

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 21ST JULY, 2009
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENT

SPEAKER at the Chair, Chief Minister, 12 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 23 Members were present.

OBITUARY

1. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to make references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - 1) Pu J. Lalsangzuala, former Minister, Govt. of Mizoram.
 - 2) Pu Lalkhawngginga, former Member of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

3. ***THE SPEAKER*** to report to the House the time table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current session.
4. ***Pu K. LIANTLINGA*** to present to the House The First Report of Committee on Government Assuarances (2009-2010)
5. ***Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA*** to present to the House The First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation relating to Land Revenue & Settlement Department. (2009-2010)

LAYING OF PAPERS

6. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to lay on the Table of the House:
- 1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2008 relating to Government of Mizoram.
 - 2) Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position on the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2008-2009 (April – September, 2008).
 - 3) Annual Report 2008-2009 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the States of Manipur and Mizoram.

SECOND VOTE ON ACCOUNT

7. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to submit the Second Vote on Account for the year 2009-2010.
8. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to submit various demands for meeting expenses during the period of August to November. 2009.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.

9. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2009”.

Also

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

And

to move that the Bill be passed.

10. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Bill, 2009”.

Also

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

And

to move that the Bill be passed.

11. ***Pu LAL THANHAWLA, Chief Minister*** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2009”.

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to move that the Bill be passed.*

S P E A K E R : If it is leadership, let him govern diligently.
Rom 12:8.

We will begin today's business. It is regretting to state that today we have to observe obituary on two of our prominent leaders Pu J. Lalsangzuala and Pu Lalkhawngginga. Let us call the hon'ble Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the two departed leaders.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate today that we have to observe obituary on the demise of two of our renowned leaders Pu J. Lalsangzuala and Pu Lalkhawngginga. Pu J. Lalsangzuala was an Ex- Minister who has held the office for 3/4 terms. On June 9, 2009, at 11:10 pm, he died of cardiac problem at Civil Hospital. He was 85. He was the third son of Pu V.Z. Biaka and Sangluaii, born on 24th September, 1924 at Kulikawn. In May 1962 under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, he married Pi Zokhumi, daughter of Tirhkoh Muka, Mission Veng. He had 1 son and 4 daughters.

Pu Lalsangzuala got his education from Sikulsen, Govt. Lower Primary School, and Govt. Boys Middle School. There after, completed his education at St. Anthony's College Shillong. He joined 1st Battalion Assam Regiment in 1941 as Havilder clerk during the second world war. Infact, he fought in Jessami Battle. He continued to serve in Assam Regiment after the world war till his pension that is 1958.

Pu J. Lalsangzuala after pension joined Transport Department and held the post of District soldiers, sailors and Airmen Board Secretary from 1959-1970. Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage chapter begins in Mizoram from 1983; Pu J. Lalsangzuala was an active convener till his death. He was a keen social worker, I would like to highlight some of the posts he held in social activities. President - Lions Club Aizawl, Member - National Confederation of Agricultural Co-operation, Chairman-Mizo Ex-Services Multipurpose Co-operation Society. Chairman - Mizoram Apex Marketing Co-operation Society. Member - Pradesh Consumer Council. Member

Director - State Bank of India North East Council Circle. Presently, World War -11 Veteran Association President and President in Association for Maternity& Social Health, Aizawl.

Pu J.Lalsangzuala started his career in politics in 1970.He joined National Congress. He was an able leader who determined to fulfill the responsibility bestowed on him. He was elected as MLA from Aizawl South constituency in 1972 as Congress candidate. And re-elected from Aizawl East constituency in 1989 .In the general election of 1993 he was re- elected from the same constituency. During his tenure he had occupied various Cabinet Minister posts such

as Finance, Home, and Supply etc. Pu Lalsangzuala was the member of All Indian National Congress Committee for 10 years. He was the president of Mizoram Congress in 2005; however, the party re-joined MPCC, and was its working president till his death.

Pu J.Lalsangzuala was a renowned social and church worker. He held the post of YMA president Kulikawn for 10 years. In the year 1989; he had heart by pass surgery at Escorts Heart Research Centre, New Delhi. In March 2008, he was hospitalized due to internal bleeding and was given 12 units of blood, he however recovered, but was re-hospitalized in October and was kept in ICU but was discharged shortly as his condition improved. After spending peaceful Christmas and New Year, he was again hospitalized on 17th May; 2009.He was discharged after 3/4 days but was bed ridden. On 9th June, at 5:30 p.m his condition got critical and was admitted again in ICU .He passed away at 11:30 p.m.

Pu Speaker, I have known Pu Lalsangzuala from my youth, I started working with him after he joined Congress Party and he was an able leader and a good parliamentarian as we all know. It is unfortunate that we lost such an eminent leader. My heart felt sympathy to his wife and children; I pray that God be with his family. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the Hon'ble Chief Minister continue with obituary on Pu Lalkhawngginga.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as we all know Pu Lalkhawngginga was an Ex M.L.A. He died due to internal bleeding on June 25, 2009 at 11:15. He was 74. Pu Lalkhawngginga was the second eldest son of Upa Pasena and Pi Tuahte. Pu

Lalkhawhinga married Pi Lalbuatsaihi in 1956, they had 2 sons and two daughters. Pi Lalbuatsaihi died on 25th July, 1995.

Pu Lalkhawngginga joined the 2nd Assam Regiment in 1954. However, since his battalion was disband in 1962, he resigned. In 1964, he joined the MNF Volunteer and fought under the MNF movement in 1966. Infact, he was the Mizo National Army Adjutant General at the time of the peace accord with the Govt of India in 1986.

Pu Lalkhawngginga was a Presbyterian, and was among the founder of Khatla North Presbyterian church and was also a preacher.

In the month of June 2008, he was admitted to Grace Nursing Home, Aizawl due to bleeding nose and dysentery. He was discharged after recovering from the sickness. He, however was again admitted due to internal bleeding, from here on though being discharged from Hospital he was bed ridden. In April 2009 he was again admitted to Vaivenga Hospital. As his condition improved he was discharged from the Hospital, but was readmitted to the same Hospital and was given 18 units of blood. Unfortunately he succumbed to his illness and passed away on June 25th, 2009 at 11:15.

I personally do not know Pu Lalkhawngginga, it was only after he became MLA that I came to know him. He was a humble and respectable person, it is unfortunate to observe obituary on such a leader and a colleague. I pray that God shows his mercy and grace on his family.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else who would like to give a speech.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Sadly we are going to observe obituary on Pu J. Lalsangzuala today, who was a senior member in this august House and a parliamentarian who has held important responsibility of the state. Pu Speaker, there is so much that can be said about him, I would, however, speak few words.

Pu Speaker, I truly admire his integrity, we could call him the founder Director of the Govt. Besides what we have heard, I would like to say that he was a great social worker. Pu Speaker; he was the president of YMCA for 10 years. Also he could be a national YMCA president uncontested in 1999-2001. So was he the YMCA national vice- president uncontested.

Pu Speaker, on the 11th July last week, national YMCA Board meeting was held in Andhra Pradesh- Vishakapatnam. I attended the meeting as chairman of North East Region. Obituary was observed in this meeting and I was invited to give a condolence speech. The president also gave a short speech on Pu Lalsangzuala. In the recently concluded north-east YMCA meeting as well, obituary was observed and Hon General Secretary gave speech about Pu J. Lalsangzuala and one minute silence was observed. It was also decided that a condolence letter be sent to his family. Besides this, Pu Speaker, for the record in this House, he held key post not only at national level but in the international level as well in the Christian Organisation and he was also Aizawl YMCA Board of Director till his death. Among the politicians I doubt if there is anyone on par with him. He never missed the word, 'thank you'. He was a thorough gentleman. As an Opposition member, I have approached him several times and it was amazing to note that he note down everything in his very old dairy. Pu Speaker, Pu J. Lalsangzuala possessed all the quality of a true gentlemen. Today we lost a leader who did no harm to others and who could never be angry. As I speak on this huge loss, I pray for the blessing and guidance of God for his wife, children and grandchildren.

The funeral of Pu Lalkhawngginga was held on 26 June. He was an MLA in the 1st Mizoram Legislative Assembly as MNF candidate. He was among the founder of the MNF movement and was among its leader when MNF and the Indian Govt signed the peace accord. He was adviser till his death.

As the Chief- Minister has mentioned he was humble and a friendly person. He was a man of wisdom in spite of his limited education. He was also a man who stood by his principle and dare to speak out his opinion frankly. During my 10 yrs term as Minister, he would bring needy people to my office, and deeply care for their welfare, he continued this work till his last days. I pray that God be with his family. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I regret that I could not attend the full funeral programme of Pu J.Lalsangzuala as I have to make speech on the funeral of our leader at Kulikawn. We have heard that he was a great politician, social worker and a leader who hold important posts in the state and various organizations at the same time, there is so much to learn from him. As we have heard the various qualities of his personality, let us believe that he left all these behind as an example for us to follow. It is the greatest loss.

As we have heard Pu Lalkhawngginga was a humble person with a generous soul. We have travelled together quite often and he did not mind sitting on

the back seat of Gypsy in spite of being an ex MLA. He was a warm and humorous person. I pray for the blessing and guidance of God for their families. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else, we should realize that we are availing question hour period, now Pu Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that today we have to observe obituary on two of our prominent leaders. The House Leader has given the details of Pu J.

Lalsangzuala, I will not say much, but what I would like to point out is his ability to remember things to the smallest details. Like during our travel in the remote area of Mizoram, if he meets his sepoy mates he would remember their names and even their sepoy number, such as his talent.

What I admire most about Pu J. Lalsangzuala is his social works. We have heard Pu Thangtea mentioned the details of his social works which stretched beyond Mizoram. Infact, many of the traditional values that we have preserved in our state is the handy work of Pu Lalsangzuala. Pu Speaker, I feel that it is a must to stand and speak few words on the loss of such great leader; this is the reason why I stood up.

As I look around, there are only 4 members who have sat in the House with Pu Lalkhawngginga. Pu Speaker, we were together in PAC committee and thus traveled a lot together. As we have heard, he was a humble person and has a great sense of humor. He valued the peace accord dearly and often mentioned about it. He was a great leader. I pray that God be with the families of our two great leaders. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me time to speak on this occasion. Pu Speaker, Pu Lalsangzuala was a leader whom I have followed closely, thus he was a great inspiration in my life. Pu Speaker, there were many occasions when I would run to him for help and advice, the one advice which is an inspiration in my life is what he said- "look at me, my hair have all turned white and I am still serving the people". Pu Speaker, it so happened that I followed him to Ratu constituency and as we came to halt in one of the villages, the VC of that village told us that they will not be able to provide us meal, I then suggested that we move on to the next village, but to my surprise, he told me that we

are working for the people, even if there is no food to eat and place to sleep, we will fulfill the task that has been assigned and work for the people to the best of our capability.

Pu Speaker, when the late Prime Minister Pu Rajiv Gandhi's ash was to arrive at 6 a.m. everyone was readied at that time, however, there was a delay and the ash reached only at 3:00 p.m. Thus everyone was hungry as they were readied for their duties by 6 a.m. Pu Lalsangzuala at the end of the day gave speech and thank the policemen and all those on duty for making the occasion successful. The policemen in turn said after the speech 'all our hunger was gone'. He was a person who understood everyone's welfare; he truly was a father figure for the state which left many examples for us to follow. I pray that God be with his family .

I do not know Pu Khawngchinga personally, but I pray that God be with his family.

S P E A K E R : We lost two prominent leaders, thus there is so much to be said about them. To show our respect let us all raise and observe one minute silence (one minute silence was observed).

We will now take up question. Let us call Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.1.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble G.A.D Minister be pleased to state – (a) How many vehicles are allotted to Ministers?

S P E A K E R : We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, according to the Govt's entitlement, three vehicles. But type of vehicles are not specified.

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

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Is the entitlement the same from Chief Minister down to Parliamentary Secretary? What is the total expenditure for purchase of vehicles during January- July?

On 19th May 2009, GAD issued office memorandum for Mizoram House and vehicle entitlement. According to the memorandum No.4 (1) Speaker, Minister and Deputy Speaker, MOS, or equivalent status notified by the Government. No. 6. stated that any other person permitted to use the vehicle by written order from GAD, Govt. of Mizoram. No.5 subjected to availability, Government vehicles may also be used by sitting MPs & MLAs of the state of Mizoram. MLA and the people are facing problem in regard to accommodation and vehicle.

On July 14th 2009, Resident Commissioner, Delhi issued an order stating – ‘The Resident Commissioner reserves the right to use authority on any guest staying in Mizoram House to vacate the room within one hour.’ What should be done regarding this order? Will this order be carried out ?

S P E A K E R : Let us call SAD Minister to answer the question.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I am not sure of the exact number of vehicles purchased. Ministers will be given according to the requirement, however we will not exceed beyond three, but adjustment will be made according to the requirement of the Ministers.

The Government is not aware of the order mentioned , however steps will be taken to make changes for the betterment where ever necessary.

In regard to accommodation and vehicles, what we should know is, it is too congested. Pu Speaker, as Ex Chief- Minister and Finance Commission member,

I was asked to vacate 34 times. Thus I understand the problem. As I have said earlier we will try and make it safe for the Mizo people.

In regard to allotment of vehicles to MP, there are states who provide vehicle and some who do not, as much as we would like to provide, the economy of our state does not permit. But the Government will look into the matter according to requirement.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in regard to the notification, I feel it is humiliating for politicians. I thank the hon'ble Chief Minister for giving his words. Regarding Residential Commissioner Delhi, I have received several complain through phone and SMS. Thus, I would like to ask if the Government could look into this matter, even local papers have written about him. Will it be more appropriate to post other person?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : My answer have covered the question. We are looking into it. As for Mizoram House, step will be taken to ensure that many people stay safely as before. If required the staff will be reshuffled.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred Question No. 2.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister be pleased to state –

- a) Is the present change of system in the distribution of gas required for the people.
- b) What is the condition of gas?

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is as follows –

- a) The change is believed to be suitable for the people.
- b) The condition is more stable than the previous month.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I believe the Government is working towards the betterment of the people, however, if Government employees are on transfer and posting, will it not be a problem? What is the reason for the change of system from the previous system? Or is it that this Government dwell on change so intensively that they try to change every system? What arrangement is the Minister equipped with in cases of changing localities.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the Minister to answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, distribution area for LPG is done as per the instruction of IOC. The distributors are allowed to distribute only to their consumers, as receipt is to be given only to their consumer. Without receipt consumer cannot claim compensation in case of accident.

Pu Speaker, as there was no demarcation of area for allotting gas connection previously, the distributors are facing problem in the distribution after IOC's order. This in turn is causing problem for the people. Therefore, the system is changed to solve the problem of the people and of the distributors as per the Company's order.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, there was Company's order all this year. I do not believe that the company will interfere in the common point delivery. In this system, if a particular distributor is unable to deliver supply to its area, it will mean the consumers of that area will suffer in this system. Secondly, to transfer

the card, it takes 3/4 days, thus, I would like to request the Minister if a common point or home delivery could be made for efficient distribution and to solve the problem of the people.

**Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, this system is adopted believing that it will solve the problem of the people. As mentioned earlier, it is not safe for the people not to be able to get receipt. Further, the company is intending to computerize, so that on-line checking could be done.

As for transfer system, the company has simplified the system. Subscription voucher is accepted without police verification if there is affidavit.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : I am residing in Bethlehem, if I change my locality to Vaivakawn, will the transfer be done there and then?

S P E A K E R : Let us stop with that with a believe that steps will be taken according to circumstances that arise. Brg. T. Sailo's seat is empty, I presume that he is still sick.

We will move on to the next business. Presentation of Report. The Business Advisory Committee Report was given on Bulletin Part-II No. 43 dt. 26.6.2009. I now present the BAC report on the table of the House. Let the copy be distributed.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, business conclave with Myanmar and Bangladesh will begin tomorrow, it is an important conclave, thus I would like to request the House if tomorrow could be a holiday, as members would like to attend the conclave.

S P E A K E R : What is the opinion of the House?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, would it be appropriate if BAC sits during lunch break and make decision.

S P E A K E R : The House have upper hand than BAC.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : It is right, but it will be more appropriate if there is a minute break and that will be a better precedence.

S P E A K E R : If BAC has another sitting, it will mean report has to be laid again.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, most of the Ministers will have to attend the meeting, why isn't there any consultation before as the Government is aware of this programme.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I suggest if we could give our consensus as requested by the hon'ble Leader since the programme is tomorrow.

**Pu P.C ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER** : I would like to give my support to the House Leader as the programme is tomorrow.

S P E A K E R : It is true what the members have mentioned, let us discuss the topic so that everyone is satisfied.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : I was not there at the BAC sitting, the concerned Minister consulted me through phone, we expected that the conclave and session could go simultaneously as conclave will start at 12 am. But, after the programme is choked out, the programme begins from 9.30 am. till night. It is my mistake, Pu Speaker, since it is an opportunity for the state to strike border trade deals, I request the House if tomorrow could be a holiday.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I agree but this should not be repeated in the future.

S P E A K E R : It is right, it should not be repeated.

**Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, it is right what Pu Lalduhoma had just stated, but I would like to request the members to know that our neighboring states do not stay firm on their decision like us.

S P E A K E R : Let us now agree with the House Leader's request that the programme for 22nd will be shifted to 23rd. We will have a holiday tomorrow.

However, in future unless it is due to natural calamity, decision taken by BAC will not be altered.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : As you have mentioned it would be wise if there is no precedence. I thank the House for agreeing my proposal.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu K. Liantlinga to present the first report of Government Assurances in the House.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you, I would like to say few words as I present this first report. It is the duty of the Committee to check if the departments concerned implement the assurance given by the Minister in the House. However, the Departments concerned mostly starts implementing only after the committee enquires for implementing reports. Like, recently the Chief Minister announced in the Pro-fight that Boxing Ring will be provided in every District.....

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, please, we should remember that there is a difference between what is said in the House and outside. Inside the House, Ministers are careful as what they say is assurance.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, whatever it is, there is 16 points in this report. It is already one and half years. What I would like to state is there a way to speed up the process? There are 12 points in March budget session as well.

With your permission and the House I present, 'The Mizoram Sixth Legislative Assembly First Report of Committee on Government Assurances'.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Let us now call Pu T.T Zothansanga to present First Report of Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House I present ' The Mizoram Sixth Legislative Assembly Committee on Subordinate Legislation First Report on the Mizoram Taxes on Land, Buildings and Assessment of Revenue Rules, 2005 relating to Land Revenue Settlement' Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will move on to laying of papers. Let us call the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay –

- 1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March, 2008 relating to Government of Mizoram.
- 2) Statement of Sixth Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position on the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2008 – 2009 (April – September, 2008).
- 3) Annual Report 2008-2009 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to lay on the table of this august House the following-

- 1) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31st March 2008, relating to Government of Mizoram.
- 2) Statements on Sixth Monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position on Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2008-2009, (April to September, 2008).

- 3) Annual Report 2008 - 2009 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram.
Thank you, sir.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to submit Vote on Account for the year 2009-2010 .

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF-MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker sir, while submitting my second Vote on Account for the current financial year. I beg to read out the short statements for presenting the Vote on

Account. Mr. Speaker sir, I am to say that during the last session of this august House in March, 2009, I have obtained the Vote on Account for expenditure requirements for the first four months of the current financial year from April 2009. That was necessary because the Planning Commission of India had deferred finalized plan out lay on the central support for 2009-2010. The interim Budget in respect of Annual Plan 2009-2010 was therefore, prepared tentatively at the level of last year allocation . I regret to inform the hon'ble members that due to formation of the new Govt. at the central and reconstitution of the Planning Commission of India, the finalization of the Annual Plan of the state is likely to take some more time. I have received indication from the planning commission that this may be fixed either on the 3rd or 5th of August. I am therefore, not in a position to present the budget as envisaged earlier due to the reasons stated above, which is beyond our control and unconstraint to seek another Vote on Account for another four months for August – November 2009. I will seek the approval of this august House for the budget of 2009-2010, after finalization of Annual Plan size of the state by the Planning Commission of India. I hope the House would appreciate the position and give approval to the Vote on Account as proposed by me. Thank you Sir.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We usually do not discuss Vote on Account any way, if there is anyone who would like to ask question.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, different demand is highlighted, my question is why there is only 15 lakhs increase as in the previous years it was 20 lakhs. Will there be any increment in the revised estimate.

S P E A K E R : If the Minister could clarify.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, in the previous years the Government received Rs 5 lakhs bonus due to bamboo flowering. We are not certain of the exact plan size, thus Rs 15 is fixed for now.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, that can be discussed in G.P.C. The previous ministry upgraded schools without fund allocation, the teachers are unable to take their salary, I would like to ask if the salary of these teachers are included in this Vote of Account.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF- MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the government has to review the up-gradation. But I believe that they should get what is due to them.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the Minister to submit the demands.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to submit to this august House various demands for meeting expenses during the period of August 2009 - November 2009 as follows:

Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission sir, I move demands No.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 for meeting expenses during the period of August-November 2009 in respect of the following demands:

1	Legislative Assembly	3,04,54,000
2	Governor	3,53,000
3	Council of Ministers	1,43,67,000
4	Law & Judicial	3,16,34,000
5	Vigilance	65,18,000
6	Land Revenue & Reforms	4,19,29,000
7	Excise & Narcotics	4,64,32,000
8	Taxation	2,33,17,000
9	Finance	61,21,10,000
10	Secretariat Administration	32,23,70,000
11	Parliamentary Affairs	10,90,000
12	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	56,80,000
13	Planning & Programme Implementation	164,83,78,000
14	Central Administration	16,40,27,000
15	Home	92,60,28,000
16	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumers' Affairs	75,38,29,000
17	Printing & Stationery	3,02,00,000
18	Local Administration	5,37,55,000
19	School Education	115,45,61,000
20	Higher & Technical Education	16,67,80,000
21	Sports & Youth Services	4,55,25,000
22	Art & Culture	1,66,18,000
23	Medical & Public Health Services	44,77,78,000
24	Water Supply & Sanitation	21,39,98,000
25	Information & Publicity	2,20,62,000
26	District Councils	38,08,33,000
27	Labour & Employment	1,61,83,000
28	Social Welfare	10,84,19,000
29	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	2,27,88,000
30	Agriculture	9,49,62,000
31	Horticulture	6,08,08,000
32	Soil & Water Conservation	4,39,85,000
33	Animal Husbandry	9,51,03,000
34	Fisheries	1,81,83,000
35	Environment & Forests	11,22,84,000

36	Cooperation	3,11,74,000
37	Rural Development	27,27,87,000
38	Power	56,73,00,000
39	Industries	8,92,81,000
40	Sericulture	2,80,27,000
41	Transport	7,55,72,000
42	Tourism	1,57,03,000
43	Trade&Commerce	1,2167,000
44	Public works	35,71,60,000
45	Urban Development &Poverty Alleviation	9,76,67,000
46	Minor Irrigation	9,76,40,000

GRAND TOTAL Rs. 938, 30, 18,000.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : The figure that we have does not tally with the Finance Minister's figure. If we could be given the correct figure.

S P E A K E R : What could be the reason?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, there are several numbers which do not tally. It will be appropriate to pass the correct figure.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if we are to pass the Vote on Account, I suggest that correct figure should be circulated to the members.

Pu P.C.ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if Revenue and Capital is added up, it tallied with the Finance Minister's statement. I suppose the deptt. highlighted the total. Thus the figure is correct, and re-circulation of the fresh copy seems to be avoidable.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, if we look at Co-operation Sl. No. 37 add up Revenue & Capital without the head charge, can the figure tally? I suppose the figure is tallied.

**Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA
DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Speaker, let us pass the figure as the Finance Minister's statement and later circulate the required copy.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, what has been suggested is correct, however, if the Revenue & Capital is added up from the present copy of the members then a fresh copy may not be required.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, hon'ble Chief- Minister read out only the Vote on Account Revenue.

**Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the Finance Minister read out the total of amount required on account. We members have the break-up. That is the reason.

S P E A K E R : The figure seems to be correct if added up. The Finance Minister read out the total. Can we all agree to the figure? If so, all those who agree to pass the Vote on Account say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No', the House unanimously passed the Vote on Account.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I apologize for not making a clarification before presenting Demands, there was confusion among the members as the total was not given in the copy of the members. Anyway I thank the House for accepting.

Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation No.3 Bill,2009.'

S P E A K E R : Can the House give permission to introduce the bill? Let us call the Minister to introduce the bill and seek the permission of the House for discussion.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I move 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2009' and seek the permission of the House for discussion.

S P E A K E R : Anyone who like to have a word or so? Alright, let us call the Minister to seek the permission of the House to pass the bill.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I seek the permission of the House to pass Appropriation Bill,2009.

S P E A K E R : Is there a need for discussion?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the confusion that we have earlier is quite clear in this Bill, let us pass the Bill.

S P E A K E R : All those who agree to pass the bill say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No'. The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Appropriation No.3 Bill, 2009'. Let us now call Pu Lal Thanhawla to introduce 'the Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Bill, 2009'.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF-MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Bill, 2009'.

S P E A K E R : Now that the Minister has introduced the bill, let us now call the hon'ble Minister to move the bill.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, I move 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Bill, 2009, for discussion in the House.

S P E A K E R : Anyone who would like to say few words?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in the financial memorandum it states, 'it is suggested that the amount determine under the said Act be accorded from ten lakhs to 200 lakhs'. My question is why the sudden shoot up in crore. I would request the Minister to clarify.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble Minister to clarify .

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, there are unforeseen
CHIEF MINISTER expenditure at the end of the year like the
election, and centrally sponsored
schemes, which is the result for the shoot up.
The financial position is not comfortable thus we geared up for economic measure.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, my question is, why the
sudden shot up from 10 lakhs to 200
crore. The state has been functioning
with 10 lakhs for the past many years. Has
the Government adopted a new fiscal measure? If this could be clarified.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, it is
CHIEF MINISTER utilized for centrally sponsored schemes,
adjustment will be made in the new
Budget. Plan finalization will be made
within 3/4 days in which regularization and adjustment will be made.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The contingency
fund was as per 1987 Act, No. 2, Rs 10
lakhs. The raise from 10 lakhs to 200
crore in my view indicates that the
Government is giving the support for development. The Government has been facing
problem with centrally sponsored scheme as they are unable to fund the state matching
share, but with the increase of the contingency fund development will speed up as fund
will be available. The Chief- Minister will be given more power .However the fund needs
to be utilized appropriately. Special care has to be taken as section 5 prescribed in the
making of rules, as this will have immense impact on the development of the state. Thus,
if our thought goes in this direction, I believe that it is an important Bill for the
development of the state. Thank you.

Pu LALSAWTA : Pu Speaker, today's bill is the change
MINISTER the people and the media has been
talking about. The reason is that, we now
have fund which can be utilized as and when
required. It is appreciating that the Finance Dept. is able to increase the fund. Pu Speaker,

it is necessary that the state has such a fund for unforeseen calamities. Also, like in Education Department, there is an intention of creating Education Reforms commission, but we do not have fund allocation in the Budget, it would be appropriate if we can utilize this fund before the allocation of fund.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am not quite sure, but I believe that to a certain extent, it will stop fund being deposited at K. deposit due to financial constraint.

The contingency fund would prove vital source for funds which the government is yet to receive from the central government, but which is needed for urgent implementation.

Like, the members before me have mentioned, I believe that it will play vital role with the filling-up of state matching for centrally sponsored scheme. Due to lack of funds, centrally sponsored schemes are delayed in the execution and thus hamper the developmental projects of the state. Pu Speaker, the present government is stable and powerful, if it goes in the right direction there could be a huge development, but if it goes in the negative direction there could be severe damage as well. Therefore, believing that it will be for the betterment of the state, we should pass the bill.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : First of all I would like to thank for the positive discussion. The financial position of the state is not comfortable. As mentioned earlier it is impress money. Since we do not have regular budget, contingency fund will pave the way for the smooth running of the government. It will be regularized in the budget session. I believe the government will be entrusted with more power with the raise in the contingency fund.

As the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma has mentioned, the government has to follow the correct direction for development, if not, severe set-back. Thus, it is the prayer of this government before the election to have a clean and fair administration. Therefore, it is our desire to move in this direction. Advice and constructive suggestions are always welcomed even now. We are working towards the rightful implementation of fund. If there is any misuse of fund, government authorities should be made known, and action will be taken accordingly. Social evil has suppressed our society. It is thus, the responsibility of everyone to reconstruct the damage that has occurred in our society. The treasury bench welcome constructive suggestion anytime. Pu

Speaker, for the smooth functioning of the government I request this august House to pass the bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I would like to remind the members that the bill we are discussing is not an amendment. Anyway, as the hon'ble Chief Minister has requested the House to pass 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram', all those who agree to pass the bill say 'yes' and those who do not agree say 'no'. The House has unanimously passed the 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram'.

Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to introduce 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2009'.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2009', thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Now let us call the Minister to move the bill for discussion.

**Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the permission to move the bill for discussion. Before discussion, there is typing mistake in the first page, Amendment of section 6 Sl. No. 2, second para which reads, 'Reduce fiscal deficit to 3% of the estimated gross domestic product by 2009-2010'. Pu Speaker, instead of 2009-2010, it should be 2010-2011. I would, therefore, request the House to consider this typing mistake before discussion.

S P E A K E R : What is the opinion of the House?
Alright, let us make the correction with pen.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to say few words in regard to this amendment bill. In the last financial year, the fiscal deficit was to reduce by 3% of the estimate gross domestic product .But due to economical crisis there was no reduction, knowing this the central government extended the period of 3% fiscal deficit reduction, thus, this amendment bill is required.

S P E A K E R : Please wait, I have to seek the opinion of the House, should I let him continue?
Alright you may continue.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The time has been extended to 3 years .The good news from this bill is from now on under this rule the government has to highlight whatever assets it implement.Pu Speaker, Dr Ambedkar had the opinion to include this bill in the Constitution and to highlight the amount the Parliament can borrow and the deficit they can have. However, this was not done, but as time passed the need was felt to introduce this bill as the deficit of Parliament was rising. Thus, on 20th December, the then Finance Minister Jashwan Singh introduced the bill and was passed by the Parliament.

Pu Speaker, the same has been introduced in the House and passed in 2005. What I would like to mention is, I agree with the amendment, but, unlike the Parliament our procedure is still not to my satisfaction. At present, Review Committee is held only half yearly whereas in the Parliament, the Finance Minister submits the report quarterly in both the Houses. And debate is held if there is a deviation in the implementation. The Minister then gave justification and its remedial measure. Pu Speaker, in this process the whole country is aware of the implementation of the budget and there is transparency. In our present system after the budget is passed in the House, we the MLAs are not aware of its implementation and do not have the chance to debate if there is any deviation. Thus, as I give my support to this amendment. I would like to suggest that the government give its thought towards amending like that of the Parliament. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have passed our scheduled time of 1:00 pm by 8 minutes; I need the opinion of the House, should we continue?

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we all seems to approve the Bill, let the Minister seek the permission of the House to pass the bill.

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, if the House Leader is invited and the Bill is passed we can wind up today's business.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble members have given important remark especially Pu Lalduhoma. We are all aware that the world is facing financial crisis. Infact, we are among the countries which is less affected due to the Prime Minister. Even G.S.D.P is unable to meet its target. From what the members have stated it seems that we agree with the bill. Thus I request the House to consider and pass the bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now that the Minister has requested the House to pass the Bill, all those who agree to pass the bill say 'YES' and those who disagree say 'NO'. The House has unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Amendment) Bill, 2009.'

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thank the members for their responsible thinking.

S P E A K E R

: We have come to the conclusion of today's business, meeting will resume at 10:30 am on Thursday the 23.7.2009.

The House is adjourned.