems. Besides these, fire has broke out in the forest at different places which even causes life. So far, the government has not mention about compensation. Thus, I request the government to give compensation to persons who have lost their life.

In regard to law and order, the previous government was severely criticized. Unfortunately, within these three months of this ministry, there have been several cases of murder and dead body found with cases unsolved. Pu Speaker, like the Sairang case, Tuithiang and the kidnapped case in relation to chiahpuam. Therefore, there can be a question if there is a set back in law and order in this present government.

In regard to Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, if the information I receive is correct there will not be gallery and pavillion due to lack of space, if this is so, why has the government change the site? Could it be due to the fact that the government does not wish to continue the work of the previous government?

Lastly, additional Housing Loan list which has been put up by MNF ministry has been cancelled by this government. Pu Speaker, it is unjust for a ministry who vow to bring efficient and responsive administration to commit such act. I, therefore, request the government to review the matter. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It is 12:46, let us call one more member before break.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I will not say for long. I went through all the points of the Governor's address. Every point is worth giving thanks. The opposition members seem to be pleased with the Governor's speech as well. Pu Speaker, No.6 which state that "My government will give top priority to poverty alleviation of the people in the villages and urban poor," is a big relief for members like me whose constituency belongs to rural area.

Pu Speaker, the previous government did not give it's thought for constituency which is not covered by centrally sponsored schemes. In Assam, Hill Area Development Fund is being implemented, if this is the case, Mizoram being a hill state, the authorities should also give a thought in implementing such fund. Likewise, I request the authorities to accept Lengteng, Chalfilh, Tuivawl and Tuirial as minority since they are backward area, and that the Central Government be approach for minority development fund.

I would like to thank the Governor for the aim to carry out legal reforms. During question hour there was a question if a case could be disposed at preliminary stage hearing. Pu Speaker, there has to be a hearing at the preliminary stage and case can be dropped.

I give my support to this motion of thanks. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We still have 7 mins, Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I thank the Governor for the speech. Pu Speaker, the Governor does not mentioned about District Council, any way I am still grateful as there are various developmental programmes for District Council.

The Governor mentioned that, 'the government will leave no stone unturned to usher in clean and efficient and responsive administration. Pu Speaker, let me test the government. Regarding BADP there is few points I would like to mention. Here I have several work order with me from the BDO's office. Pu Speaker I will just read out the work- construction of playground at Chhotapansuri - ₹ 2 lakhs, construction of community hall at Damdep – ₹ 5 lakhs, construction of community hall at Lawngpuiguard - ₹ 5 lakhs, construction of community hall at Kukudulanga - ₹ 5 lakhs, construction of community hall at Udalkana - ₹ 5 lakhs, construction of community hall at Saizal – ₹ 5 lakhs. Pu Speaker, for the above mentioned works, work order was given to Construction Committee on 28 March, 2008. But, the concern BDO is not aware of the existence of the Construction Committee and the work order. Pu Speaker, since zero tolerance against corruption is the policy of this government, I demand for immediate enquiry. I would like to submit the copy of the work order in your table.

Pu Speaker, in regard to NLUP I would like to suggest that the government take cautious steps in its implementation. Vice Chairman of the Apex body should be given office hurriedly.

S P E A K E R : Your allotted time is over, any way you may continue without adding another point.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, will it be possible to distribute the members the copy of the MoU agreement. Also, I would like to suggest that District Planning Committee be constituted in every district. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : In regard to enquiry we will make a decision after careful study. Now we will have a break, meeting will resume at 2:00 p.m.

2 : 00 PM

SPEAKER : We are now discussing Motion of thanks in which we are allowed to have 10 minutes each. So, let us try to utilize our time. May I now call upon Pu R.L Pianmawia.

Pu R.L.PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you, I want to replicate what the Governor had said about peace. Specially in my constituency we know the value of peace. I am also pleased to know that Educational system will also improve. In my constituency we are equipped with only one teacher which results in extreme need for improvement in this

Knowing the condition of the people we trust NLUP could also be distributed as soon as possible since it is mentioned in the Governor's speech. Regarding SAI, it is hard for rural people to enter SAI (Sports Authority of India) but as mentioned earlier we are glad to know that steps will be taken in this matter and we are all looking forward to it.

We also thank the government for the steps it takes in the development of electricity and highway as well. Specially in my constituency our need for electricity is very desperate and proper construction of roads is highly necessary.

Mr Speaker, to know that our Pension and Insurance Scheme is really going to be put into effect is no doubt a good news since we have started the scheme in the former government.

In a very short time, the government had made development in Railway services and how it will come upto Sairang though we do not have the detail description.

We are also pleased to know that steps are taken to uplift the poor and that old age pension will be practiced since there are many who are entitled to take this pension but are deprived of it due to different circumstances. I am truly delighted that all these are mentioned in the Governor's speech and I want to state that I support the motion and hope and pray that God will give them strength to fulfill and exercise all their plans. Thank you.

Pu K.LIANZUALA : Pu Speaker thank you. Our Governor's speech may not be long but it contains all the necessary points. These points highlight the steps taken by the government in about 2 months and 7 days. The 2nd point states that all Election Manifesto will be fulfilled in time which is very gratifying.

As written in the Governor's speech, steps to dissolve corruption, Vigilance Committee will be organized and maintaining peace and order in the state is also given great importance. It is stated that drugs and ammunitions trafficking will also be banned.

Steps taken regarding NLUP is also a great leap to uplift the poor and the needy and this scheme will be processed under the Chairmanship of the hon`ble Chief Minister and Pu R.Selthuama, the Vice-Chairman.

Organizing a Farmers Commission and plan to associate them with Multi National firms is very spectacular improvement.

Like the hon`ble member had mentioned regarding education, we have fall back in this area and there are many places where they are not equipped with even one teacher. So, I request our Minister to acknowledge our problem and advancement made in this regard is very delightful.

Pu Speaker, it is delighting to know that advancement will be taken regarding Youth Commission and in the meantime, it is a great satisfaction that State Sports Academy will also be constructed in Zobawk with a sanction amounting to ₹. 34 crores.

On the subject of Legal Reforms, Mizoram State Law Commission will also come into force. The problems faced by us in the matter of Health Insurance and Health Care Scheme, with the help of the hon`ble Chief Minister and our Health Minister is also starting to clear up.

Plans and development made in the field of Referral Hospital and Mega Food Park and others, all mentioned in the Governor`s speech is very remarkable. I want to conclude by saying that I fully support this motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : May I now call upon Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The government had grown rapidly since its commencement. The appointment of 6 Parliamentary Secretaries to help the MLA`s will be very helpful and effective in our administration. Banning of substitutes in the government and teachers is an immense improvement. Fire Sub- Station branching out in different areas proved to be very convenient in case of emergencies.

In a very short period we could see the efficiency of our government in maintaining Law & Order in case of the emergencies we encounter in the bank robbery and other cases. Promoting IAS Coaching Academy here in our state is a remarkable step. The State Planning Board helps to educate different departments to work in harmony. We all know that power is our basic need for the development of our state, and in a very short period the government had made arrangements for the construction of Kolodyne Phase – II Hydrel Project and Tuivai Hydrel Project. Different plans to develop our state is written clearly in the Governor`s speech and I want to conclude by stating that I fully support the motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : May I now call upon Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The steps and development which we have listened in the Governor`s speech was very enlightening. It shows that many of these policy foundations had been laid by the former government as we see in the Governor`s speech page 6, para -11 “ All the project started by the previous ministry will be continued provided they are found technically and financially viable”. Since my fellow members have highlighted the positive points, I want to state the points which are left unsaid. Firstly, the Governor`s speech did not mention any advantage for government servants which they are entitled to enjoy like their promotion or their pay scale. Creating new post was not mentioned and specially regarding their pay, Pay Commission Recommendation is not implemented till now, but this morning, the hon`ble House Leader had mentioned the issue which was very informative.

The next point is about the burning of forest and this year the rate had increased and we have lost four lives. Among them, two were dead while fighting to put out the fire and I hope the government could provide them compensation. In Mizoram, we have ‘The Mizoram Prevention and Control of Fire in the Village Ram Rules, 2001’. In the former years the V/C is highly responsible in this matter since they take full charge in operating the timing of burning of the cultivated land. Judging from the result, I believe that different V/C`s have neglected their duties in this matter and I suggest that laws should be enforced in order to prevent further damage in the future. The V/C should submit a collective fine and the people of the village should submit the fine to the government. In case of some V/Cs who are not efficient, they are to be dissolved and charge should be taken over by an officer. I am afraid that we might not be efficient in the prevention and control of fire so I suggest that action should be taken in this issue since our officials have mentioned about this in the state level Fire Prevention Week.

Plans to revive and reform Land Use Policy is a great step. But having various department to participate in the process of implementation and monitoring the policy may only take more time since we know this from our past experiences. So, I suggest we should centralize it so that this policy could be a success more rapidly. Apart from these, development of rural areas should be given importance since there are many areas where they do not have supply of electricity and water. Apart from these construction of roads is also desperately needed in different areas, specially in my constituency, there are about 15-16 villages where they are only connectable by foot. So, I request the government to consider this matter seriously and take action in this regard. Thank you.

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, in Sl. No. 3 of the Governor's speech, it is written that 6 no of Parliamentary Secretaries had been appointed and I have met them in the absence of our minister and they have proved to be very hospitable and efficient in their duties. I also want to express my gratitude to the government relating to illegal immigrants residing in different areas and running illegal business in our state, as written in No.5 "Foreign Nationals who committed crime in Mizoram will be handed over to their respective government agencies" as I am positive that this will prevent foreigners to enter our state illegally.

In No.6, it is written that 'Steps are being taken for establishment of Farmers Commission to take care of the welfare of the farmers'. Since October, we have not received any rainfall which results in extreme dryness of our land and the consequence is the burning down of many plantations destroying their years of hard work. I am pleased to know that the government had promised to provide compensation for these unfortunate victims.

In the month of January a meeting was held on District Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee at Kolasib. In this meeting, though there are only about 12 days left in this year, the government still ensures to provide 100 days employment to the people of Kolasib Dist.

In regard to education, the Governor's speech also states that the government will initiate necessary measures for rectification to improve our educational system. I want to conclude by saying that it is very pleasing to hear all these from the Governor's speech. Thank you.

Lt.Col.Z.S.ZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. In Para-3 of the Governor's speech, we see that the presence of the Parliamentary Secretaries will provide continuous occupancy of chair, making the administration more efficient. Para - 5 states about maintaining peace and construction of buildings and placing building materials on the roadside. Our roads are small so it results in different problems. So, let us hope that law and order will also be maintained in this matter.

We have high hopes in the implementation of NLUP(New Land Use Policy) with our leader as our Chairman and Mr. R.Selthuama who have had experience in this field. Plans to develop our educational system and giving importance to quality rather than quantity is remarkable. Opening Sainik School in Chhingchhip will also help in producing many Mizo military officers.

Lastly, the Health Insurance Scheme for NLUP for the lower classes will be very beneficial and establishing Territorial Army Home and Hearth will also be useful in case of emergencies and let us hope this will be taken care of by our officials. So, I will conclude by saying that I fully support the motion. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. From the Governor's speech, I believe we should push ourselves to make all the plans take its being. My question is, when will we be able to implement NLUP since the people of our constituency have put their hopes and I hope our government could give a specific timing regarding this issue.

In No-7 regarding education, they have stated about the absence of a teacher at Hmunzawl which the Governor had promised to work on it. Regarding Youth Commission, how much will the admission fee cost and how did the process go? Regarding Mega Food Park, how and when will this project start. Power supply will be needed for this kind of project and I trust that DPR of Bairabi Hydel Project had been finished in the year 1998.

Scarcity of water supply in my constituency is very high and I hope the government could look into this matter as soon as possible. The water pipeline in this area are more than 20 years old which may be hazardous to health, so let us hope the government could look into this matter as soon as possible. Our Governor's speech was excellent and I hope it could all take into a concrete reality. Thank you.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are now seeing a "Change" in our government. The Governor's speech though very short, it discussed every corner. It is good to know that problems of illegal immigrants running illegal business in our state will also be sent back to their respective governments. To implement NLUP the government had organized an Apex Board and if the government could come up with a scheme equivalent to NREGS it will be very delighting since it is applicable only in the rural areas. Plans to develop educational system is also exceptional. Organizing Mizoram State Law Commission will open our eyes and ears in the field of Law and appointing IAS officer as the Vice- Chairman of the Planning Board and as a Secretary confirms that the government is working at its best. Projects like Tuirial Hydel Project, Kolodyne Phase- II, Tuivai Hydel Project is planned to be completed within this ministry and if not, let us hope the govt. could go to a long extend so that it will be more easy to complete the task for the next government and the same goes for state Referral Hospital at Falkawn. Collaboration of Health Insurance Scheme with schemes under Labour Ministry from central is a constructive step.

Lastly, the Governor's speech states that all plans and projects started in the former ministry which will prove beneficial and viable will be continued and completed which is indeed a step forward and a change for the betterment which I fully support. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is obvious that we are all very grateful in hearing the Governor's speech. I will highlight only four points from it.

Firstly, plans to uplift the lower classes by implementing NLUP and forming an Apex Board is a great step. Secondly, setting up Lord Krishna IAS Academy for the betterment of our youths is remarkable, so being judgmental only because of the name is not right since it is we, the people, who will have the advantage. Sports Complex at Zobawk, with a great help from the Chief Minister and Sports Minister has been promoted to State Sports Academy and the Central Government had funded us with 34 crores proving to be very beneficial for us. Setting up State Planning Board to develop our state and appointing our experienced officer is a sure step to success. At the same time, to begin this planning at the grassroot level, the Chief Minister chose Lunglei and formed a High Power Committee. It is our beliefs that starting development in any area or zone is for the betterment of the state.

Lastly, steps taken to develop power like Kolodyne Phase – II etc, will definitely take our state to a higher ground. Going through different plans to develop our state, this ministry under the leadership of our Chief Minister will shortly take Mizoram to a better and more developed state. So, I support the Motion of Thanks moved by Pu T.T.Zothansanga. Thank you.

Dr.R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. The address of the Governor is too short although it is important. It does not include many important twenty departments.

Secondly, this Government appointed six Parliamentary Secretaries before the bill has been passed in the House. It seemed that they are to be appointed after the bill is passed in the House.

Thirdly, the state govt.has a good record in Education in India, while the Governor mentioned about ' declining education.....'It may be good to delete this portion from the Governor's speech.

The addressed is only eight points of which 80% of it is the works done by the former ministry. While 20% of it is done by the new ministry. In this connection, it is to be remembered that the purpose of the Youth Commission is not only Lord Krishna Cochin Academy, it is more vast than that. The authority has to study closely the purpose of the Youth Commission so that the youths of the state may benefit it.

The speech also does not include Bairabi Hydel Project and the pay condition of the government servants of the Government of Mizoram while this seemed to be compulsory which indicates the inadequacy of the speech.

In short, the treasury bench should not oppose the opposition bench or vice versa. The opposition bench should also co-operate the treasury bench in the truth. Accordingly the opposition group will cooperate and strengthen this ministry for the good of the state.

Lastly, it is more important to materialize the Governor's speech for the smooth functioning of the Government than a good written form. That must be followed by the government. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. I give thanks to this ministry. Members of the present treasury bench used to discussed what is good and bad in the House from opposition bench last year. But now they are sitting on the treasury bench. This new Government has no time to work. Their speeches are very sweet. But I am afraid that the people will be disappointed at the end of this ministry.

First of all, planning from the grass root level is the desire of the Central Government. The grass root level planning in this state is very easy as it is a small state. Not only that it has Block Development Committee(BDC) in each block. Through it, planning can be done from the grass root level easily.

Now, the Farmer Commission has been set up in the state. The Commission should take up marketing of the agriculture products in the state as it is the bond of success for agriculturists. The Bamboo Based Industry also should do marketing of its own.

It seemed that there is no steps taken in the Look East Policy. The construction of the approach road to the port of Akyab is to be constructed day and night. But no step is taken till date.

It is very pleasing to say that there is a Vigilance Committee. It is very hopeful that it will function effectively to investigate any case even the case of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

In Urban Area Development, people of the western side of Chhangurkawn have desire to be included in the urban area so as to benefit fund from JNNURM. And it seemed that this ministry has to take care of the area where BADP fund could not be applied in development as said in the former ministry.

In drinking water, the people of the western side of Chhangurkawn highly needed to construct more water tank as water supply is lesser day by day in that constituency where Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase 11 does not cover. It seemed that the hon'ble Minister has to take initiative to solve the serious water problem in that constituency.

Regarding power supply, it is good to follow the step taken by the former ministry as it has proposal involving around one crore rupees through REC. In the power project, it is good to concentrate on inland where no other person can claim any.

Lastly, it is good to apply the Tribal Act as early as possible against where villages are situated in the forest area. That is a good policy for the government. Thank you.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is very pleasing for this ministry had taken step to attain self-sufficiency in power. The state government signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) undertaking by the Govt. of India instead of Hydro Corporation to construct Kolodyne Project Phase-11. The NTPC had produced 30000 mega watt in India. This corporation also completed six projects in India. It is very pleasing to sign MOU with such reliable power corporation. Of the 460 mega watt, 52.2 is the state share without any payment and 15% will be reserved for the state consumption accordingly.

The hon'ble Chief Minister gave importance to power project and gave instruction to contact NTPC. Accordingly, NTPC is contacted. The quarters constructed by the former ministry are also to be maintained by them from their own expenditure.

Secondly, the main problem is water in the city and it appears that the former ministry did not give importance to it. Even the hon'ble Minister did not have a spot visit to see their problem. Besides these, the main reason for failure of Greater Aizawl Water Supply is that the selected contractor replied tender higher than the estimated amount by ₹. 62.25 crores, that is Rs 99.25 crore. But now, the hon'ble Minister gave importance to it and discussed its importance and their problems. It is now expected to improve in early future.

In this new ministry, there is a great change. In the former ministry supply carrying bills could be drawn by a special person only. But now the concerned minister decided that the bill will be drawn on the basis of seniority.

Lastly, if the address of the Governor does not cover all the desires of the hon'ble members, the ministry will not neglect what is important. I therefore, support the address of the Governor. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up the discussion.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the address of
CHIEF MINISTER the Governor is short as this
Government is only two months
old. It only highlights important points
given by the new ministry. I am pleased by the reaction of the hon'ble members. In
the democratic form of government, opposition is the back bone for the success of the
government. This government will do its best to fulfill the desire of the opposition
group as far as possible.

Hon'ble Speaker, it is not the time to say all things that one
knows. It is only brief highlight of what is important.

SPEAKER : It is now 4.00 PM. Will we have a
recess or continue the discussion?
Yes, we will continue the discussion.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Governor's
CHIEF MINISTER speech is short, hence I will say
issues which the members are
interested.

First of all, NLUP is the main subject mentioned by the hon'ble
members. It is a policy to uplift the poor cultivators of our state. NLUP is greatly
criticized by the former ministry. But the Synod Social Workers recorded the success
of the policy which is 40%. In this ministry the new NLUP is called the better NLUP
because this government finds that of the policy is useful and study better ways and
means. Various boards for its successful implementation will also be set up to
implement NLUP.

Regarding Lord Krishna Academy, it is not an ideal Academy,
it is an academy that the state can do to open such academy as a proverb says "Something is better than nothing." In fact, Rao's Study Centre and Brilliant Tutorial are preferable. But they could not open the academy which the state needed.

It is also pleasing that constitution of Planning Board is also
discussed by the hon'ble members. I hope this government will do its best to set up
district level planning board so that planning can be done from the grass root level as
it has been included in the election manifesto.

The problems of water supply and power supply is not a new
thing. It originated from the former ministry. No water problem will be said if
Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-11 is dismantled. The Scheme needed
around ₹.70 crores for maintenance. I feel that dismantling of public point is not
good for the poor. It is good for restoration.

In Power & Electricity, it is clear that the state has no sufficient power supply. The reason is natural calamity and money lending of the department from NEC during in the former ministry. The government has no time to consider for its recovery.

This year, fire broke out in different places although the state is very careful and take serious steps to control fire. More than 14 persons are arrested including the official of the department. And the persons died on ground of fire prevention are treated as martyr just like those died in the Kargil war and they are given rupees fifty thousands each as ex-gratia.

The Governor also said about the crime rate in the state. Although it is high but 75% is committed by persons coming from outside the state. Most of them are from Myanmar. The Government decided to hand over them to Myanmar army which they so afraid of. And the police of the state are given free hand to detect crime in the state. Our state police are highly praised in detection of crime. And illegal moneylenders (like Chiahpuam) are now all arrested.

Regarding Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium, the state government has not yet signed MOU with DGP Assam Rifles. That's why, step taken by the former ministry could not be followed. Accordingly the site of the Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium has been transferred to Mualpui as it is necessary to utilize Rs 7 crores given by the 13th Finance Commission.

And the reason why Housing Loan Board dissolved is that the beneficiaries are selected without any fund for the housing loan.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Parliamentary Secretary Bill has been laid on the Table of the House as this ministry wants to have proper law in this regard. The Parliament and 20 states appointed Parliamentary Secretaries for betterment of the government. The Parliamentary Secretaries were appointed since 20 years ago.

Hon'ble Speaker sir, the Governor's Address is short although the discussion lasted whole day. I am glad that hon'ble members especially the opposition member shown keen interest for the welfare of our state.

But in regard to the present steps taken by the government it has been said that Assam Forest personnels disturbed the workers of minor irrigation at Phaisen paddy field. The state police were being sent to the place to safeguard the area. They were given firing order in accordance with the necessity.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it seemed that it is good to give the copies of formation up of various commissions and other governmental important things to the hon'ble members as the time of issue of Official Gazette is usually late for them. Besides this, the copies of all sanctions of developmental schemes in each constituency must be given to the concerned MLA as the members are interested and useful for preventing corruption.

It is very pleasing to note the attitude of the members towards what we discussed. They are expected to be responsible and be constructive

opposition members and also to support the government in the attempt to improve the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Being the news editor, they are fast to know news items even the secret. They used to publish on their news paper before the hon'ble member knows. It seemed that it is necessary to have special mail agency. Nineteen members discussed about the Governor's address. Now, let us call upon the mover of the motion.

PU T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Nineteen members of the House participated in the discussion on Vote of Thanks to the address of the Governor of Mizoram. I thank all the members for supporting the motion of thanks. I, therefore, request all members to pass the said motion of thanks.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga begs the House for adoption of the motion of thanks. Now, we will vote the motion. (The Motion is voted and adopted).

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir.

SPEAKER : Now, we have finished our business of the House for today, we will have a recess. The business of the House will be resumed at 10.30 AM. tomorrow.

Sitting adjourned 4:30 PM.