

**SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
( Fourth Session )**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 AM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

**MEMBER PRESENT**

1. **Pu R. ROMAWIA**, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

2. **QUESTION** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answer given.

**LAYING OF PAPER**

3. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Correction of Statement – 1 (A) at 17 page of Annual Financial Statement (Budget) 2009-2010.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMAND FOR GRANTS**

4. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
5. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

S P E A K E R : To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.  
(Deut. 10:14)

We will begin with question and answer. The hon'ble member, Pu Lalduhawma may ask Starred Question No. 13.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Home Department be pleased to state – how far has the commission set up to enquire the scam regarding the purchase of fencing material by the Police department progressed? Can you tell me their findings?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Home Department, Pu R. Lalzirliana may furnish the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : a) The commission finished their enquiry by April and May of 2009 and collected all the necessary materials.

b) Their findings could not be revealed at the moment.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Has the modernization scheme been continued? If so, can you tell us some of the works in progress? What happened to the Home Guard resolution that we passed in the House? Can the government give Compensatory Allowance and Station money to IV Grade employees of the Police Department? Can they receive mosquito nets and blankets like the ministerial staff when they go on field duty? Can the department release GPF without going through such difficulty? When will the lower ranking policemen who went to Chhatisgarh receive their TA?

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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : When did the Police department buy the fencing material for which an enquiry commission has been set up?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Home Department may provide the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : The answer to the hon'ble member  
MINISTER Pu R. Lalrinawma's question is, it was bought in 2004. In response to Pu Lalduhoma's question, the MPF is supposed to continue for another 2 years under normal circumstances. It might be difficult to provide the IV grade employees with the facilities received by higher ranking officials. The policemen who are on field duty already receive higher salaries than their fellow policemen. I do not think there is any particular difficulty regarding the withdrawal of GPF. The only problem may arise from the fact that there are too many personnel who wants to withdraw the GPF at a time. I actually have not yet given any thought about the policemen who have not received their TA. Their TA is supposed to be given by the state that availed their service. Still, I will look into the matter as soon as possible. In regard to the Home Guards, we are doing our best to fulfill the resolution we have passed in the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga may ask Starred Question No. 14.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Will the hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state – How many fingerlings will be distributed to each farmer?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department may kindly provide the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : 10,000 fingerlings will be given to fish-ponds with an area of 1 hectare. This means that a fingerling will be given for each square meter.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : I would also like to know how many fingerlings will be given for areas less than 10,000 Sq.m. Furthermore, how many fingerlings have been distributed district-wise during 2008-2009?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Department may furnish the details.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it would be extremely difficult to measure the area. As I said, a fingerling will be given for each sq.m.

The amount of fingerlings distributed district-wise during 2008-2009 is – Aizawl district – 308 farmers, Mamit – 382, Kolasib – 301, Lunglei and Saiha – 274, Lawngtlai – 374. The total amount is 1639 fingerlings.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, some of the potential areas appear to receive less than what they need. Is there any way to distribute them evenly based on their potential?

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, can you tell me why Champhai was omitted in the list?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, forgive me for forgetting to mention Champhai district. In any case, district-wise allotments are based on demand and the report made by district officers. While some areas may have better potential, there could be private farmers who prefer to manage their fish ponds by themselves in that area. Another

problem is transportation. Several fingerlings die on the way to the ponds because most of these ponds are very far. Therefore, the number of fingerlings supplied and the amount safely delivered may vary greatly. We have proposed to build 4 Fishery pond nurseries from next year to mitigate this problem and the department is trying its best to breed at least half of the total demand. Champhai is included among the areas to receive common carp but the transport unfortunately met with an accident. That was why it did not receive the supply. Common carp will be distributed once again in February-March and hopefully they will also receive the fingerlings then.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would like to request the concerned Minister to provide us with the details of fish ponds and its management in Saiha district.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, if I am not mistaken, there are 514 fish ponds recognized by the department in Saiha. I am unable to provide the total expenditure right now but 18 lakhs fingerlings have been distributed in the area.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The price of each fingerling seems to vary in different areas. Did the government advertise quotations state-wise or district-wise? Who is the supplier?

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I said before, the fingerlings are ₹. 1 each. I myself do not know who the supplier is but the information can be given to the members.

S P E A K E R : That would be welcome. We will now move on to Starred Question No. 15. Pu C. Ramhluna will ask the question for Pu B. Lalthlengliana who is bed-ridden with sickness.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation be pleased to state – Has the government made any appropriate plan for sewage dumping ground for Aizawl City?

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, a temporary dumping site is being prepared near Tuirial River. A better dumping system is also being prepared under ADB and JNNURM but this will take time. Thank you.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Aizawl city has been without proper sanitary dumping site for a very long time and hence, I am profoundly grateful that the Minister has arranged to prepare a systematic dumping site. In the meantime, Lengpui road is one of the busiest connecting roads to Aizawl but it is extremely embarrassing to see the roadside used as a dumping site. How can the government restrict these trespassing? Can an arrangement be made with the YMA or VCP to guard the site? The road to the airport is easily one of the most important features which describe our condition and it is imperative that special attention is given to the problem.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question by Pu P.P Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, how many waste disposal trucks does the department have? Are there any records? What are the rates based on?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, can the department kindly take a look at Tuikual 'D' where sewage flows without proper drainage?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Lalhimpuia.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Drastic measures are taken because the city of Aizawl is facing serious problems and I commend the hon'ble Minister for taking quick and efficient action. However, I would like to know if there are plans made by the government to prevent it from happening to other district capitals?

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Pu Lalrobiaka.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Several trailers were put at key locations of the city by the previous government where people can dispose of their garbage. The present government has towed these trailers away as it felt that they are detrimental. Meanwhile, people still keep piling their garbage at these old locations. What solution has the government come up to eradicate this problem?

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu Zodintluanga to answer the questions.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, an oxidation pond has been constructed at Tuirial and all sewage disposal trucks will be required to dump there shortly. The garbage dumped at Lengpui roadside will be pushed over with bulldozers and fenced afterwards to prevent further dumping. A DPR plan costing ₹ 85.58 have been formulated through the ADB which will include part of Aizawl East, and sewage will be dumped through pipes connecting each house to Chite Lui, etc, where it will be processed correctly. A sewage system has also been devised for Aizawl West under

the JNNURM. In response to the hon'ble member, Pu P.P. Thawla's query, there are 22 members under septic tank service association at present, while there are 15 independent operators. As to Pu K. Lalrinthanga's request, I will have the department heads look into the matter as soon as possible. The answer to Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia's question is, Aizawl city is extremely congested and solving these issues is a huge, intimidating task. Therefore, Aizawl city will be given priority and other district capitals will be looked into afterwards. To Pu V.L. Robiaka's question, most of the city areas now dump their garbage on periodical garbage collecting trucks and there are only a few points where garbage is illegally dumped. The government is currently working with the YMA's and VC's to solve this problem. Thank you.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : I would like to offer some additional  
CHIEF MINISTER clarification, Pu Speaker. One important  
reason that the sewage has become such  
a huge concern is because we do not  
obey the government specification when we construct our septic tanks. The septic  
tanks are incorrectly constructed and as a result the tanks are filled up after a short  
while. Therefore, people must realize that they must follow the specification of the  
authorities when they construct their septic tanks. One other thing I'd like to point  
out to the members is that projects such as oxidization, incinerator, waste  
management, etc. has been proposed by our ministry back in 1997-1998. However,  
we were unable to complete these projects because of change of Ministry.

Apart from the garbage dumped on the roadside, I am deeply shocked by the social degeneration displayed by the residents along Lengpui road. All our esteemed guests from other states and foreign nations arrive from the said road and it is inappropriate to exhibit such vulgar behavior. It is a must to implement some kind of moral conduct regulation at the earliest.

As to Pu Lalrinthanga's observation, I have often contemplated about relocating our Civil Hospital mainly because it is impossible to manage all its wastes. But this is something we will have to decide upon after careful discussions. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Very well. Pu John Rotluanga, would  
you like to add anything?

Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA : Thank you Pu Speaker, there is indeed  
DEPUTY SPEAKER one request I would like to make. Several  
private proprietors have set up public  
toilets in New Market area but since they  
do not have proper maintenance they would flush their tanks out on the drains when



their septic tanks are full. Can the department do something about this since it is obviously very unhygienic?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister may provide the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, New Market area is under Trade and Commerce Department. Although, we are concerned with UD&PA, we will take a look at the problem.

S P E A K E R : Let us invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask Starred Question No. 16.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the hon'ble Minister for Home Department be pleased to state -

- a) Has the Home Department bought the Bawngkawn Police Station building?
- b) If so, for how much?
- c) Was it purchased with the fund from Police Modernization Scheme?
- d) Has the document of purchase been finalized?
- e) Was there any one who benefited up to ₹ 15 lakhs from this transaction?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Home Department, Pu R. Lalzirliana may furnish the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : The answers, Pu Speaker, to the hon'ble Member's questions are –

- a) Yes, the Bawngkawn Police station has been purchased by the Home Department.
- b) It was purchased for ₹ 100 lakhs.

- c) It was bought with the Police Modernization Scheme fund received for the year 2001-'02.
- d) All relevant documents have been finalized.
- e) The Department is unaware of any third party beneficiary.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : I would like to know if the said fund is withdrawn from the Police Quarter 57 construction bill?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. I would like to know why Vairengte Police Station modernization project was stopped. Is the police modernization scheme still going on? How many funds were received during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010?

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Minister for Home, Pu Lalzirliana may furnish the answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : To be precise, the funds were withdrawn from police station building I and Type III building quarter 24 bill, instead of Police Quarter 57 construction bill. The reason for shifting Vairengte police station modernization project was because Saitual is in a poorer condition and its needs are more immediate.

S P E A K E R : The question hour has ended just now. Shall we let the hon'ble Minister continue answering the question?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : The Vairengte police station is in good condition and the building will have to be demolished if a new building is to be constructed. Therefore, it would be extremely pointless to demolish a perfectly good building just because a

modernization project has been received. That was why the project was shifted to Saitual police station which is in dire need of a new building.

S P E A K E R : Alright, we have managed to discuss four questions within our allotted time. In the meantime, I would like to inform the House that the hon'ble member, Pu B. Lalthlengliana is unable to attend the session due to a health problem. We will now move on to our next business. Without further ado, let us invite the hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay his paper entitled 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Rules, 2009' in the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA  
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg to lay in this august House a copy of 'The Contingency Fund of the State of Mizoram Rules, 2009'. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : While the copy is being distributed, I would like to make an announcement. I request all the hon'ble members not to bring water bottles inside the Session Hall. If you are thirsty please go to the recess room.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I am a little bit confused about the designation of Pu Lalsawta in this paper, which is 'Principal to the Govt. of Mizoram'. What does it mean?

S P E A K E R : That would be a typing mistake. It is supposed to be 'Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Mizoram'. We will now invite the hon'ble member and Chairman of the Committee, Pu K. Liantlinga to present 'Second Report of Committee on Govt. Assurances, 2009-2010' in the House.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Speaker, with your permission and the kind consent of the members, I hereby present 'The Second Report of the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly Committee on Government Assurances, 2009-2010' in the House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed among the members. You have managed to produce a second report on the subject in such a short time. It is good to see that you have made terrific developments.

We will now move on to another business which is official resolution. We have received an official resolution from the Parliament. Let us invite the hon'ble Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to move the resolution.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, with your permission, MINISTER I would like to move the Resolution, "That this House rectifies the amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clause (d) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 368 proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2009 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament". Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I think we already have a copy of the Resolution. The two Houses of Parliament have already passed the resolution and we are required to rectify it in the State Assembly only as a formality. I am sure we all know what it means. It involves reservations for Tribal and Anglo-Indians. The mover will initially explain the general idea included in the Resolution and the members will have 5 minutes for discussion.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : There is not much to add to what MINISTER the Speaker have said. This is something all the states have and with this resolution, it will be extended for another 10 years. Both the Houses of Parliament have already passed the resolution and I would like to request you all to pass it in this House as well.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, this is something we have heard of for the first time. Although the mover has moved the resolution, we do not have any idea what the resolution is actually about. What did he mean when he said it will be extended for another 10 years?

S P E A K E R : An announcement has already been made through the bulletin. The resolution is in regard to Article 334 concerning reservation held for Scheduled Tribe and Anglo-Indians and which is renewed every ten years. Will the hon'ble Minister deliver a more thorough explanation about the resolution?

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : This resolution concerns seat reservation for Tribal and Anglo Indians and it has been in effect for 50 years. When the allotted time expires, it is normally extended for a period of 10 years. Even now, the Parliament has decided to extend it for another 10 years and it falls in our hands to pass it as a resolution in the State Assembly.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, this is simply a resolution to extend the reservation for Tribal for another 10 years.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, can the hon'ble Minister explain if this is a political reservation or reservation for jobs and other government undertakings?

S P E A K E R : Instead of the hon'ble Home Minister, let us invite the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to shed light on the resolution.

- Pu LALSAWTA  
MINISTER : I think we should be extremely grateful that the Parliament decided to pass this resolution. It is meant to elevate the backward classes on the same level as the other classes.
- S P E A K E R : I am afraid the hon'ble member's question has not been answered to my satisfaction. Can the ruling party enlighten us a little bit more?
- Pu R.LALRINAWMA : The hon'ble members should have studied the copies delivered at their residence. In any case, the resolution is mainly about Parliament and State Legislature seat reservation under article 334. As there are some points wherein it would be extremely complicated to make amendments, the states are required to ratify it after both Houses of the Parliament passed it. Even as we speak, most states have already ratified it and I request all the members to ratify it in this House as well.
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I am sorry that we did not receive the copy. Anyway, I feel that we are all clear about the resolution and we should pass it without further hassle.
- S P E A K E R : Let us invite the hon'ble Home Minister and mover of the resolution to request the House for passage.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to request all the members to pass this resolution, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Very well, the hon'ble Minister has requested the House to pass the resolution. All those in favour please say "yes". Otherwise, please say "no".

Alright, the House has unanimously passed the resolution - "That this House rectifies the amendment to the Constitution of India falling within the purview of clause (d) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 368 proposed to be made by the Constitution (One Hundred and Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2009 as passed by both the Houses of Parliament".

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to another business which is discussion on the Annual Budget 2009-2010 presented earlier in the House. How many minutes shall we give each member?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : If you will permit us Pu Speaker, we still have tomorrow to continue our discussion. Therefore, why not allot each member 15 minutes?

S P E A K E R : Very well, the members will have 15 minutes each. However, this does not mean that it is compulsory to use your full time.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we normally have 10 minutes for discussion with the group leaders allotted 15 minutes.

S P E A K E R : That is not a bad idea either. Very well, the members will have 10 minutes with the group leader allotted an additional 5 minutes.

We will begin our general discussion now, who will be the first to take the stand? Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I think this Annual Budget is one of the most eagerly awaited budgets. The people expect so much from the new ministry and as the Budget is the first presentation of the party's official policy, I am sure the government has initiated new undertakings for the benefit of the state. Back when I was the minister of Soil Department, I requested the departments of Soil, PHE and Forest to set up District Headquarter Division at Saiha. Soil department was set up first with most of the quarters constructed. There are around 10 more buildings to be constructed and the office can function at any time now. I would, therefore, like to request the government to take necessary actions for the functioning of the Division.

The creation of PHE division was announced just before the general election and the concerned minister has inaugurated it officially awhile back. It would be extremely welcome for the people of Saiha if funds could be set aside in the budget for more efficient functioning of the office.

Pu Speaker, I am disappointed that after our budget has increased manifold, we are still unable to take actions for the real development of the state. As a result, I sincerely hope that the new government will look into this issue first of all.

I have placed great faith in our capable Chief Minister who supported enhancement of district level authority. I hope that the funds received from the central will be utilized to the maximum. Finally, I would like to remind the government that the more remote districts have high expectations in the new ministry and we will be eagerly watching your every move. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I would like to remind the hon'ble members that we are representatives of the people and it would not do to favour any ethnic group or collective organizations, etc. Who will take the stand next? Pu Chawngtinthanga.



Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, I would like to give a general comment on the budget. As it appears, our GSDP of 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 growth rate is hardly satisfactory. Our per capita income is also very little compared to the national per capita income.

Our annual plan outlay has been increased from ₹.100 crores to ₹.1250 crores in 2009-2010. We can see from the report that the government is trying to set up a more reliable infrastructure and I am particularly grateful for that. We have heard about Public Private Partnership mode of funding for Tuivai Hydel Project from the Chief Minister and I think utilization of the central fund for stabilizing the infrastructure is a wise venture. The people badly need some sort of assistance to make their livelihood easier and the government realized this and proposed to implement the NLUP to improve their conditions.

I think we should be thankful that the government has also proposed hydel projects which will not only be able to supply the whole state in 7-8 years but produce surplus energy for export. The budget also promises faster advancement in human development, forest protection, land reforms and geological explorations. Apart from the budget, we also have central schemes such as NREGS, NLCRR, CSS, CPS, etc. to develop the state and I am profoundly grateful that the budget is intended to push our state to a better future, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Who will be next? Isn't anyone concern about our constituencies ? Pu R.L. Pianmawia ?

Pu R.L PIANMAWIA : The budget presented by our hon`ble Finance Minister is all about developmental plans. These plans include Hydel Projects, Revision of Sixth Pay, VRS plans for teachers, NLUP for the poor, Comprehensive Land Reforms, plans to extract oil and natural gas, Catch them Young policy by the sports dept., IAS coaching academy, Sports promotion centre in every Dist. Headquarters, Institute of Information Technology, National Institute of Technology, Institute of Medical Science, Agriculture University, Mizoram Law Commission and Mizoram Education Reforms Commission. Apart from these, policies to renovate our city is also included in the plan. Looking at our budget we can see that our govt. is very much concerned about our progress, so I want to conclude by stating that we are very fortunate and what else can we say but thank the govt. for its considerate plans to develop our state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It is good that the member did not take much time. Who will be next? Pu Selthuama.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Though our budget session is behind schedule, it has its advantages. This year our budget increased by 25 % and 100 crores is sanctioned for NLUP. Sixth Pay will be put into practice and our pension will also increase. It is a well known fact that power & electricity is of vital importance for the growth of our economy. Our Finance Minister takes measures for Hydel Project in our state and we hope this project could be completed within 5 years. The MLA Fund is also increased amounting to ₹ 25 crores which will have a great impact in the development of our constituencies.

I want to conclude by stating that this budget is very satisfactory and there is nothing more to state but be grateful for it. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The people put their faith and trust in the govt. hoping that under their administration the state will have a better status. It was in their slogan that they will distribute NLUP right after they formed a ministry and NLUP programme is placed in different depts. So let's hope that these depts. will succeed in attaining their goal. If not, the people may loose their hope and we may face hardships beyond our control.

We also need to have a closer look at the Land Reforms bearing in mind about Naxalite since they have spread themselves in 17 different states. Garbage trailer had also been removed but this results in bad sanitation. Since everything has a negative side we have to make conclusions by considering both sides.

Regarding power, it is planned that PPP mode will be followed if the mega watt is above 25. The result of global recession leads to the decrease in our share amounting to 34.41 crores meaning that we should take heed on our expenditure. I also believe that decreasing our funds will bring different problems for us.

It should be noted that Educational Reform Policy should be considered with care since we have had a problem regarding caste discrimination with the member (Prof. Vet. Prakash) of Education Reform Commission in the year 2009. I also appeal that the MLA Fund, Area Development Fund should be revised and increased. It is pleasing to know our budget but we,

sitting on the left side is more concerned whether plans take their being and we support the budget speech by our House Leader and we will be looking forward to the success of the plans.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, since I have a problem with talking, can you please permit me to have more time?

S P E A K E R : Please state your opinion first and we will deal with that later.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I have gone through Mizoram public resource management programme and if possible I would request for the copies to be distributed amongst the MLAs. I would like to request the analysis of the performance budget and hope that Finance Dept. will also be ready for this purpose. Lastly, a good budget and a good beginning will surely have a good result and hope it will be a blessing for our state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of our discussion, we will resume our discussion at 2 : 00 PM. Six members have had their time and who will be next? Then shall we wind up? Pu C.Ramhluna.

PU C. RAMHLUNA : I want to thank the House Leader for providing us full budget document along with the Salary & Employment data, Performance budget and Work Schedule. Going through the performance budget, I suppose that the Head of Account and its scheme should be in the same column. In Column-2, the name of the activity should be highlighted instead of the scheme, work and target and BE and Actuals should be in the financial column. I think it is vital to put, 'reason for short fall, if any' so we may know the reason why we do not achieve our goal. Can details be given regarding the, 'achievement as on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2009' since financial year ends in March every year.

Can explanation be given regarding Work Schedule in PWD section, there was no estimated amount for the widening of approach road to New Secretariat Complex, but we could see in the target that there is 70 lakhs for physical purpose. I also think it is more preferable to highlight the length in terms of kilometers. The same goes for Sl. No 7 and 8.

Pu Speaker, in Demand No. 36 page 117 regarding the scale of pay for PCCF, their pay was highlighted as ₹ 37,400 – 6700 + Grade pay while the actual pay scale is ₹ 75,500 – 80,000 which is appointed by the government, so amendment has to be made in this regard. We have received different grants which adds a good amount to our budget but nothing is highlighted in explanatory memorandum and demand for grants, so can the Finance Minister please give an explanation in this matter. Can the Tax Revenue be raised since our expectations is high in Land revenue?

How will Adhoc Grants from Ministry of Finance be utilized? Will it be utilized for Sixth Pay? In the Annual Finance Statement we could see that taxes on income other than Corporation tax amounts to ₹ 7738/- while last year it amounts to ₹ 8,810. If it is hard to ask for increment, can the reason why it decreased be stated?

Under Taxes on Commodities and Services, last year we received more than we expect and the same goes for Union Excise duties. So, is there a possibility to enjoy such condition again?

Can explanation be given regarding performance budget between the year 2009 – 2010 since this was planned to be maintained and convenient for controlling the budget.

Due to the increase of fund to be used under NLUP I believe that this had an effect on the other allied department like Crop Husbandry, Horticulture, Soil & Water Conservation, Animal Husbandry and Environment and Forests. Allotments of our District Council is quite high and there are some figures which is not in tally with demand for grants and the actual allotments, so can the concerned minister please clarify this?

S P E A K E R : Who will be next?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First I want to state about the Regiment Commissioner whose posting order was already released but could not occupy his post due to some reasons. I believe this is a disgrace to our House and this matter should be taken care of immediately. During the election campaign, ₹ 10,000/- under NLUP

was promised for every household, but considering our budget in comparison to last year I believe that funds for NLUP will be extracted from the sanction of different depts. So, can clarification be given in this regard? I also want to state about some govt. staff discharged while some are newly recruited. In education dept. which I was formerly in charge of, in the month of February 1350 nos. of education volunteers were discharged and later in the month of June many were recruited again. I want to state in the House that during our term of governance, we never discharge govt. staff as we know that their lives depended on their work and in many cases work by the former govt. was annulled.

I also think it is crucial to continue our Health Care Scheme since we have already passed this in our session in the month of March. Pu Speaker, I believe that our Civil Supply Minister should look into the rising price of LPG and rations like sugar etc. At the sametime I want to thank the govt. for continuing the voluntary retirement scheme.

Pu Speaker, regarding NREGS, we have a problem due to a fake job card in Zuangtui and for this reason MNF V/C was abolished. We now have many fake job card with clear documents which we will be submitted. So, will actions be taken without any discrimination in this matter.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First I want to thank the hon`ble House Leader for the surplus in our budget since we rarely come across this kind of situation. Apart from these, we could see the receipt and disbursement of Contingency Fund of Mizoram and the Finance Dept. make use of this contingency fund which is indeed a change.

Regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission which is being practiced due to the effort given by the hon`ble House Leader is a blessing for all the govt. staff. Our Chief Minister had also taken steps for the success of NLUP and this will no doubt uplift the poor. Apart from these it also had a positive impact on Agriculture and Allied Department since RKVY will be utilized. Under the strong guidance of our Sports Minister, 'catch them young policy' was introduced which will be a great step for our young generation since they excel in any kind of sports they indulged in.

Another blessing which we will receive will be External Aided Project (EAP) which will be utilised for the development of Aizawl city and we owe all this to our Chief Minister. I want to convey my gratitude to our House Leader for the MLA Fund which will be utilized for the development of our respective constituencies. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Is there anyone else? Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Though we have heard much praise about our budget but going through it thoroughly we could see that if it is utilized properly, the surplus is not much and we could see that there is not much difference comparing to other budget.

Regarding the salary estimate we could see that in more than 10 depts. the salary estimate and the Abstract Demand are not proportionate, so I think this has to be revised again.

Our budget which had already been passed in the Assembly takes a long time to be utilized for actual development since it had to go through Finance dept. again so, I trust that decentralization of financial power should be introduced and exercise for a speedy development. Apart from these, financial power should also be vested in the Administrative Head and this should be accompanied by Financial Advisors, equivalent to the rank of Joint Secretary / Additional Secretary and if they are located in social service, general service and economic service it will definitely increase the tempo of our developmental work. I hope our House Leader will look into this matter again. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Your time is up. Is there anyone else Pu H.Zothangliana?

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly I want to point out that the first thing used to measure the growth of economy is our Primary Sector. So, if our Primary Sector rises, Secondary and Tertiary sector will also grow which is no doubt the result of an excellent budget with a good preparation meaning that it is a sign of good progress and development.

Under the supervision of our Chief Minister, the govt. made an agreement with the Asian Development Bank and plans are made for prepayment of loans so that we will not face a heavy credit in the future.

Our Sports Minister, kept his promise on 'catch them young' policy and knowing that our youths would require a good Sports Complex our official try their best to attain this goal and I am happy to state that the Twelfth Finance Commission sanctioned ₹. 4,00,60,000/- for this purpose.

Lastly, I want to thank the Chief Minister who is also our Finance Minister for presenting us with an excellent budget. Thank you Pu Speaker.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the first thing I want to state is the Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act 2006. In this Act in Section 9 it is written that the Finance Minister should submit a review after every six months. So I appeal the govt. to practice this Act for our betterment so that we could discuss the review which will be within the current financial year. We have also amended this Act by stating that the Finance Minister along with his Budget Statement should submit the Assets Statement and this had also been notified in the Gazette in the month of July. So I request that Assets Statement be available along with the Budget Statement.

The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Act had been passed in the year 2008. Are we practicing this Act? Has officials been appointed for observing implementation of this Act?

We have passed the Mizoram Local Fund (Accounts & Audit) Act in 2006. Exercising this Act, it is crucial to audit every Local Fund and Village Council Fund. Have we been implementing this Act? If not, I am afraid that the budget we are about to pass will not be utilized properly.

There are some funds left from MIP from the former ministry and this was placed under NLUP which is handed to Congress party worker. We tried to look into this matter using RTI but the NLUP Cell rejected us by saying that they are not under Agriculture dept. which makes it impossible for us to have any kind of information. So I suggest that we should be extra careful and keep a proper document on how we utilize our funds. Among the item under NLUP, how many will be there under contract farming? National Agriculture Insurance Scheme had been introduced, so, let's hope that the majority of the item under NLUP could be covered by this insurance scheme and that it could go under contract farming. Apart from this I hope proper plans are made for marketing.

20 crores will be taken as loan from LIC, and another 30 crore will also be taken as loan from NABARD. No doubt this will be used for different govt. depts. But I suggest that a part of these loans should be used for construction of different public buildings like market building and others which will be useful for the people.

Pu Speaker, I appeal the govt. to increase our quota in cooking gas and bearing in mind all of the suggestions which I have stated, I also agreed to pass our budget.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA.

Pu T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Though many of the opposition MLA`s have stated negative points, I want to point out that our budget is no doubt excellent. Looking at our detail plan outlay, last year it was 1000 crores while this year it amounts to 1250 crores. It is clearly highlighted and including central pool, i.e CSS,CPS,NEC,NLCPR our plan amounts to 3687.39 crores. It is also remarkable that 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission will also be exercised. We cannot fail to mention our Contingency fund which amounts to Rs 200 crores in case we face any kind of emergencies. Our MLA fund had also been increased which will be utilized for the development of our respective constituencies and I want to convey my gratitude to the hon`ble Chief Minister who is also our Finance Minister for presenting us an excellent budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Who will be next? Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First I want to thank the hon`ble Chief Minister for presenting an excellent budget. Looking at agriculture status, it is undeniable that we are growing in agriculture. From our plan budget, we could see that 1984.41 crores is placed for developmental expenditure and 997.28 for non-developmental works making it clear that we are laying a strong foundation for development. Apart from these placing 200 crores for contingency fund and 50 lakhs for guarantee redemption fund is a very smart move. Using GSDP, it will decrease our state`s debt. Structural adjustment loan from ADB which amounts to 252.12 crores will clear many debts and other financial crisis. Another important thing highlighted is power. Above 25 Mega-watt will be available with a private partnership making us grow in power as planned and we could see that after 7 or 8 years we will not only be self-sufficient in power but we will have extra to trade.

S P E A K E R : Pu John, please hold a second. Shall we allow him to continue, yes, please continue.



Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. 50.33 crores from JNNURM, 4.15 crores from RKVY, 5.55 crores from AIBP shown are good investments for Mizoram.

Investments from Asian Development Fund, NABARD and Financial Institute which we will receive will make our budget more grand. Regarding taxes, plans are made for improvement in revenue taxes and in road tax for the betterment of our state. And I am also positive that NLUP will no doubt bring about a change for the Mizo people. Our budget will surely pull our state to a higher and better level. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We shall end our discussion for today and we will resume our session at 10:30 AM tomorrow.

**Sitting is adjourned.**