

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR FOURTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 20TH OCTOBER, 2009
(Time 10:30 AM to 1 : 00 PM and 2:00PM to 4:00 PM)**

PRESENT

Pu R. ROMAWIA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 12 Ministers and 24 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House
A copy of “The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Manipur and Mizoram(Grid Code) Regulations, 2009.”

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Final Report of the First Report of Rules Committee.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010

4. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2009-2010(to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."
Sam 32:8.

Now , we will take up questions. Let us call upon Dr. R. Lalthangliana or Pu PP Thawla to ask Starred Question no. 31.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble Minister Finance be pleased to state-

- (a) fixed date for increment of the salaries of the Govt. servants as recommended by the Sixth Pay Commission.
- (b) the actual date of enjoyment of the said recommendation?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer of the above question are -

- (a) No.
- (b) No.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it may be difficult to point out the date. But it is time to have fixed date as other states as well as the central government had enjoyed the said pay and every price of commodities also had risen. Anyway I would like to ask whether it will be enjoyed during this financial year?

Secondly, I would like to ask whether lecturers would enjoy same pay scale of UGC ?

Thirdly, I also want to ask how far the pay scale of Doctors is carried out?

Fourthly, I came to know that the organized services like MCS, Mizoram Ministerial Service, Mizoram Finance and Accounts Service, IFS, etc. are seemed to be grouped as Group B Officer. How did the Government treat the matter?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we expect
CHIEF MINISTER government servants to have dedication
and sincerity as this government had
shown favour to them. This government
tries to implement the Sixth Pay Commission recommendation as early as possible.
The budget is prepared accordingly.

The Fitment Committee revealed the 1st January,2006 as the date of retrospective effect and discuss with the leaders of the Federation of Government Employees. It is very pleasing to know that the leaders of the Federation too said that they did not expect the retrospective effect but the prospective effect and they did not strongly demand the arrears. It is in fact, the government servants are the true owner of the government unlike the members.

The requirement of the additional fund may differ in accordance with the date so fixed, pay structure and allowances connected with their pay. It has been estimated that the requirement of fund for arrear is about ₹.151 crores from January 2006 to February 2009 and it has also been estimated that an average monthly fund requirement from March 2009 to February 2015 is ₹. 10,04,62,000. It is a serious burden for the state like Mizoram.

Regarding the UGC pay scale it cannot be done easily. It is necessary to join their norms, terms and conditions in order to enjoy their pay scale. The Cabinet Memorandum is also prepared but it is not yet implemented till date. I do not know how the state government treated such things.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla to ask supplementary
question.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is desirable to
enjoy the Sixth Pay Commission
Recommendation. I therefore would like
to request the Hon'ble House Leader to
assure the House to enjoy the Sixth Pay Commission recommendations not later than
the next financial year?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will not promise
CHIEF MINISTER but we will try to implement as early as
possible.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask supplementary questions.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are -

- (a) May the copy of Reports of the Fitment Committee be supplied to the members.
- (b) Does the State Government approach the Finance Commission due to financial problem? If so, the reply.

S P E A K E R : Pu Selthuama to ask supplementary questions.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. My question is, which state enjoyed the Sixth Pay Commission recommendation?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I do not give much attention to it but I know only Assam had enjoyed the Sixth Pay Commission recommendation. I would like to add that we are not to be compared with the adjoining states like the Arunachal and Meghalaya states as they are more comfortable financially and economically.

I think every state of India welcome increase in salary. Hence, the 13th Finance Commission was approached for implementation of the recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission. There will be a time when our demand in this regard gets materialized. I am in fact very eager to implement the recommendation, but due to financial problem, we cannot implement as early as we want.

We cannot give copy of the Fitment Committee Report to the hon'ble members now. But it may be seen from the Secretary or Commission of Finance Department

S P E A K E R : Pu John Siamkunga to ask Starred Question no 32.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Will the Hon'ble Minister Trade and Commerce be pleased to state-

- (a) MOU has been signed between the state and Bangladesh during Trade and Investment Conclave at Berawtlang on the 27th July 2009, has the MOU has been followed properly?
- (b) What progress does the state government achieve from it?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Minister, Trade and Commerce to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to Pu John Siamkunga's question is, two MoU and Protocol of Mutual Cooperation was signed at Berawtlang between Mizoram Chamber of Industries and Indo Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries. The two parties were contacting each other through telephone and e-mail. Ginger and turmeric are to be sent to them. But due to absence of fixed price it cannot be sent to them. As a result of this agreement, nine Bamboo chip Industries have been set up in the state. The Bamboo chip Industries are expected to be commissioned in December 2009.

S P E A K E R : Pu John Siamkunga to ask the supplementary question.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. We are all interested in Trade and Investment Conclave. I would like to ask about the progress of Tlabung and Zokhawthar Border Trade Centre. Secondly, is there any intention to continue Bungkhawkai Border Trade that had been inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalrinawma to ask supplementary question.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA :
 1) Are the ginger check gate had been dismantled?
 2) Is there any inauguration programme for Zokhawthar Land Custom Station?
 3) When did the Zokhawthar Land Custom Station has been set up?

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Zothangliana to ask supplementary question.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. There are threefold steps taken in regard to Kolodyne Multi Model Project, what is the actual progress in regard to water way / Sea route? Secondly, what is the present position of the steps taken?

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to ask which person will have trading through the Border Trade?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinliana Minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, It will be start
MINISTER from the original question. Tlabung
Border Trade is started from the former
ministry of Congress I in the state. As it
is included in the Union Lists, Trade and Commerce Department is not to deal but as
it is the closest Department it has to deal it.

The success of the Tlabung Border Trade highly depend upon Bangladesh Government. Now, we are fortunate that Sheik Hassina becomes the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. The Hon'ble Chief Minister used to contact Sheik Hassina, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Trade and Commerce Minister of Bangladesh.

As a result of Trade and Investment Conclave, we had approached Trade and Commerce Minister and External Affairs Minister in Delhi. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also contacted now and then the political leaders of Bangladesh. As a result of that the door for Border Trade had been opened at Tlabung. It is a new chapter for the state. Through this Border Trade we would be able to export the cash crops of the state and the productions of the industries in the state.

DPR of ₹.5 crores had also been submitted and we had received Rs 108 lakhs. With this fund, Trade Facilitation Centre is under construction at Tlabung.

Regarding Zokhawthar, proposal is made for the police station during the former ministry of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Chief Secretary and other officials visited Myanmar and discussed about border trade with the Myanmar Government. After stopping the steps taken for a while, a new chapter for this border trade is opened and it is expected to be inaugurated by December this year.

Regarding the Kolodyne Multi Modal Transport, I had approached Pu Jairam Ramesh, the then Trade and Commerce Minister. We had proposal to lay foundation stone in February but the programme is cancelled due to the Notification of General Election. Normally, we have no authority in such case. Any way, border trade, road construction, etc. are not the purview of Trade and Commerce Department although step is being taken promptly.

We are going to continue Bungkhawkai Border Trade, but it can't be done nothing now as desired.

Regarding checkgate, no ginger, turmeric and pepper checkgate is made in the state, all are dismantled. As a result of this, the rate becomes higher and higher in the state.

S P E A K E R : Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask supplementary questions.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. My question are-

- 1) Does Taxation Department collect taxes from foreign goods?
- 2) Can customs checkgate be dismantled at Seling as it had already been made at Zokhawthar?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to give answer.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, although it is not the purview of my department it seemed that it is good to clarify to some extent. Carrying charge of goods between Zokhawthar and Champhai is regarded as the costliest carrying charge in the world. The rate of carrying charge is nearly ₹.250/- per 1kg. The custom collected tax at Zokhawthar, Melbuk and Seling. It seemed that this caused high rate of carrying charge, the matter is being enquired. The central government imposed at the rate of 7/100. We therefore cannot yet solve the problem.

S P E A K E R : Now, Pu P.P. Thawla to ask Starred Question no.33.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Will the hon'ble Minister, School Education be pleased to state-

- (1) How many vehicles is provided for SSA Project in the state?
- (2) How many private vehicles is used in hire system?
- (3) What is the rate of private vehicle per month?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, Minister to answer.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to the Starred Question no 33 are-

- 1) Eight (8) vehicles,two Gypsy Hard tops and six Gypsy Soft tops.
- 2) Twenty five private vehicles are now on hire system.
- 3) ₹.23,000/-, ₹.23,300/-, ₹.23500/- and ₹.23900/- respectively including salaries of drivers.

S P E A K E R : If there is no supplementary question we will take next starred question. Pu C. Ramhluna on behalf of Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask next Starred Question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble Minister, Agriculture Department be pleased to state - Is there any balance of MIP fund used for assistance to Pig producers from NLUP Apex Board ?

S P E A K E R : Is it necessary to have supplementary question?

Pu Duhoma asked in unstarred question and we have the answer in book form you may ask from it but not from the past. If so, it may not be answered.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I have received questions regarding the drawal of money and its distribution. That is sir, Congress General Secretary, Aizawl South 11 and Congress Block Committee draw ₹.5,11,560/- on 3rd August 2009 and ₹.2,30,000/- respectively. Does the hon'ble Minister authorized these withdrawal and their distribution. If it is not authorized, will he take action against them? How will he take action to it?

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, my questions –

- a) Did the distribution been done after having proper selection of the beneficiaries?
- b) Did the concerned Village Council certify the receipt?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, my questions are –

- a) What is the amount of the balance of MIP Fund?
- b) Whether the funds are used completely for such purpose?
- b) Whether the schemes are approved by a competent authority?

S P E A K E R : Pu P.P. Thawla, to ask other supplementary questions.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it seemed that balance of MIP fund ₹.200 lakhs and ₹.150 lakhs were kept for NLUP. I would like to ask whether it is properly appropriate to do in such way.

Lt.Col.Z.S.ZUALA : The hon'ble member said Hliment, Melthum, Hualngo and Aizawl South-II. Did he mean Aizawl South-III?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, in this answer sheet it is written that there are 6 beneficiaries from Zotlang Unit, 6 from Zonuam Unit etc. In another village no unit is mentioned. Does the unit mean Congress-I Unit?

It is not good to keep government fund by party leaders and distribute to someone to whom they like. Does the hon'ble minister know the matter and will he take necessary action against them?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in my paper it is written in detail the names of beneficiaries with their political designations. I would like to request the hon'ble minister whether he had witness those beneficiaries.

S P E A K E R : Pu Nirupam Chakma to ask supplementary questions.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, now the assistance had been given in various constituency of Aizawl city. I would like to request the hon'ble minister whether those assistance could be distributed in Lawngtlai and Chakma District?

Pu PC.ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not good to read any paper without your kind permission in the House for such senior member who had served as a minister.
MINISTER

S P E A K E R : Well, paper must be read only after having the permission of the Speaker from now on.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not read in the House, it is only a reference. I would like to know whether the hon'ble minister had witnessed such information.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, let me start from the last question. Answer to Pu Nirupam's question is that as it is MIP fund it is continued for NLUP; the District Councils are, therefore not covered by the programme.

In regard to Pu Lalduhoma and Dr. R. Lalthangliana's question, the names of unit are not included as issued by NLUP Governing Board, only their location and the nos. of beneficiaries is properly recorded. Regarding the distribution, the Village Council authorized their trustees in case of problem that could arise which is easy in its system, this should not be criticized.

Balance under Mizoram Intodelh Project is given out as short term loan e.g. three months only. But the loanees did not repay even after two years. That is why, the amount of fund under the project could not be equal to the balance indicated.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker, it is a real thing. We inquired the matter, no government servants should be authorized to draw such government money. Please assure the House that necessary action will be taken in this matter.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, if the concerned Village Council authority entrusted someone or the other we did not object to such genuine case. But if they are not authorized, the hon'ble Chief Minister too does not like such thing and told us not to do such thing. If what was said happened to be true, such improper withdrawal will not be done again.

Regarding Pu K. Liantlinga's question, government has to implement programme which had already been approved. In the present programme, government will have programme systematically as far as possible.

Regarding witness of the hon'ble minister, I do not witness all of the steps taken by the implementing board. I am depending on the implementing board. That all is my answer.

S P E A K E R : The questions of the opposition member is important, no name of unit is to be indicated to such beneficiaries. Sir, what do you have you to say?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is shameful to hear such thing. I am glad that it is pointed out. I will be trying to clarify when winding up my demand even if I do not clarify now. I will do my best to do away with such thing. In fact, I hate to use letter head against the officers. I would like to inform all officers about it. No letter head of Unit or Block should be sent to Government officers to rule over the officers as was done in the former ministry. I therefore, invite all members and officers to watch such things for betterment of the administration of this government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We are thankful for the speeches of the hon'ble Chief Minister. Pute B. Lalthlengliana, Chawngtinthanga and R.L. Pianmawia could not attend the session today.

Now, paper will be laid on the Table of the House. Let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission and of the House I beg to lay on the Table of this august House a copy of "The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the state of Manipur and Mizoram(Grid Code) Regulations Bill, 2009". Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Hon'ble Chief Minister had laid paper on the Table of the House. The copy had already been given to the members. I would like to request the hon'ble members to read the pros and cons of the paper as it is going to be important for the state in future.

Now, as a Chairman of the Rules Committee, I present the First Report of the Rules Committee to the House and beg you to agree with it. Do you agree with it? Thank you for agreeing it. Now, the copy be given to the members.

We will go to the next business. That is general discussion. 14 members participated yesterday. Any other members want to speak? Who will start the discussion? Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, this is my first time to speak about budget in this august House. I will not spend much time.

What I want to say is that this budget is a budget which concerned all people. The flagship programme of this ministry is NLUP. ₹.1000/- lakhs is provided in Agriculture and another ₹.100/- lakhs in Revenue Department under NLUP. That is very pleasing for the people.

It is also very pleasing to say that this ministry as well as the hon'ble Chief Minister give importance to public health. This ministry is going to follow public health care scheme under Public Health Insurance.

I also want to highlight the ceiling of NABARB loan which has been increased from ₹.1500 to ₹.3000 lakhs. This is usually benefited by the loanees of farmers and pig producers. The loans are also given to PWD and PHE.

Under page no. 25 and 26, there appear construction of new roads in different places which is very pleasing. This make me pleased with the provision of budget this year. It is also noted that there are number of villages and towns having water supply problem. It is pleasing to provide such amount of ₹.800/- lakhs in PHE to solve such problems.

This ministry is benefitting not only the farmers but the Government servants as there is a proposal to implement the Sixth pay Commission Recommendation as early as possible. That is shown in the budget speech.

It is also very pleasing that the hon'ble Chief Minister had discussed budget with the Planning Commission in August last year and completed the Sectoral Allocation in September. It is to be appreciated that full budget is now

read out for discussion, it is also presentable. I do highly appreciate such budget had been laid out within such a short period.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, almost all the members supported the budget while the leader of MNF legislature party condemned termination of the government servants. Such government servants are terminated due to the expiration of the period of their contract. Two of them are dismissed due to misconduct. The condemnation of termination is misleading the people. He also pointed out that his grievance for not continuing the works of the former ministry. In fact, the former ministry left no good work which is worth to continue for this ministry.

In short, I would like to say that it is very pleasing that the people have confidence on this new Government. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. I am very happy as it is my first participation in the budget discussion in this august House. My name is Joseph Lalhimpua, my pass word is Lalhimpua. I know that I am sitting here for favour of our leaders, people and guidance of God.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I am highly appreciated the budget speech of the hon'ble Chief Minister as it is a record in increasing the amount of the state budget, that is 25% of the budget. It shows the earnestness of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the favour of the central government.

Next to this, I would like to point out that this ministry had signed two major MOUs with Asian Development Bank and North East Region Capital City Development Programme which cannot be done during the former ministry.

Thirdly, I would like to point out my gratitude for MLA fund had been increased to ₹.25/- lakhs.

Fourthly, we have Guarantee Redemption Fund also known as Corpus fund of ₹.25/- lakhs. The state is one of the first state to have such fund.

Fifthly, it is very appreciable to have a proposal to get self-sufficiency in power. Not only that it is expected to have power more than the requirement of the state after eight years.

Sixthly, in regard to Land Reform, the state is the first tribal state to have Comprehensive Land Settlement in India. Now, prompt action is being taken and started the Comprehensive Land Settlement in the state.

Next to this, I would like to point out happily that Mizoram is the first state to have Comprehensive Forests and Soil Conservation & Management

policy In India. It is very pleasing that agriculture will have more production in the state.

It is known that the quantity of fund had been reduced in the world. While the hon'ble Chief Minister has a good proposal to impose tax without adding any problem to the poor people.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is also so thankful that the hon'ble Chief Minister had implemented election manifesto of his party, like decentralization of power and grass root level development and plan. He also said that his government will keep transparency. Accordingly, the Lunglei High Power Committee had also been set up in power. I also want to add that the hon'ble Chief Minister had shown love to the rural people. Decentralization of power clearly shows the far reaching vision of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

Lastly, I would like to say my gratitude to the hon'ble Chief Minister on his vision of far future for decentralization of power, grass root level development plan, maintenance of the Mizoram Nursing School, setting up of Kawmzawl airport and Sailukawt airport respectively. I would like to add my gratitude on his stand for the upliftment of the poor people of Mizoram by means of NLUP Programme. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : It is very important to keep time for smooth running of debate in this session. Now, Pu S.Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. As said before, it is my first participation in budget discussion. I will highlight to what I gave importance.

This budget appears to develop the poor people in the state. It is very desirable. The flagship programme of this government is NLUP. I think you would mean only for the development of the poor people. But it is also a programme for improving, safeguarding and protecting the ecological balance of the state.

We know that shifting cultivation caused hardship in the state. It is undesirable to commit crime to wild animals and natural forests. NLUP stands to replace shifting cultivation. It is very pleasing that the hon'ble Chief Minister had such a vision to the poor people and who stands relief for election manifesto. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the central leaders too, accepted this NLUP programme and they want to encourage this policy even in other states.

Pu Speaker, it seemed that the opposition members are too busy implementation about the implement of the NLUP. The programme is now

formulated carefully without any delay. We are not speaking about it we will pay you ₹.1 lakh as soon as we come in power.

It is also very pleasing to know that this ministry gives priority to Sports and Youth Services Department. The youths were during desperate the former ministry but now it appears that the youths have new hope in this ministry. This government is also following “Catch them young” policy. Under this policy the experts give training to the sports persons systematically. I hope and think that they would make the Mizos in the world after 5/10 years.

It is also pleasing to say about Human Resource Development Department. This state is known in education. But it seemed that the quality of education is not good enough. It is very pleasing to see in the budget that the setting up of Educational Reform Commission. It is also very pleasing to know that this government is going to set up various Central Institutions and Agricultural University in the state.

Regarding power, it is very pleasing to have proposal for sufficiency in power supply in the budget speech after 7/8 years. As we know Tuirial Hydel project is abandoned in the former ministry on ground of illegal compensation. But now it has been renewed in this government to attain self sufficiency in power. There is much to say about it, but let it be enough for this time. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is heartwarming that while the whole world is facing a Global Recession, our budget had increased by 25 %. If we come across the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), our liability and the amendment of our budget management from 2006 - 2009 to this day and the decrease of 3% Fiscal Deficit is a great achievement. Apart from these, different strategy for our improvement have been laid but our liabilities amounting to ₹.3276.08 is still left without any accountable project meaning that we have to clean up their act in many ways.

Another thing we cannot miss is the Bru Repatriation and the fact that ₹.30 crores had been endorsed with the Central Government showing that our Government is very much concerned with the poor and lower tribe people.

For a better foundation, we now have Law Commission and Youth Commission for the empowerment of our youth and plans for stadium for sports and different other Commissions for the younger generation to brighten their future.

Steps have also been taken to practice The 6th Pay Commission and revision of MLA Fund had also been discussed.

Lastly, I want to state that our Budget though it may not be perfect, it is very satisfactory and deserves to hold the Mizoram record. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu K.Lalrinthanga.

Pu K.LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker for giving me the opportunity to state about the pleasing budget we have here on the table of the House.

I am pleased that we have a surplus of ₹.13 crores and a contingency fund if urgent works arise. On page 19 under Public Account Receipt we have Suspense and Miscellaneous which I believe is for GPF and other. Under these, between 2007 - 2008 we have ₹.65,597.87 and during the period 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 we have ₹.1,46,641. The decreases in these amounts are due to the fact that government employees could withdraw their GPF in their times of need.

In the matter of recruiting policemen, the former government had recruited men for training which are more than the sanction, making them overstaffed and blocking opportunities for others. Unlike the former ministry, we the Congress party does not terminate muster rolls to replace them with our favors but in case of school teachers no notification is highlighted for extending their contract after their time period meaning that this new ministry could recruit staffs per their choice. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We will be discussing Demand after a short while, in the meantime are there any members who want to take their time in this General Discussion, if not, may I request the hon`ble House Leader, our Finance Minister to wind up.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, our members, both from the ministry and the opposition have taken active part in our discussion and many constructive points have also been contributed and for these I want to thank my fellow members.

We know that we have to wait for the actual allocation of plans because of the long procedure but regardless of all these we have managed to have Souvenir Employment Data and a Performance Budget and Work Programme between the period 2008-2009 and 2009 – 2010 and going through all these we, the members are quite satisfied with the outcome and it is mainly due to the hard work and attention given by our officials and I personally want to thank them in this regard.

Firstly, regarding the implementation of our flagship programme NLUP, though we may not have supervision after distribution or any awareness campaign on the topic, it is seen that the people had benefited a great deal from it, even the worst result we have known so far are that they utilize it for building their house. This flagship programme is specially meant for the rural people and is also valued by his Excellency the Prime Minister and his fellow ministers like the vice-chairman of Planning Commission and the Chairman of Finance Commission. They even encourage us to make a comprehensive project and summoning Secretaries from different ministries, this topic has been discussed 2/3 times and we cannot be sure whether this will come under a special package since it is still under discussion.

Regarding our fund, our officers chalked out our plan proposal hoping for the increase of about 30% which we receive more than we expect.

On the matter of NLUP, our experts are finding the best strategy for the implementation and success of the programme and ways to take action against those who mishandle the fund allotted to them. If we could process these according to plans, Multi-National Companies are also very interested in our fruits like pineapple and passion fruits and preliminary discussion has also been made by our Agriculture Ministers and other officials in Mizoram and in Delhi. They are ready to complete Pineapple concentrate plant in the first two years and the same goes for passion fruits as well. Since such is our situation, our officials have often stated our need of power and due to the increase of water pumps, our requirements have also increased from 65 megawatt to 100 megawatt. With a Memorandum of Understanding with MTRC work is in progress at Lawngtlai, manned by an Engineer this hydel project is expected to be completed within 6 years. Apart from these, we also have Tuirial Hydel Project assumed to produce 60 mega watt and Tuivai 210 mega watt and other pilot projects but since the State government does not have enough fund for all these, the Planning Commission had suggested to process this through PP which will be reflected by our officials.

We give great importance to Bairabi Hydel Project and different clearance had to be made for the continuation of the work and this matter will be looked into by our officials. Furthermore, it is assumed that the compensation component is estimated to be lower than half of the project. We also have to bear in mind that there might be a chance that this hydel project may cause an obstacle for the ongoing of Sairang Railway. Anyway I just want to say that this project is given great importance.

For the benefit of our youths in educational reforms the concerned minister had taken steps in this issue and experts are supervising our present condition to find a better strategy in this regard.

On the matter of Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium the main reason for the change of the plans is that there is no proper agreement with the Assam Rifles, I came to know about this because I met the DG of Assam Rifles at a meeting in Delhi.

On the matter of Gas distribution, the abundance of supply is solely in the hands of the distributor and the agent. But since the people are suffering the consequences the government has to take steps in this regard and between the period 2007-2008 the number of non – domestic cylinder had increased to 1052 and though the Department of Legal Metrology lacks man power still they are working very hard in order to control the black market and supervision of LPG, kerosene, cement, petrol, diesel etc. The concerned minister is also trying his best to find strategy to solve our LPG problems.

Bottling plant in Mualkhang needs to be upgraded and we have discussed about this and the minister had also discussed our problems with the officials of IOC and after coming to know our problems they assured us to do the best they could.

Regarding the Health Care Scheme, we all know how the fund was wrongly utilized and we have to make many corrections to make it suitable for the continuation of the schemes and the minister is taking steps in this regards.

Pu Speaker, I want the hon`ble members to know that our budget had increased by 25 % and in the meantime while the allotted amount for different departments had decreased by little I want to point out that funds had not been drag from their department finances for NLUP purpose. We have to understand that allocations of fund are determined on the basis of project and schemes of the departments.

Regarding the Public Expenditure Review pointed out by our hon`ble member, the Mizoram State Account is monitored by the Accountant General in Shillong, and it is impossible to project the actual figure unless we have the monthly up-to-date civil account from the A.G. So, we lay the latest up-to-date account we have today which is the period between October 2008 – March 2009.

On the matter of 6th Pay Recommendation, the government is making every effort for its success and in the meantime we know that there are many MR workers employed by the government where the pay differs according to their skill. Under 6th Pay recommendation, proposal for the increase in our MR employees had also been made.

I want to conclude by saying that I appreciate the active participation and interest shown by all the hon`ble members whether from the ministry or the opposition side. We take note of the important points highlighted by the members and steps and actions will be taken immediately. As questioned by the hon`ble member Pu Ramhluna, the Fitment Committee Report of the MLA can be acquired. With that I will conclude my time and appeal all my hon`ble members to consent to pass the budget which I have laid on the table of the House. Thank you.

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S P E A K E R : We will now put an end to our discussion for today since we do not have other business, we will resume our sitting tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 1:45 PM.