

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOR NINTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2009  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM 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 PAPER**

2. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House a copy of "The Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2008-2009 (October, 2008-March, 2009)".

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANT**

3. **Pu NIHAR KANTI**, Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.
4. **Pu LALTHANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to submit to the vote of the House various Demands under his charge.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Bills for introduction, consideration and passing.**

5. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation (No.4) Bill, 2009.

**Also  
To introduce the Bill,  
To move that the Bill be taken into consideration  
and  
To move that the Bill be passed.**

S P E A K E R : “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you.”  
Deuteronomy 31:6

We will now take up Question and Answer. Question No.117 and Pu John Siamkunga to ask.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Here is the question for favour of answer to be given by the Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department:-

- (a) Is there a plan to upgrade Aizawl Civil Hospital?
- (b) Are there any other Hospitals which have been planned for upgradation? Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.17 (a) Yes (b) Yes.

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

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, considering the existing strength of Aizawl Civil Hospital, I am glad that the government intended to upgrade it.

(SPEAKER : You may get straight to the point). Alright, here is my question. Which Hospitals are considered for upgradation?

S P E A K E R : Another Supplementary questions from Pu K. Liantlinga and Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Regarding upgradation of Aizawl Civil Hospital, is there a plan to include the size of 2 bedded Cardiology Ward with machineries therein and 3 bedded ICU Ward? Thank you.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question

(1) No visible work is yet to be seen regarding construction of Champhai Civil Hospital. Will the concerned minister inform the House step which has been taken so far?

(2) Whether selected site is being changed?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the question of Pu T.T. Zothansanga regarding site selected for Champhai Civil Hospital, there was once an opinion to search for another site as the selected site is isolated from the town area. Since the search ended up in vain no alternative decision is made.

Pu Speaker, even of the previous ministry had made efforts for upgradation of this Hospital where as contract work for that construction amounting to ₹.26.34 crore rupees was allotted to Tantia Construction Company. Out of ₹.1.5 crore rupees which had already been released, ₹.81 lakh and 60 thousand is used for consultation fee. The work is now started.

In reply to the question of upgradation of Aizawl Civil Hospital, financial provision of ₹.54 crore and 23 lakh rupees had already been approved by the central authority where as ₹.16 crore, 50 lakh rupees is said to have been released already in the previous ministry. The problem is that we cannot trace out expenditure for the said amount except for ₹.10 crore rupees. Hence, it will be important for the government to make the best use of the remaining provision. Here, I would like to assure the House that intensive effort will be made to find out the where-about of that loss expenditure.

Pu Speaker, it is appreciated that the hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized at the first cabinet meeting, the need to upgrade Hospitals in rural areas such as Saiha, Lawngtlai, Serchhip, Champhai, Mamit and Kolasib district. Besides, with the declaration of two new districts such as Hnahthial and Khawzawl, it is necessary to cancel construction of CHC there. Yet, there is a plan to upgrade hospital of Hnahthial, Khawzawl and Saitual. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No.118 to be asked by Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Here is the question, answer to be given by Minister for Social Welfare Department. (a) Whether our government intend to sign MoU with central authority so that Integrated Child Protection Scheme is implemented effectively in Mizoram like the central government does? (b) Whether the government plan to implement Prevention of Beggary Act in Mizoram?

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Question (a) Yes. Step is taken to sign an MoU. The hon'ble Chief Minister, keeping in mind of the manifesto of his party in the last general election emphasizes importance of Child Welfare and Women for which a remark has been made to this through Planning Department and instruction is given to the department to determine upgradation of Women & Child Welfare. (b) No.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Supplementary Question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, it is deeply regretted as there is no intention to implement The Mizoram Prevention of Beggary Act. If so, the government must see that the condition of our people is good enough to evade the problem of beggary. Yet, Pu Speaker, I insist on reconsideration of this matter by the House. Will it be possible? Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to give the answer.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding implementation of Beggary Act in Mizoram, Law Department once put forward a draft Bill on Prevention of Beggary Act. The concerned authority, after carefully studied the case decided not to implement as our society have not felt as yet the pressing need of the said Act. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 119. Will the hon'ble Minister for Transport be pleased to state - Whether there is an intention to resolve the problem faced by vehicle owners in insurance objected by Mizoram Insurance Company?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, since GAD Notification No. A.46011/2/97-GAD dated 16.10.2006 allocated dealing of Vehicle Insurance to Finance Department, Transport Department has no knowledge of their policy matter.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Supplementary Question. Some people are compelled to have vehicle to which Insurance Company made objection to insure. The concerned owners of uninsured vehicles, with the absence of vehicle insurance documents are bound to submit a monetary fine every time Enforcement checked their vehicles. Since Transport Department concerned with control of vehicles and its owners, I insist on them to give verbal instruction to line checkers to prevail leniency on such vehicles.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C.Zoram Sangliana, the concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is not appropriate to answer that question as the matter concerned with Finance Department. Regarding allegation against Enforcement staff, I assure to this House that monetary fine will not be imposed on such vehicles without insurance documents.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, as a member of Mizoram Truck Owners Association for a decade, it is a great problem to approach Insurance Companies for insurance of vehicle. It may, therefore, be wise for the government not to count Insurance Certificate to be produced compulsorily and exemption should be there for such vehicles.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, since Motor vehicle Act is a Central Act and is not alterable here as desired. Insurance which may be claimed from accident in a particular vehicle is obviously to be borne by owner of that unregistered vehicle. If so, may the government make restriction to any insurance company who make objection to insure vehicle, to run their business in Mizoram?

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, even though matter relating to insurance is not the purview of Transport Department, the department approached central authority a couple of time to resolve this problem. Again, the department took various steps to resolve the problem of Insurance companies and owners of vehicle. The problem, Pu Speaker is that the government has no full control over such insurance companies since they are of private business firm. Anyway, I strongly hope that the situation is improving since the problem is put forward for discussion of the august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question and Pu C. Ramhluna to ask.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state –

(a) How many Super Specialist Doctors, Specialist Doctors (in a departmental wise) are there under the department of Health & Family Welfare?

(b) Whether the department of Health & Family Welfare has appropriate Rules for posting and transfer of doctors which is now in use?

(c) If so, how long a doctor is assigned to stay in one place?

(d) Whether there are any who had been transferred before completion of their tenure period of posting?

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, the concerned minister to answer the question.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, here is the answer.  
MINISTER

(a) Under the department of Health & Family Welfare, there are 3 Super Specialist Doctors such as Cardiology – 1, Oncology – 1 and Urology – 1. One of them is deputed to NEGHRIMS, Shillong.

Pu Speaker, number of Senior Specialist and Specialist (in a Discipline wise) are as follows:-

1. Obstetrics & Gynaecology :	Sr. Specialist	-	2
	Specialist	-	2
2. Orthopedic :	Sr. Specialist	-	2
	Specialist	-	1
3. Medicine :	Sr. Specialist	-	1
	Specialist	-	3
4. Pathology :	Sr. Specialist	-	1
	Specialist	-	2
5. Paediatrics :	Sr. Specialist	-	1
	Specialist	-	1
6. Radiology :	Sr. Specialist	-	Nil
	Specialist	-	1
7. Surgery :	Sr. Specialist	-	2
	Specialist	-	2
8. Psychiatry :	Sr. Specialist	-	Nil
	Specialist	-	1
9. Anaesthesiology :	Sr. Specialist	-	Nil
	Specialist	-	2
10. Bio-Chemistry :	Sr. Specialist	-	Nil
	Specialist	-	1
11. Blood Bank :	Sr. Specialist	-	Nil
	Specialist	-	1
12. Dental/Oral Health :	Sr. Dental Surgeon	-	1
	(With P.G. Degree)		
13. Dermatology (Skin) :	Sr. Specialist	-	2
	Specialist	-	1



14.ENT :	Sr. Specialist	-	2
	Specialist	-	1
15. Ophthalmology (Eye) :	Sr. Specialist	-	3
	Specialist	-	1
16. Micro-Biology :	Specialist	-	1

(b) Yes. Transfer & Posting guidelines is issued on the basis of order No. Gov't. No. A.22017/2/05-HFW O.M. Dt.27.11.2006 (copy enclosed).

(c) According to the Guidelines, Transfer & Posting was not made in a Discipline wise but on the basis of place of posting.

(d) Yes. Doctors who are transferred before completion of their tenure period of posting are as follows : ( List enclosed)

1. Dr. Lalramhluna, M.O.
2. Dr. Lalawmpuia Chhangte
3. Dr. H. Lalnghakliana M.O.
4. Dr. B. Lalramzauva
5. Dr. Elizabeth F. Lalhmangaihzuai
6. Dr. Lalrinfela
7. Dr. R.B. Dey
8. Dr. Lalthantluanga Chawngthu
9. Dr. Sangthuama Ngente
10. Dr. Vanlalfela
11. Dr. C. Lalhmingmawii
12. Dr. C. Vankhuma
13. Dr. Vanlalhruii
14. Dr. Zirsangliana Chhangte
15. Dr. Vanlalrenga, Dental Surgeon
16. Dr. Lalrindiki Ralte, Dental Surgeon
17. Dr. Shalom Remsangi Hnamte

**S P E A K E R** : Pu C. Ramhluna and Pu Lalduhoma to ask Supplementary question.

**Pu C. RAMHLUNA** : Thank you for the information Pu Speaker. It is appreciated that the department, following instruction of the government have appropriate Rules of Transfer & Posting. My question is – How and when doctors appointed on the basis of Regulation 3(F) will be regularized? Whether any of them included in this

list of Posting & Transfer? When will replacement be made for a Medicine Specialist of Lawngtlai Hospital who had been transferred recently?

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as Sairang and number of Picnic Spots in the vicinity is frequented by unnatural death; demand for a regular doctor is very high. Will the government immediately post one for that area? Besides, Pu Speaker, the condition of its building and facilities there is considerably poor and may be upgraded with immediate effect.

Secondly, there is one Urban Health Centre in my constituency. What is the strength and scale of this Centre, Pu Speaker? Regarding the location, I have once discussed with the concerned minister to determine a permanent site. If a convenient site is found, will the government give consideration?

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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, regarding appointment of doctors on the basis of 3(F), I want to know whether there was any case of emergency or spreading of epidemic at that time which was so urgent for the government to make appointment without advertisement or examination?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister to answer the questions.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, at the out set, I would like to inform the House that the hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated yesterday the first State Tele-Medicine in Mizoram which is intended to improve communication between medical experts at the headquarters with doctors posted outside and remote places. It was a remarkable achievement as the concerned doctors too participated in the programme with utmost interest.

Let me start with the question of Pu C. Ramhluna. Pu Speaker, appointment of doctors in question was issued September last year which is said to be made for the time of emergency. In this regard, the then Ministry propounded the coming General Election as an emergency and we have to take it for granted. Pu Speaker, there is an intention to regularize such doctors but in order of seniority for which Service Rules is now being examined.

Regarding the question of posting & transfer of doctors, it is true that those appointed on 3(F) basis too were included. Since the appointments were made under National Rural Health Mission, it is necessary to post a doctor from rural area to the area where he belongs thereby absorbing a senior doctor at the headquarters. In some cases, less senior doctor may also be posted at the headquarters due to unavoidable circumstances such as family problems.

The case of Lawngtlai Hospital, Dr. Ramenga, a specialist had already been served there for more than 5 years and he is now posted at the headquarters. In his place, there is a suggestion to put Dr. Zothantluanga, a specialist which will be finalized with immediate effect.

Regarding the request of Pu Lalduhoma, it is regretted that the department have no doctor to spare for the said post now as out of 28 doctors appointed under National Rural Health Mission; only 4 have submitted willingness to join the post.

The question regarding posting of doctor in urban areas, we have 4 stations at present in which one doctor each is posted. In this connection, it is to be noted that we are not yet in a condition to follow the Indian Public Health norms in any respect and the members may take it for granted for the time being. We even have number of PHCs where no doctor is posted and new buildings which remain unoccupied.

Regarding site for PHC as asked by Pu Lalduhoma, we want to have a convenient place for PHC. But it is to be noted that Norms of Indian Public Health necessitated population of 80,000 for the location of CHC. It may, therefore, be necessary to violate the said norms if we have to do deliberately. So, let us put the matter to be discussed at another times.

S P E A K E R : Now, Starred Question No. 121 and Pu Lalduhoma to ask.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Department be pleased to state –

(a) What are Prime Minister's New 15 points Programme?

- (b) Whether District Level Committees set up to follow up this programme remained in function?

S P E A K E R : Minister for Social Welfare Department may please to state.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No.121 is :-

(a) The following are Prime Minister's 15 Points Programme:-

1. Equitable availability of ICDS Scheme.
2. Improving access to School Education.
3. Greater resources for teaching Urban. Modernizing Madarsa Education Scholarships for meritorious students from minority communities.
4. Improving educational infrastructure through the Maulana Azad Education Foundation.
5. Self-Employment and Wage Employment for the poor.
6. Upgradation of skills through technical training.
7. Enhanced credit support for economic activities.
8. Recruitment to State and Central Services.
9. Equitable Share in rural housing scheme.
10. Improvement in condition of slum inhabited by minority communities.
11. Prevention of communal incidents.
12. Prosecution for communal offences.
13. Rehabilitation of victims of communal riots.

(b) Yes.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, which communities in Mizoram are termed as minority? Who are they? Whether there are minority communities among whom we called 'the Mizos' as a whole? Will it be more effective not to have minority for the future of the Mizos Unification?

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, guidelines to the Prime Minister's New 15 points Programme, No.7 (b) underlines how to implement the programme in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Nagaland and Lakshadweep. Here, no particular community of a state is mentioned as it is supposed to cover the whole state.

Pu Speaker, this 15 points programme has 15 Flagship Programmes. In Mizoram, two flagship programmes such as NERGA and IAY are executed under Rural Development Department, Old Age Pension Scheme under Social Welfare Department, PMGSY under PWD, National Health Mission under Health Department, ICDS under Social Welfare Department, ARWSO and CSR under PHE, SSA under School Education Department, JNNURM under UD & PA, Technology Mission under Horticulture Department, AIBP under Minor Irrigation Department, RGGVY and APRDP under Power & Electricity Department.

Regarding Other Backward Classes (ODB) and the question of inclusion of Gorkha in Mizoram, it does not concern my department but Home Department is to give the answer.

Lt.Col. Z.S ZUALA : Some members linked ODB with Military Recruitment. I want to ask whether tribal or minority concession is made in Military Recruitment.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Supplementary Question, Pu Speaker. definition of minority for Prime Minister's 15 points Programme is seen in Minority Act in which the programme is meant for religious minority such as Christian, Muslim, Sikh, Parsi and Buddhist. In Mizoram also, this programme may be set to cover other religious concentrated districts such as Lawngtlai and Mamit. Since Mizoram is a religious minority of Christian state, the programme, therefore, is supposed to be concentrated in Mizoram as in Jammu & Kashmir. In the same manner, since only few Muslims or Buddhists are there in our state, obviously majority of the scheme may be benefited by Christian minority. It is, therefore, wise for us to consider the case of other religious minority in our state and may be made quota in any recruitment programme, upgradation scheme or students scholarship.

S P E A K E R : The Chakmas also hold majority in Chawngte District. If we have to apply as your suggestion, it will be necessary to do the same for Bawm and Pang communities of your area. Pu P.C. Lalthanliana may answer the question.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot give answer to the question of Pu Z.S. Zuala right now. As pointed out by Pu Nirupam Chakma, religious minority is the main target of the programme. Under Multi Sector Development Plan, out of 90 districts selected in the country, Lawngtlai and Mamit Districts of Mizoram also were included where as Based Line Survey is completed.

S P E A K E R : We will now take up the next business, Laying of Papers. Let me call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House a copy of “The Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2008-2009 (October, 2008-March, 2009)”.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg to lay in this august House, “The Statement on Six Monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of Mizoram for the Second Half of 2008-2009 (October, 2008-March, 2009)”. Thank you Sir.

S P E A K E R : This paper is laid as per the demand of Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility Budget Management Rules, 2007 (Six Rule 11). Let the copy be distributed to the members.

Next, we will take up the Demand of Chief Minister and Pu Nihar Kanti, Minister. First, let me call upon Pu Nihar Kanti to move his demands such as Demand No. 30, 34, and 41.

Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move my Demand Nos. 30, 34 and 41 for ₹.46,50,92,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments:-

Demand No.30 - Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	-	₹.8,39,65,000/-
Demand No.34 - Animal Husbandry	-	₹.29,85,47,000/-
Demand No.41 - Sericulture	-	₹.8,25,80,000/-
Total	-	₹.46,50,92,000/-.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister to move his demand such as Demand Nos.1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 39 and 45.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move my Demand Nos.1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 15, 39 and 45 of ₹.100,81,44,5,000 only for meeting expenses during 2009-2010 in respect of the following departments:-

Demand No.1 - Legislative Assembly	-	₹.9,15,64,000/-
Demand No.2 - Governor	-	₹.10,60,000/-
Demand No.3 - Council of Ministers	-	₹.6,32,09,000/-
Demand No.4 - Vigilance	-	₹.2,02,55,000/-
Demand No.7 - Excise & Narcotics	-	₹.14,03,75,000/-
Demand No.9 - Finance	-	₹.407,69,90,000/-
Demand No.11 - Secretariat Administration	-	₹.96,86,43,000/-
Demand No.14 - Planning & Programme Implementation (Excluding ICT)	-	₹.35,52,92,000/-
Demand No.15, General Administration	-	₹.49,51,90,000/-
Demand No.39, Power & Electricity	-	₹.233,17,82,000/-
Demand No.45, Public Works	-	₹.227,00,45,000/-
Total	-	₹.1081,44,05,000/-.

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Discussion will be started with the same allotted time.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, we would surely have more time to speak if the budget is taken one by one. It is against the democratic principle to allot to the members less than a minute for one department. It may, therefore, be wise for you Pu Speaker, to have consideration from your chair for overtime speeches beyond the allotted time of 10/15 minutes.

S P E A K E R : Since today is the last day of our discussion, we may have consideration but the allotted time remains unchanged.

Who will start? Pu R. Lalrinawma.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No.34 – Animal Husbandry. During the previous ministry, number of villages were selected under the programme of Model Piggery village such as Pukpui, Kawlkuh and Sairang for which financial sanction of ₹.6.57 crore rupees from the Gov't of India was fully spent. Pu Speaker, considering the amount of production relatively the high cost of price, the programme is not suggestive for continuation. Besides, the said sanction is stopped already. For that reason, the concerned families from Kawlkuh had even left their Model Village, yet, those families from Pukpui and Sairang somehow manage to continue. It is, certainly lack of prudence of the then ministry to carry out the programme. Anyhow, it is the duty of the government to give support to those who remained and we consider reinforcement not only from Animal Husbandry but also from other departments.

During the previous term of Congress party, Pu Speaker, Dairy Development Project was started at Lunglei and Aizawl which still functions with sufficient production under the maintenance of MULCO. It may be wise to open the same in other districts too by placing under the charge of Milk Unions with technical personnel to be supplied by the department.

Regarding Slaughter House at Bung Bangla, it is regretted that the plant, at present, could not function purposely due to shortage of financial provision. Hence, more provision is required to have the plant fully functional. In this connection, it may be wise for the government to determine construction of the same



plant in other districts too so that healthy meat is made available through out Mizoram.

Regarding Animal Feed Plant at Ramrikawn, I opine it is wise to give direction to some beneficiaries of NLUP fund for production of maize so that sufficient amount is made available to feed the said plant. In such condition, it will no longer be necessary for the government to find marketing opportunity outside Mizoram as the whole amount will then be consumed by our Animal Feed Plant. In this connection Pu Speaker, it is learned that the said plant face inadequacy of staff and transportations system for distribution of its products to the departmental Sale Booth at Selesih, Durtlang and Khatla. Hence, it is important for the concerned authority to determine supply of such requirements with immediate effect.

Again Pu Speaker, cows were distributed on a subsidized rate under NLUP during the previous term of Congress party as a result of which we are able to get today, sufficient amount of milks from MULCO in Aizawl and the surrounding areas. Hence, it is important for the government to follow the same system so as to meet the increasing demand of milk.

Coming to Demand No. 5, it is pleasing to learn that Anti-Corruption Branch of Vigilant Department is now changed to Anti-Corruption Bureau with an intention to upgrade its power in crime investigation. This surely is a remarkable change for good.

Demand No. 45, Public Work Department, I am proud to mention that this new government is giving priority to traffic problem of Aizawl under which plan had been laid down for construction of bridge over Chite Lui and Bethlehem Vengthlang to Zemabawk to relieve congested traffic within the city. Moreover, improvement and widening of old Jail to Falkland road, improvement and widening of Lunglei to Thuampui road are included in work programme. Not only this, the new government is giving attention to repair of Muthi road which was left unattended during the previous ministry will now be taken up under PMGSY. It is appreciated that approach road to Durtlang was repaired during the previous ministry yet it is not satisfactory considering the amount spent which was more than 6 crore rupees. This new government is now planning to take up construction of the remaining portion of this road i.e. Serkhan to Bagha Road and widening of approach road to Lungdai.

Demand No.39, Power & Electricity, even though the previous ministry repeatedly mentioned availability of sufficient fund, there are numerous public works left undone. Keeping in mind of the need to pursue such works, this new government plans to take up extension of LT line in various places.

It is pleasing to learn that this demand contains number of works programme for development of our state and the people as a whole. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Hmingdailova.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : As pointed out by the hon'ble Chief Minister in his budget speech, priority is given to power supply. In this connection, there is one vacated village within Tuirial Constituency included under RGGVY. Will electrification be done there any way?

Next, Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry. In reply to my Questions - (a) whether there is a plan to repair a pucca road of Kawnpui – Hortoki constructed during 1993 – 1998? and (b) If not, what is the reason? I have received the answer that there is no plan as yet, except its maintenance, and for answer to Question (b) Due to non-availability of fund. As far as my knowledge is concerned, Pu Speaker, 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission during 2006-2007, sanctioned ₹.68.49 lakh rupees for construction of 9 kms of road in question and was completed on 31.3.2007. Again, in 2007-2008, the same amount was sanctioned for the same target and was said to be completed on 31.3.2008. Pu Speaker, I do not understand it as the said road remains un-repaired till today where as the record shown the target as completed.

In reply to my question in the previous session of whether we had received financial provision under the State government, NEC or 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, the answer stated that no provision was received except from the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. Pu Speaker, it was not true as it was received also from the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

After BRTF handed over road construction works to PWD in 2004, ₹.212.75 lakh for construction of 25 kms of Serkhan-Bagha road was received from the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission during the year 2006-2007. According to the Report, the amount received was fully spent on 31.3.2007 and further shown the target as achieved. Again in the year 2007-2008, another 25 kms target was made for ₹.175 lakh and the Report of 2009 remarked the target as achieved with the amount sanctioned fully spent. In the same manner, ₹.212.75 for construction of 25 kms of road was sanctioned and again reported the target as achieved with the amount sanctioned fully spent. Besides, Pu Speaker, financial sanction had also been received from NEC and Rs.30 lakh was released on 14.3.2006 and ₹.45 lakh on 21.9.2006. If so, the total amount received is ₹.776.36 lakh. Despite the said amount spent for the construction of road in question, its condition remain very poor. So, Pu Speaker, the question of whether investigation will be prevailed in that regard, it is decision of the government. What is more important for us is to have this road repaired.

Regarding improvement of road within my constituency, it is learned that PWD allotted ₹.30 lakh for the repair of approach road to IR Battalion and ₹.10 lakh for improvement of internal road of Kawnpui for I give thanks on behalf of the people of my constituency to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, who also is minister concerned for PWD. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. At the out set, I want to emphasize the need to open check gate at New Vervek to control imported cattle from Manipur to save the people of Mizoram from animal related diseases. In this relation, there are number of families who depend on cattle rearing for occupation. There are Animal Dispensary at Ratu and Darlawn but not strong enough to feed the whole constituency. It will be much pleasing if a new Hospital is established there.

Demand No.39, Power & Electricity. Pu Speaker, it is truly sad for the people of some areas in my constituency to think that they would continue to spend this coming Christmas without electric power. I, on behalf of such people, make a request to the government to include our demand for power supply in the on-going project of 2010 which may be counted as a Christmas gift.

Secondly, Pu Speaker, installation of 132 KV line from Suangpuilawn to Darlawn Sub-station, the work which had already been started in 2000 is left unfinished. It will be pleasing if the work is resumed and be taken up as departmental works.

Pu Speaker, regarding Demand No. 39, it is sad to get a negative answers to the question construction of Silchar road through Tuivawl constituency. Yet, we are fortunate to benefit the project of PMGSY under which tender for construction of roads such as Zohmun-Mauchar and Zohmun-Palsang was floated where as the work had already been allotted to contractor. I opine it will no longer be a problem for the department to take up only few kilometers of the remaining work of Mauchar-Bagha. So, it will be pleasing if the government consider taking up the said construction from NABARD fund.

Regarding project under PMGSY, construction of Sakawrdai-Tingmun is going smoothly yet, black topping remain undone. It will be pleased if it is continued with immediate effect. As of Sakawrdai-Zohmun road, it is learned that the work is taken up on sub-contract basis and could not be carried out by the concerned sub-contractor in due time. I, therefore, request the concerned authority to pressurize the contractor so that it is finished before Christmas.

Regarding PMGSY project of North Serzawl road, it is doubtful that construction is completed by the month of December, 2009 as stated. I, therefore, request the government to determine the problem so that it is completed in due time. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : At the out set, Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the concerned minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation department for allotting 3 boxes of Silpauline to each member.

In reply to my question regarding the amount of grant-in-aid allotted to each district, the answer did not clarify the amount except that CRF norms is followed and allotted to the Deputy Commissioner of each district is entrusted. The minister may please clarify this in his wind up speech.

Regarding Sericulture Department, I would like to inform the House that there are more than 40 families in my constituency who are engaged in sericulture. It will be pleasing if training is organized for the concerned families. Besides, it is learned that the government is planning to set up District Sericulture Office at Serchhip. If so, Pu Speaker, I request the concerned minister to remember that we are expecting to have Sericulture Demonstrator posted at Khawlailung to look after the concerned families in this region.

Coming now to Demand No.34, I want to inform the House that number of families who are engaged in piggery are often devastated by sudden death of their livestock. I opine it is necessary for the department to open mobile clinic for domestic animals to evade the said unfortunate incident.

Regarding Excise Department, it is sad that our most powerful NGO, YMA is now withdrawn itself from co-operating the government in combat against circulation of liquor and illegal drugs. If so, I opine it is of utmost important for the government to strengthen Excise Department and its staff.

Demand No. 39, Power & Electric Department. Pu Speaker, it is learned that the department could not prepare DPR in respect of Tuipui Project due to diversion of fund coming from NEC. I, therefore, earnestly request the hon'ble Chief Minister to look in to the matter so that the problem is solved immediately. Not only this, Pu Speaker, with the increasing population and households in Biate village, extension of L.T. Line and achievement of Biate Composite Water Scheme is urgently needed. The Hon'ble Chief Minister may please consider the case.

Demand No. 45, PWD. Pu Speaker, under PMGSY scheme, formation cutting of East Lungdar-Sailulak is completed. If the road is linked with Tiau Lui, I opine it could turn out to be a revenue earning road as it is estimated that there is 2000 cubic metres of high quality Balu available at Tiau river bank. (PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA at the Speaker's Chair) Besides, Pu Chairman, I would like to request the concerned Minister to look in to the problem that obstruct the progress of pavement work of Keitum-Artahkawn road, Artahkawn-Tuipui road which is said to be under surveillance and Khawbung-Vanlaiphai road which is in need of urgent repair. In the same manner, road approaching East Lungdar and Artahkawn are known to be included in the project. It will be pleasing if the work is started immediately. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Chairman, let me start my speech from Demand No.45, PWD. Since PWD taken over maintenance of West Phaileng – Marpara road, its condition worsens day by day. I, therefore, earnestly request the concerned Minister to give attention to this problem. Besides, the condition of Dapchhuah bridge, which is known to be the life-line of the people in this region, is extremely weak. We will be grateful if the concerned department give immediate attention to evade impending danger especially for heavy vehicles. In the same way, Tuipui bridge near Champhai frequently caused vehicle accident and may also be repaired immediately.

In the meantime, I would like to remind the concerned department that sufficient amount of budget provision allotted against Road & Wages is meant to be utilized for the aforesaid purposes. It will be pleasing if fund is utilized accordingly.

Furthermore, Pu Chariman, I opine it is important for the concerned authority to give attention to the system of projects taken up under RGVVY. It is learned that the selected contractors from outside Mizoram already collected materials but the work is not done appropriately. It may be important for the concerned authority to look into this matter. Pu Chairman, it is truly appreciated as some villages within my constituency are included under this scheme and so, I would like to request the concerned Minister to start the work as soon as possible.

Pu Chairman, I must say that budget allotted to Power & Electricity Department indicates the government's concern for upgradation of this important department. Yet, I think it is time for the people to experiment the merits or demerits of bulk projects such as Bairabi Thermal Plant for which ₹.732.70 lakh is again allotted. We have seen in the Budget Statement of Non-Conventional Sources of Energy following the scheme for promoting energy efficiency in India during 2007-2012. The decision to implement this policy was made in a meeting of the Hon'ble Chief Minister with Prime Minister at New Delhi. To this effect, Energy Conservation Act 2001 was framed and gazetted already.

General Administration Department, Demand No. 15. Pu Chairman, I opine it is very important for the government to give attention to the problems of our Districts, old and new, particularly problem of site for office and inadequacy of vehicles for conveyance.

It is appreciated that ₹.555.55 lakh is allotted for strengthening of Lengpui Airport. This indicates that the government gives priority to development of assets which the major people could benefit. Thank you.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. Let me start from Demand No. 41, Sericulture Department. Keeping in mind the prospect of Sericulture farming under NLUP, I opine budget allotted to the department is less sufficient. I strongly believe the concerned authority and the government will, sooner or later, make intensive effort to upgrade sericulture considering its prospect and seniority of the Department in Mizoram.

Coming now to Disaster Management, I want to emphasize the need to improve our policy with Silpauline as the material is issued for other purposes even though it is supposed to be used only for disaster management. I think the system should be stopped unless the policy is amended. Moreover, Pu Chairman, I opine it is necessary for the government to organize Fire Fighting Training and Crowd Management. It is not appropriate to depend on voluntary services of V/C and YMA on the event of fire fighting as they may not have the knowledge and experience to perform ideally. Hence, the said training is an urgent need.

As pointed out by Pu Pianmawia, it is necessary for the concerned authority to inspect health condition of imported cattle in our state to evade swine fever or other harmful diseases and thorough checking of the boundary is advisable.

Coming now to Assembly, I would like to express my appreciation to the efficiency of Assembly staff. The department truly deserves credit as it is learnt that no file had ever been pending to hamper smooth dealing of businesses for House's sitting. In relation to this, I would like to ask whether the construction of new building of the Assembly Annexe is speed up so that it is completed before the end of the this term.

Regarding construction of Raj Bhawan at New Capital Complex, it is completed already but remains unoccupied. What is the reason? Is it because its construction is not grand enough to be occupied by such a high dignitary? If so, it may be wise for the government to re-furnish the construction immediately.

As an ex-Serviceman, I want to thank Excise Department for having no problem in issuing liquor permit as it provides treatment for the concerned persons. As most of the applicants are mostly old-aged, guidance and consideration of the dealing staff is often needed. So, it may be pleasing if the concerned staff continue to bear such conducts.

Demands of Power & Electricity Department. Pu Chairman, it is highly appreciated that naked wires used in the area of Aizawl South is now changed with Arial Bunch Cable (ABC) as it will surely save the people from electricity related accident. But Pu Chairman, the work is stopped from certain point and it will be pleasing if it is continued.

Coming now to PWD, I want to mention that during the previous ministry of Congress party, the area of New Capital Complex was taken over from the Assam Rifle with agreement. As the new government came into being, construction and survey work was taken up. Pu Chairman, it is unfortunate to learn that construction of New Capital complex have many controversial background stories. It is allegedly reported that the quality of some buildings in this complex as extremely poor and not befitted for occupation. Besides, we have further learned about sudden collapse of retaining wall of Assam Rifle Quarter which even killed 2 or 3 persons. In this relation, Pu Chairman, I want to say that parking area of Secretariat in this complex is quite narrow. The concerned authority may please determine expansion as this Secretariat is important to upkeep appearance of Mizoram. Not only this, Pu Chairman, I opine the approach road too needs improvement with the increase of vehicle and PWD may take action in this regard. Thank you.

(SPEAKER, at the chair)

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, let me start with Demand No.45, PWD. I am glad to see in the Budget Estimate Allocation, huge amount of provision allotted to PWD against works programme such as construction of road and bridges, public building, government housing and urban development. In the same manner, we see budget allocation for development programmes that concern rural areas. In this connection, my deepest concern is Aizawl-Lunglei road via Seling that has been ignored since the existence of World Bank road of Aizawl-Lunglei. The road is badly in need of repairing and black metal now. It will be pleasing if the hon'ble Chief Minister note down for immediate action.

Again, Pu Speaker, it is highly appreciated that there is a programme of centrally sponsored scheme for connection of remote places by road communication through out Mizoram. In fact, effort made by the hon'ble Chief Minister truly deserves credit.

Next, Power & Electricity Department: - I want to thank to the hon'ble Chief Minister for the plan to set up Power Sub-Station at Phullen and extension of power line as necessary.

Excise Department: - It is pleasing to learn that the department contributes large amount of revenue. Yet, it is necessary to strengthen the department by giving more manpower as inadequacy of staff is felt.

Demand No. 34, Animal Husbandry Department. Obviously the department would play an important role for the achievement of NLUP. It may, therefore, be wise to concentrate on cattle farming as we are a society with high consumption of meat. Presently, most of the circulated cattles are imported from

outside and their health conditions are not known. This deeply affected our health. Hence, it is necessary to put more effort on production of cattle.

Demand No. 41, Sericulture. Pu Speaker, this department is known to be one of the oldest departments since it was already established when Mizoram was under Assam. Hence, it is important to give attention to upgradation of sericulture. Not only this, the department is important in view of the role it could play for the achievement of NLUP. It is learned that the department receive large amount of provision fund from Central Silk Board every year. It is desirable if the government determine the best use of such funds. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now have a recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

S P E A K E R : To resume the discussion, let me call upon Pu H. Zothangliana to have his speech.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thanks to the efforts of experienced personalities such as Pu Lalkhama, Vice Chairman Planning Board and Pu P.L. Thanga, IAS (Retired) and Member Secretary, we are able to have a favourable budget and we owe them much. Much as well, it is pleasing to have a surplus budget which is beyond our expectation.

Regarding improvement of power supply, it is appreciated that the hon'ble Chief Minister laid down plans for the achievement of various power projects such as Tuivai, Tuirial, Bairabi and Kolodyne. Particularly Kolodyne Multi Model Project which comprises of 3 important projects such as construction of Road Surface, Waterway/Sea Route and Hydro-Electricity Generation Project, it will be carried out in parallel with the Look East Policy. I must say that this will certainly be a remarkable achievement for Mizoram. In this relation, I want to thank the concerned minister for the plan to set up 33 KV Sub-Station at Sangau, the headquarters of my constituency.

Demand No. 45, PWD - Pu Speaker, under the programme of PMGSY, it is pleasing that the new government made appropriate selection of contractors for construction of road as tender was floated. Besides, it is learned that plan for construction of rural road will soon carried out.



Pu Speaker, members from the opposition bench usually compared budget amount of the year 2009-2010 with that of the previous revised estimate of 2008-2009 which are not comparable. It is regretted as it was done so intentionally just to misguide the people. It is to be noted that their purpose insulted the concerned people instead of misguiding them.

Demand No. 30, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Department- Pu Speaker, there is an allegation that Silpauline received from the department are resold to the concerned suppliers at a cheaper rate. It will be deeply regretting if the allegation is true as the said material is supplied to the needy and not for recycling. The concerned authority may take immediate action so that the practice is stopped.

Demand No. 42, Sericulture Department: - Pu Speaker, I personally experienced the need to revise rate of cocoon purchased by the department as rate for the same in other States is known to be very high. I, therefore, earnestly request the government to consider the case.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, it is important for MNF party to carefully study the new system applied by this government so as to achieve all-round development. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Who will take the stand next? Very well, Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to add a little bit to what the Hon'ble Member said about Plan Budget. If we think the budget has decreased from the previous years, you should just take a look at the Power Department budget which increased by around ₹.300 lakhs and the PWD budget which has increased by over ₹.200 lakhs. The plan budget under Finance, which was non-existent earlier, has also been allocated over ₹.2000 lakhs this year. It is clear that the budget has increased considerably and hence I would like to request the opposition to cease suggesting otherwise.

One of the main concerns in Mizoram is the construction of power generating dams. Under the leadership of the current Chief Minister, Serlui B project was initiated during the previous Congress ministry but the succeeding ministry completely neglected the project and started a new project at Tuirial. Now that we have regained power, the hon'ble Chief Minister has negotiated with NEEPCO leadership and preparations are made to resume the construction.

In the meantime, the Chief Minister has also promised to construct Tuivai Hydel Project, capable of generating 210 megawatt and Kolodyne Phase-I which would be 460 megawatt capable. This literally means that apart from the 100 megawatt requirement by the state during peak hour, we will have sufficient power to export to other states.

I am sure the elaborate plan made by the government will become clearer after a few years. Take Serlui area for example. A road is currently being constructed from Meidum to Bilkhawthlir and unless there is an unforeseen problem, they will finish it by the end of our term. The road from Bilkhawthlir to Saiphai is also being upgraded to metal road as we speak and this road is also expected to be completed during our term. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. After we attained statehood in 1986, the Congress party has continuously struggled to lay a stable infrastructural foundation and if it had retained power, we would have surplus in all our basic needs today.

Moving on to our budget, I would like to point out a few sentences in the statement made by the Chief Minister. On page 9 of the second half, it has been stated thus, "Reason for rush of the expenditure in the last part of the year could be attributed to reason like delay in release on Central.....like ACA, CCA etc. by Central Govt." ".delay in the part of implementing department and procedure delays in obtaining approval and expenditure sanction, Finance Department for administrative approval and expenditure sanction, Finance Department measures for regulating smooth progress of expenditure and for preventing rush of expenditure in March in the past, a rule should be laid down to avoid future such rushes." This is an important aspect of the budget. We have operated in this way for 10 years and it is therefore necessary to change our system. Unless corrective measures are taken, we will not be able to implement our projects at the right time.

I am pleased that the fund for loans to govt. servants has been increased this year. It means that more govt. servants will be able to avail the loan.

We were able to complete the construction of the Lengpui Airport during our rule and surveys were conducted to construct airports in the districts of Lunglei and Champhai as well. I am grateful to the government for its foresight.

In regard to Land Use Policy and Monitoring, our main weakness is in evaluation and monitoring. It is nearly impossible, therefore, to know

the extent of our progress and if that is the case, it is impossible to have speedy developments at any level.

Finally, I would like to request the MLAs to involve themselves as much as possible in the implementation of the NLUP. If we want the scheme to really make a positive impact upon our economy, we must remember that it is our responsibility to guide and monitor the progress of the scheme.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No.41 – Sericulture, the area around Sakeibuzawl village beyond Beraw Tlang used to be full of berry plantations but their berries have dried up after awhile because they were bad seeds from the start. Today, the 40 families or so, who depended on their plantations, have practically lost their livelihood. If the department could take a look at their plantation and find a way to solve their problem, I am sure they will be deeply grateful.

Coming to Excise and Narcotics Department, I think the personnel do not receive ration money while their counterparts – the police and home guards are entitled. Can it be arranged that they also receive the money?

In regard to power, we spend around ₹. 75 crores to buy power from outside the state each year and hence it is imperative for the government to take quick steps to mitigate our power problems.

I am grateful that ₹. 2 crores has been set aside under the PWD to construct a bypass road which will connect with the World Bank road. I am also pleased that a fine bridge has been constructed over Chite river. I am sure the ITI and Salem Veng road covered by the project will also make life much easier for the residents in the area.

At the moment, I have no particular problem or issue with the budget and I am pleased that a lot of new projects have been proposed in the work programme. The most important point is that there should be a delegation of financial powers to avoid delays in the transfer of funds. We must change our system to ensure that funds are released at the required time. Unless we can release these funds at the opportune time, we are delaying the developmental works of the departments at every turn.

Therefore, we must strengthen each ministry with financial power of its own. If the delegation of power is changed in such a way, we will definitely have more efficient and speedier development in a short while.

It is also important to have a separate financial adviser for the existing budget wise sector such as general service, social and economic service. This way, the secretaries of each department will be able to sanction necessary funds quickly and without too much hassle. If the fund they requested is beyond their sanctioning power, they would send it to the concerned Minister for approval and hence work can progress so much more smoothly.

Whenever a budget is passed in the House, the fund should be released as early as possible. We must ensure that the budgets are implemented within 10 months after it is passed. The remaining two months could be used to plan for budget performance or work programme.

If we are faithful to our work, I am positive we can have an efficient development system in all areas. Therefore, I would like to remind the concerned minister to consider amendment of the delegation of financial rules. It is vital to have an up-to-date financial system to make sure that each department will have sufficient and timely resources to implement their projects.

Finally, if the government really wants development works to progress at a faster pace, the PWD S.E. Eastern Circle should be shifted to Serchhip. A PWD Division should also be set up at Serchhip and N. Vanlaiphai. Thank you.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starting with Demand No.45, the PWD has undertaken several projects in my constituency and I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to set up at least one sub divisional office at the area to oversee the work and maintenance.

In the meantime, the maintenance work done by the BRTF for Lawngtlai to Parva road is extremely bad and the construction of the road itself is very poor. Hence, I request the House Leader to discuss this with the authorities as soon as possible.

There are also several places such as Saibawh and Tui Khur, where bridges are required. It would not be very difficult to construct a bridge at these locations and it would ease the hardships faced by the surrounding areas.

Coming to Demand No. 39, the booklet mentioned that there are 20 villages left to be electrified in my constituency under the RGGVY but among these villages, three of them are already provided electricity. The report also says that 38 villages have been electrified in the Lawngtlai Block area but 7 of the villages mentioned do not have electricity till today. I have pointed this out for correction because the seven villages recorded as electrified are not entitled to receive the solar panels distributed by the ZEDA and they have faced several difficulties as a result.

The government has also intended to construct a sub station at Diltlang but in the answer furnished by the hon'ble Minister during the question hour, he said that the sub station would be built at Chawngte. I am surprised that the location has been changed because Lawngtlai is a key point of access for the area and it would be much more convenient if the sub station is built at Diltlang.

I also request the minister to consider Sekulh River for a mini hydel project. The river is about 50km long and I think it is even more suitable for a hydel project than Serlui B. I have submitted a letter of application to the Engineer-in-Chief and an investigation has also been conducted.

Moving on to Demand No. 15, the government has released the calendar for next year but the MHIP Day is not included among the list of Holidays. The Day has always been a holiday for a long time now, and in concert with the women empowerment movement these days, I think it would mean a lot to the womenfolk if it could be observed as a holiday again.

The Government of Mizoram signed a Memorandum of Settlement with HPC on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1994 in which it was agreed that the Sinlung Hills Development Council would be set up and the president of HPC would be appointed as the chairman of the council. So far three people have alternately held the position of the chairman but when the MOS period was revised in 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 Lalmalsawma Darngawn was appointed as the chairman by the government. Lalmalsawma is a suspect in the murder case of Isaac L. Hmar and he is not the president of HPC either. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to reconsider his appointment because it is clearly a breach of the Settlement.

Coming back to Demand No. 1, Pu Speaker, I would like to commend the Legislative Assembly office for their prompt actions and efficiency. I hope the other departments will learn from their example.

I would like to express my gratitude to the hon'ble Minister for Disaster Management. We have received silpaulines and other requirements from the calamity relief fund which proved immensely useful. At the same time, I also request him to provide us with cups, plates and kettles since they are required for relief workers.

I am also thankful that Mampui farm has been proposed for government assistance by the Animal Husbandry Department. However, looking at the work programme, they only have ₹.1 lakh for their budget. The fencing at the farm is in dire need of repairs and I hope work will commence soon.

S P E A K E R

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Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to remind the hon'ble members that our nation's economy has developed rapidly under the leadership of our economist Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh.

With a view to develop the country from the infrastructural level and elevate it to a super power, he proposed the Prime Minister's 15 points programme and government flagship programmes and these projects are implemented in each state. However, the previous ministry was unable to utilize the central funds and fully aware of their incapability, the people chose to elect the Congress party with the hope that they will be able to implement the flagship programmes efficiently for the betterment of our state.

I am grateful that 5 villages in my constituency will be connected by road under the PMGSY. A polytechnic will also be set up at Champhai and Kolasib with a budget of 200 lakhs.

I would like to know if it is possible to set up a PWD SE office at Champhai. We are eagerly awaiting such developments in my constituency.

₹.15 lakhs was set aside for the construction of a bridge at Champhai but due to a few misunderstandings between the authorities, the fund was temporarily diverted and the construction was delayed. If we have at least Rs. 9 lakhs, I am sure we will be able to build a perfectly good bridge at the location.

I would like to commend the Power and Electricity for their efficiency at Champhai District. They have also prepared a project report for ₹. 23 crores, which they will submit to the Planning Department soon.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : In the answer furnished by the government, it stated that ₹. 73,8000 was distributed among 900 beneficiaries in 11 constituencies of Aizawl under the NLUP. This record is incorrect and the Vigilance department and the Implementation board should take a fresh look at their records because party unit leaders usually withdraw the fund and submit the reports. NLUP is a government flagship programme and I am deeply concerned about the fund management and transference.

Coming to the General Administration Department, the hon'ble Chief Minister promised to transfer the Resident Commissioner of Delhi in the

previous session, but no action has been taken so far. The Resident Commissioner has created numerous problems and embarrassment for the state and I request the Chief Minister to transfer him as soon as possible.

The hon'ble member spoke about appointment of HPC President as the chairman but the agreement merely states that the first chairman would be the HPC President. The post of the chairman is considered to be reserved for the president elect of the HYA, which is Pu J. Thanglianchhunga, but the appointment was unexpectedly given to Pu Malsawma Darngawn, a former chairman with shady records. It is clear that the government favours someone whom it can make use of. We should let them choose their own chairman and stop meddling in their affairs.

Coming to Public Works Department, if I am not mistaken, the salary of the MR employees will be increased soon. In the meantime, it is very sad that the skilled-II employees are demoted to unskilled.

In regard to PMGSY, the contractors are given a liability period and after he has withdrawn the final bill, he would work on formation cutting for half a year and he is also responsible for the road maintenance for 5 years. However, in Mizoram the fund for maintenance is not included in the final bill by the department and yet the department does not maintain the road. Is the maintenance fund included in the original estimate? If not, how is the fund used by the department?

There are 39 families who did not receive compensation for the World Bank road construction at Saikhamakawn because the department insisted that the area is not a project area. However, work is carried on at the very same place by the government. The families had to lose parts of their land due to construction of side drains and widening of the road. The government should take a look at this and consider the victims for compensation.

Moving on to Power and Electricity, in his letter to the central Power Minister, the hon'ble Chief Minister said that, "We are committed to buy the entire power to be generated from Tuirial HEP." Why would he promise to buy the power? The project was already abandoned by the MNF ministry because the cost production would have been too steep. It would be a big mistake to commit ourselves to buy the entire power at such a costly price.

The power cables at New Secretariat Complex are concealed but the job is highly unsatisfactory. Who was the contractor? If it is possible, he should be ordered to make all the necessary repairs. The complex does not have a proper canteen and this creates a lot of problems for the employees. A quotation should be advertised as soon as possible and run the canteen for the convenience of the staff.

Finally, Pu Speaker, will it be possible to arrange budget training for the MLAs? I am sure if we have a deeper understanding of the Budget, we will be able to pinpoint all its short comings or appreciate its merits.

We have passed a law to include the Asset Document in the budget statement but it is not included this year. The Asset Register is crucial because there are several mini projects that the ministers could miss and have no idea they are undertaken. I asked the hon'ble Minister what developments have been made about State of Art Center at Sairang and he replied that he has no idea the center exists. The center was inaugurated by the Governor and the MNF ministry has spent a lot of money on it. Such information would be available on the Asset Document and the ministers can also look it up at any time.

I thank you for your time.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.S. Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Starting with Demand No.34 – Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, there are no Vety doctors at Sialsuk and Aibawk for a long time. A man was bitten by a dog some time ago and there was no one to give him injections. Therefore, I request the hon'ble Minister to post a doctor as soon as possible.

Concerning Demand No. 30, natural disasters occur frequently in the state but our equipments are insufficient and inadequate to cope with the relief works. Hence, I request the Minister to provide better equipments and in larger quantities.

₹.82 lakhs has been allocated for 'supply of materials' under Sericulture and I am sure it will be utilized fully for the benefit of farmers who depend on it for their livelihood. Several families are dependent on sericulture and the government should make sure they are provided all the necessary assistance.

Moving to Demand No. 5 – Vigilance, I am pleased that the ACB has been integrated with Vigilance Department. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister, the branch has been strengthened and elevated to the status of a bureau with an IGP rank Director heading the bureau. I am positive that this will have a deep impact on the enforcement of law and order in the state.

There were a few undesirable incidents at Rangvamaul and Phunchawng recently. The road passing through it is our main access to Lengpui Airport and hence I would like to request the Excise department to secure the place so that these kinds of incidents would be avoided.

There are a few developments I would like to point out regarding Finance Department. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Finance Minister, we now have a contingency fund amounting to ₹. 20,000 lakhs.



The fund has never been set aside for over 10 years. This is a huge development and 'change' for the people of Mizoram. It is extremely comforting to know that the government will be able to provide monetary assistance in case of natural disasters and other emergencies.

The Planning Department budget has also been increased by 25 per cent this year. I am sure the department will be more efficient and thorough than ever before, Pu Speaker.

Coming to the General Administration Department, the Chief Minister has worked tirelessly for further development of the Airport and due to his deep insight into the requirements of the state, an Instrument Landing System will be installed very shortly. After the ILS is installed, we will no longer have flight cancellations due to fog, smoke or poor visibility.

Apart from the airport, suitable locations for helipads are being surveyed in Champhai, Kolasib and other districts. These helipads will prove extremely useful for helicopter services when central leader decide to take a tour of the state.

Under Demand No. 39, I would like to express my gratitude that the Tuirial Hydel Project, which has been abandoned by the previous ministry, will be started afresh by this government. Power is one of the basic needs of our state and when the project is completed, it will be a huge development for the people.

The people are deeply grateful about the proposed construction of a power sub-station at Sialsuk. They have been neglected for a long period by the power department and now that their village is going to be electrified, they are very excited and eager about the project.

I am pleased that ₹. 216 lakhs for Muallungthu and Khumtung and ₹. 250 lakhs for Baktawng Chawilung road has been allocated by the PWD. This is a huge development for the area and the concerned residents are eagerly awaiting the commencement of the work.

About the rumour that the departmental funds are diverted for NLUP, I would like to make a quick clarification. The increase in the budget this year alone is ₹. 171.24 crores and hence there is no added pressure on the departments to chip in for the NLUP fund. On the contrary, several departmental budgets has been increased considerably and even the district councils are given an additional ₹. 1440 lakhs.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, the household items at MLA hostel was supplied by a personal friend of the Chief Minister, but the furnitures were extremely cheap in quality. A lot of it are unusable today and are in no condition for repairs.

Coming to Demand No. 39, I am told that Saiha District receives less power than it should have and if the hon'ble Minister can do something about it, I would be extremely obliged.

Tuipang hydel project was started in 1991 and after several delays it has been finally completed. However, instead of the proposed 2 megawatt, it can only generate around 500 kilowatts. The hon'ble Minister said that the dam is to be patched up to generate more power and I am deeply grateful for the sake of Saiha. I sincerely hope the project will be started soon.

The ZEDA has also made it possible to buy solar lamps for only one thousand rupees and solar home lighting system for only ₹. 4200/-. I commend their work and request even more solar lighting systems to be made available for purchase.

Moving on to Demand No. 45, I would like to request the Minister to make Kolodyne river passable for speedboats. I also want to request the department to post officers hailing from the local area because I feel that they are more concerned with the developmental works.

In regard to Excise Department, I am happy that they now have their own office building. I would like to know when they are going to continue the construction because apparently, there is no sufficient space to house all the office sections.

Concerning the General Administration Department, the D.C. office at Saiha is too old and I request the government to construct a new building. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Very well, I am sure the concerned Ministers will do their best to grant your requests.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the hon'ble member said that the supplier claims to be a friend of the Chief Minister. Can he please clarify where he got that information?

S P E A K E R : Alright, will the hon'ble member please clarify his statement for the benefit of the House.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, can the hon'ble Minister please repeat hi question.

Pu LALSAWTA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, at the beginning of his speech..

S P E A K E R : It is 4 o'clock. We will resume our discussion at another time.

Pu LALSAWTA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am sure this will not take long. I would like to know where he received that information from.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I met with the supplier and that is what he told me.

S P E A K E R : Well, our time has come to an end. We will resume the session after half an hour.

**4:30 PM.**

S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I am not trying to suggest that departmental funds are being diverted for NLUP. All I am saying is that 18 department budgets have decreased this year.

Starting with the General Administration Department, when the Finance order was released in 1983, the sanction limit of the DC for minor works was restricted to ₹. 10,000 and now ₹. 35 lakhs is being sanctioned for 7 MLAs in Lunglei district. The works are being split to 350 minor projects and hence progress is extremely slow. If the Finance Minister can find a way to solve this I am sure works can progress at a faster pace.

Coming to Public Works Department, due to privatization policy, there are 280 staff who do not have much official duties. I would like to suggest that these people should be shifted under the Municipal board as technical staff where they will actually be of use.

About Animal Husbandry, pasteurization plant has been set up at several districts for which I am deeply pleased. However, our machineries are too old and unless we are prepared to face fluctuations in milk produces we must replace them with new and better ones.

The budget of Sericulture Department has been decreased by ₹.25 lakhs this year. If we want the department to run smoothly and efficiently, we have to find other means of funding them.

In regard to Finance, I would like to request a raise of the MLA Fund. I talked with our counterparts from West Bengal when they visited us and they said that ₹. 50 lakhs is allocated as MLA Fund. If we expect to do anything worthwhile in our constituency, we require sufficient funding.

I also feel that the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay should be implemented as quickly as possible.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, I would like the hon'ble MINISTER : member to clarify when do I make the statement in regard to Nagaland, I would also like to ask if, it is with loan component, and if the increase in the fund allocation is from Plan fund.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, it is from Plan Fund. If the hon'ble Minister did not make the statement, let us forget.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I insist the member to clarify. We should respect the sanctity of the House, and thus speak the truth.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, we will prove if the information is correct. Moving on to CSS implementation.

Timely implementation is crucial, if not, there could be problem in progress report and utilization certificate and split over will not be permitted. Thus, I request the Government to ensure financial discipline.

Pu Speaker, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, General Administration Department issued order regarding accommodation in Mizoram House. In the order of precedence, we the representatives of the people are placed at No.6, below Secretaries and Commissioners. Also, it was highlighted that the allotment of vehicle to MLA is subjected to availability of vehicle. I feel that the Government should review this order. Priority should be given to MLAs. Likewise, I request the hon'ble House Leader to take priority in the transfer order of New Delhi Resident Commissioner, since it was a subject of much discussion in the House.

Demand No.45. Public Works Department. I would like to thank that Engineer- in Chief and Chief-Engineer post are created. Also, new Circle and Division.

It seems that the original plan for the construction of Thenzawl, Buarpui – Bughmun road under ADB fund will not reach Bughmun. I would request that the original plan be implemented. I would like to request the authorities to give priority to Lunglei- Buarpui road under PMGSY. Further, to speed up the construction work of Khawlek, Sabual, Kanghmun, West Lungdar and Rawpuichhip road as it connect north and west. Pu Speaker, Lunglei-Tlabung road need immediate repair and so is Phairuang-Bughmun road.

The criteria under which Bughmun PWD Sub-Division has been created is not appropriate, it needs to be reviewed. Pu Speaker, the power supply also needs improvement. Thank You.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of discussion. 17 members have participated in the discussion. Let us now call hon'ble Minister, Mr Nihar Kanti.

Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that 13 members spoke about my Department. The suggestions and advice given by the hon'ble members are noted down by me and the officials. We will try and fulfill these suggestions and advice.

Demand No.30. Disaster Management & Rehabilitation. There are two types of disaster, man made disaster and natural disaster. I thank NGOs for their co-operation at times of natural calamities. Pu Speaker, High Committee on Disaster Management under the Central Government categorizes disaster into 21. Out of these 21 disasters, 10 are categorized for Calamity Relief Fund. Thus, if calamity falls under these categories, relief fund can be applied for at respective District Commissioner. As per instruction of the central government and state government, various committees are created under Disaster and Rehabilitation.

Pu Speaker, during January to September 2009, the Department has purchased 23,000 silpaulines. Pu Speaker, at least 30 people come to me every day for Silpauline. I agree with what the hon'ble members mentioned in regard to its distribution. Step is taken to improve the system of distribution. By the way, all the members are given Silpaulian.

Two days workshop cum Exhibition on Disaster Risk Reduction and Live Demonstration Programme was organized by National Disaster Management Authority and DM&R for awareness campaign. Proposal is on to create Response Force Team for calamity. We have purchased 26 equipments under United Nations Development Programme. Pu Speaker, as per Government of India norms, ₹.89 lakhs has been distributed to 8 District for natural calamity. During the year 2003-2009, Government of India and United Nation launched a successful join programme. The funding ended in July, 2009. However, they have appointed one consultant to complete the on going project.

Pu Speaker, in regard to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I would request the people to take preventive measure as far as possible to avoid man made disaster.

Demand No.34- Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. I will react to the point raised by the hon'ble member from Aizawl East – 1, Pu Lalrinawma regarding Model Piggery Village. Pu Speaker, this project has been established during the previous ministry, with the view to develop piggery production, and self sufficiency in meat production and generation of employment in rural areas. The total expenditure incurred for establishment was ₹.1 crore 94 lakhs. The project has proved to be a total failure. Almost all of the beneficiaries of this project have given up, and hence, creating a burden for the Department to maintain the assets. As such, it is decided that all model piggery villages should become oriented development scheme of the elite Department like Horticulture, Agriculture, Sericulture and Soil Conservation. The beneficiaries of Piggery Village are unable to attain livelihood. Pu Speaker, it is welcoming news that, Lunglei Planning Board has allotted ₹.10 lakhs for enhancement of Model Piggery Village at Pukpui.

Under the flagship programme of NLUP, the Department is also taking steps in Animal Husbandry & Veterinary and dairy development. The Fund allocation for Animal Husbandry is ₹.600 lakhs and for dairy development ₹.50 lakhs. Every year we receive central assistance for control of animal disease, national project on rendered pest eradication, profession and efficiency development and sample survey and statistics. At present there are 129 employees under plan fund, and 220 muster roll employees. Pu Speaker, under plan fund, there is fund allocation for Livestock Development, Feed and Fodder Development, Veterinary Services, Animal Health Centre and stipend for Master of Veterinary Science, Bachelor of Veterinary Science, and VFA book grant. We also have surveillance office at border area to check the health of imported animals.

At Aizawl, Lunglei, Champhai, and Kolasib dairy plant is installed with the capacity of 5000 liters. There is a proposal to install dairy plant in every district of Mizoram.

Demand No.41- Sericulture Department. First of all the answer to hon'ble member Pu Lalthansanga's question is, Sericulture Demonstrator will be appointed at Khawhlailung as soon as possible. As for the question raised by the hon'ble member Pu H. Zothanliana in regard to cocoon rate, it has already been raised from ₹.120 to ₹.180. Pu K.Liantlinga spoke about imported seeds; however, growers prefer Mizoram seeds.

Pu Speaker, Sericulture Department is among the selected department for NLUP pilot project. The Department plays a vital role for the rural people in attaining livelihood. There are 184 technical Staff, and 99 non- technical staff, the total of staff – 283. There is a proposal to fill up the 45 vacant posts. The Department has seven on- going projects. The budget allocation for the Department under Plan is - ₹.375 lakhs, and non Plan- ₹.450.80 lakhs. Pu Speaker, priority projects of the Department for 2009-2010 are, - 1500 families will be selected for growing Theimu. There is a proposal to construct District Office at Serchhip and Champhai and to repair staff quarters at various Districts. There is a proposal to construct cocoon rearing house at Zobawk and Champhai, also, to give training to 2000 farmers, and to thirty in- service. There is an intention to multiply cocoon seed into 4 lakhs, and to produce 60,000 Kgs of cocoon and 4000 Kgs of silk thread. If the fund allocation permits, there is a proposal to construct scientific rearing house at seven multiplication centre. That is all I can mention about Sericulture.

Pu Speaker, I now request this august House to pass the various demands under my portfolio, they are- Demand No.30- Disaster Management & Rehabilitation ₹. 8,39,65,000/-, Demand No.34- Animal Husbandry & Veterinary ₹.29,85,47,000/-, Demand No.41- Sericulture ₹. 8,25,80,000/-, totaling ₹.46,50,92,000/- . Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, all those who agree to pass hon'ble Minister Pu Nihar Kanti's demand say 'yes' and those who disagree say 'no'. The House has unanimously passed hon'ble Minister Pu Nihar Khanti's Demand.

Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to wind up his demand and seek the permission of the House to pass his demand.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, first of all you are very lenient with the legislators since, there are many times when legislators forget to address you while delivering their speech.

Pu Speaker, I am thankful that members from both the benches participated actively in the discussion. It was encouraging to hear informative suggestions and voice of determination for development. It is pleasing to learn how high the expectation is in this Government which is very challenging. I believe it will set us to march forward and strive for success as we are here for.

Pu Speaker, I am delighted to learn that the hon'ble members emphasized on the manifesto. What I would like to point out is, our manifesto is drafted in consultation with God. It was the priority of our leaders to have a manifesto which will abide with the Almighty as well as a manifesto which will up- lift the down trodden to a bright new day. Pu Speaker, the hon'ble members are in a hurry, it is only nine to ten months since this ministry is formed.

It is pleasant to learn that the members studied the Budget thoroughly. Pu Speaker, we may not be able to clarify all the points, but I will try and clarify some points, concerned officials are here to note down and take necessary steps. In regard to figures, there could be mistake due to computer compiling and also due to presumption and expectation.

Like I have mentioned earlier, it is the first priority of the manifesto to carry forth development as fast as possible. It is our desire that widowers, farmers, and the down trodden are able to face a brighter day. To fulfill this



vision NLUP plays a significant role. Pu Speaker, it is our utmost desire to fulfill NLUP. The high authorities of the central government are influenced by NLUP; however we are not prepared as yet. With the initiative of the hon'ble Prime-Minister, our officials have been called by the Central Government 2/3 times in this regard. Special adviser for North East from Planning Commission will come and visit various places in Mizoram.

The authorities are examining Centrally Sponsored Scheme which was benefited by few silently and we are reviewing, if it could be clubbed. In regard to the utilization of plan fund for NLUP, Pu Speaker, even if I make a clarification statement, there is no point. For, the same people who advocate that plan fund is utilized for NLUP will repeat the same version. As for the selection of beneficiaries, party will not be the selector and so will the MLAs. Final decision is yet to be made, but at district level, advice is given to NGOs and official. There are certain groups who claim that we are slow. But what I would like to state is, we are giving time for preparation.

The second priority is the welfare of the youth. It is of utmost important that the youth are self sufficient. The Education Minister constituted Education Reform Commission with vast term of reference. The minister met three renowned educationists of the country for recommendation of a worthy reform. The present youth are talented in various fields especially in sports.

Pu Speaker, we do not have standard football ground and boxing ring. It is highlighted in our manifesto that, within six months we will implement the construction of standard stadium, and we have done so. Likewise, not only in Aizawl but in various parts of the state, step is taken to meet the requirement to help develop the various talents of our youth. To enhance this development the budget allocation for Sport Department has been increased. The hon'ble Sport Minister is taking every possible step for improvement. Youth Commission has been constituted, but it is under consideration as to what could be the best for youth, whether it falls under Labour Ministry or Sports & Youth Services Department. It is the desire of the authorities to produce world class educated youth with our limited means.

Like I have mentioned earlier, there are certain circumstances which is still a speed breaker in the projects that we are to take up. I agree with some members who have pointed out that we are slow. But now that we will have a Budget I expect our functioning will progress gradually. But what I would like to remind the hon'ble members is, the deficit gap has grown very wide, thus we have to function with economic measure due to financial constraint. In our project to create a new world for our youth we may go slowly, thus, I request the hon'ble members to understand that our cause is genuine, and that it is due to financial constraint.

According to the view of our leaders the main cause of social evil is corruption. Corruption may not be high as compared to other state, but as per standard of our state it is very high. Pu Speaker, at the first sitting of the 32 ruling MLAs, it was discussed that one should be free of corruption. We were briefed that

we should not become the slave of contractors, suppliers and officials by taking bribe. Thus, we need constant prayer to stay clean. I wanted to highlight this to the people of Mizoram through the hon'ble members.

It was embarrassing to hear what hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma has to say in regard to the first phase of NLUP. Further, it was more disgracing that another member highlighted with document proved. Enquiry was taken on that same date, I saw the recommendation, but it was shameful to know that there is still a mistake. This has clearly indicated that, there is still a vast loop hole which needs rectification. Pu Speaker, the root of corruption has sunk very deep, thus we need your corporation. It has been decided that, Planning Board will take up Monitoring Evaluation more frequently.

We will be starting PMGSY, and it will be monitored strictly as everyone from Church leaders to government servants is trying to be contractor.

I truly detest what Pu P.P Thawla has mentioned, it has not come to my notice and the concerned officer should take responsibility.

Corruption has anchor a deep root, thus, Ethic Committee has been constituted with members who are of prominent and trusted citizen of the state. The media has question if I will really take action against the wrong doer. What I would like to state is, the law will take its own course against the wrong doer. We have to hate and fight corruption together. We have kept CBI at the door step to prosecute the culprit. Above this, the Home Minister has a well set plan to up grade the state Anti-Corruption Branch. They have started their work extensively. However, justice is delayed due to lack of in experience in giving conclusive report to prosecute in spite of conclusive evidence. The branch is now headed by a new Director who has five years experience in CBI. The Home Minister has further plan to send the officers in batches to train under CBI, to avoid delay in justice as it is said, justice delay is justice denied. Pu Speaker, if needed Commission of Enquiry will be constituted under Commission of Enquiry Act to enhance the process of fighting corruption. As we have mentioned earlier, fighting against corruption is the priority of the government, thus the government is taking every necessary step to eliminate corruption. I would like to remind the hon'ble members that we are moving forward with full determination to fight against corruption, and I sincerely urge the hon'ble members to give their support.

In regard to what Pu Lalduhoma mentioned about NLUP beneficiaries and corrupted store-keepers, Pu Speaker, it is the desire of the government that ruling and opposition constituency is given equal beneficiaries, and I personally appreciate for voicing such case, the government will not neglect such case. As for the corrupt store-keepers, they have practiced the system for a very long time; anyway I would suggest that the government is given required information to apprehend the culprit. The government will not leave any stone unturned.

As for General Administration Department, what we should be aware of is, in Indian democracy there is a tendency to supersede one another between

the public servant and the government servant. I would like to give the hon'ble members assurance in regard to their facilities. Infact I am the one who has faced the most number of humiliations as an MLA in various Mizoram Houses as I have been in and out of the government several times. During 1978-79, being an MLA, I could hardly stay in Mizoram House, I was either asked to leave or told that there is no vacant room even if there was, as it was reserved for someone else. There are several incidents as such as time went by. There are incident when I was asked to leave with my wife at 9: 00 P.M. though being an Ex- Chief-Minister. Thus it is my desire that such incidents be avoided in this government. But as we know the government may be slow in action in certain cases, I request your cooperation. As I have mentioned earlier, the government servant's intention is to supersede and degrade the public servant, they will be kind and polite to you if you're the ruling MLA, but avoid you if you are not. Pu Speaker, I have mentioned this yesterday at FLAM's meeting, which I feel is not suitable for Christians and the Mizo society. I will move on to important department.

Power & Electricity department. In the previous Congress ministry, Serlui 'A' which produces only one mega watt was left behind by P.C ministry. Thus, we took up whatever projects which were under the state government's control of three mega watt. We infact received criticism for not taking up big projects. However, knowing the fact that, power is required immediately, as the state lone production is only one mega watt, we opted for smaller project. Further, Non- Convention of Resources Energy Ministry had borne 75% of the project cost. A big project requires time in obtaining clearance. The big project like Tuipang lui has been neglected for a very long time; initiative has been taken afresh to commission at its full capacity. Tuirial project we have heard enough, due to corruption has to be abandoned. However, we have taken fresh steps to continue the project; the Finance Ministry has accepted in principal. We will be getting 12%- mega watt, from the project and the rest we will purchase at concessional rate. Once the project is completed, we expect that it will help to a certain extent in meeting the requirement of the state's peak hour, which is 100 mega watts. Pu Speaker, for the information of the House the power supply that we received from the neighboring state is not sufficient as we know; however, in spite of this, we are among the best to receive power supply unlike states like Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Assam, and Megalaya. Further, there are small hydel projects that has been submitted to Ministry of Renewal Research which are expected to materialized, I will not name all the small projects, if required I can give in writing. Pu Speaker, in this manner the government is taking every step to attain self- sufficiency in power. The government of India has given us instruction to hold talk with Burma, if they would allow their rivers in the border area for hardness. In the recently concluded conference, I discussed the matter with the Burmese delegates, they seems to be interested. However, as they are under the army rules it takes time to materialize. Pu Speaker, today we have received an approval letter from Ministry of Renewable Energy for solar city state. ₹.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the preparation of detail project. If this so happen we expect that our state will improve in power supply.

Public Works Department, I will not re-act to all what have been said by the members, but highlight which I feel necessary for us to know.

National Highways which are under the state PWD are- no 154-Bilkhawthlir, Bairabi, Assam 58 km. Highway150- Seling, Darlawn-Manipur 140 km.Highway 44 'A'- Sairang, Mamit, Tripura 130 km. The Ministry of Road Transport has given order to Border Road to hand over National highway 54 to Mizoram PWD. Construction work for double lane and widening between Kawnpui- Sairang has begun. Also, work order has been issued for Lunglei – Lawngtlai road, Aizawl- Serchhip which is 114 km. We also have Situeh, Akyab port, and Kaletwae port construction work. Likewise, Rs 680 has been sanctioned for Lawngtlai and Myanmar border road which is under Mizoram PWD, but forest and environmental clearance is yet to be received.

I would like to add few words in power which is, like I have mentioned earlier, Serlui B Hydrel Project will be commissioned shortly depending on the result of the equipment test. The lake of Serlui B Hydrel project is around 30km, thus there is a proposal to make it eco tourism. Likewise there is a proposal to make Tuirial project as well.

Regarding HPC, interim period is over many a times, thus even the previous government appointed the chairman of their choice. It is the principle of this government that only the son of the soil should be appointed as chairman of the Council. Thus, Pu Malsawm Darngawn was appointed chairman who is the government's choice. We are aware that Sinlung fund was utilized to promote insurgency, thus, the government is apprehended from the start. Thus, the hon'ble Home Minister declared Amnesty, some returned and some did not. Therefore, for those who do not return there cannot be pardon.

Members spoke about Excise & Narcotic, I am glad that the members spoke about the welfare of the employees. It is true that careful steps is taken in regard to total prohibition. We cannot entrust the task to the department alone, it has to be a collective effort. We have experienced in many part of the world that it is not successful. We have not claimed it either. If my words are not taken otherwise, our youth have been cornered, and thus, there are some youth who are not interested in sports and thus having its consequences. It is therefore, a delicate matter which needs a careful thought, with the guidance of the Almighty. I therefore feel that we should all give a thought as to what could be the best.

Pu Hmingdailova mentioned about Serkhan- Bagha road, Commission of Enquiry will be constituted.

As for Raj Bhavan, there is a proposal to up-grade the building without losing the original design.

Pu Speaker, as for silpauline, I asked the hon'ble minister if the same number of silpauline is given to ruling and opposition MLA, he told me yes, I was surprised. It seems that we are using silpauline as pre-disaster management than disaster management.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, point of clarification. During the MNF ministry 30 bags of silpauline was given to each MLA, we are receiving only 15, can the number be increased?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, you should inform the minister.

I would like to thank the hon'ble members for actively participating in the discussion. The government is only 10 months old without its own budget. However, let us expect that we can now function more systematically. Pu Speaker, I will come towards the end of my speech, I thank the Secretariat staff and Planning staff for their tremendous effort in preparing the budget.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the theme debate of this budget is; increase and decrease of budget from the previous Budget. There is an increase of ₹. 250 cores. There is NLUP, Contingency Fund, which was not there in the previous year, thus, if we minus the increase amount it cannot be the same amount with the previous Plan Fund. Also, the budget of various departments cannot be the same as that of last year, which we have to agree, further, we also have to agree that there is an increment in the total budget. Therefore, we should go home with the fact that we are right in our own stand.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : It is right; it is true that it is not necessary that the fund allocation of department has to increase. There are on- going projects which do not require additional fund, and where there are no new schemes.

We must know that department funds are not affected by NLUP and at the same time funds of many departments have increased immensely. Pu Speaker I shall conclude by stating my Demands which are as follows - Demand No. 1 – Legislative Assembly ₹.9,15,64,000/-, Governor – ₹.10,60,000/-, Council of Ministers – ₹.6,32,09,000/-, Vigilance – ₹.2,02,55,000/-, Excise & Narcotics – ₹.14,03,75,000/-, Finance – ₹.407,69,90,000/-, Secretariat Administration – ₹.96,86,43,000/-, Planning & Programme Implementation (excluding ICT) – ₹.35,52,92,000/-, General Administration Department – ₹.49,51,90,000/-, Power – ₹.233,17,82,000/-, Public Works Department – ₹.277,00,45,000/-, which sums up to

₹.1081,44,05,000/- and I appeal the House to consent to pass the said Demand. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : The following are the Demands appealed by the hon`ble House Leader to be passed by the House - Demand No. 1 – Legislative Assembly ₹. 9,15,64,000/-, Governor – ₹.10,60,000/-, Council of Ministers – ₹.6,32,09,000/-, Vigilance – ₹.2,02,55,000/-, Excise & Narcotics – ₹.14,03,75,000/-, Finance – ₹.407,69,90,000/-, Secretariat Administration – ₹.96,86,43,000/-, Planning & Programme Implementation (excluding ICT) – ₹.35,52,92,000/-, General Administration Department – ₹.49,51,90,000/-, Power – ₹.233,17,82,000/-, Public Works Department – ₹.277,00,45,000/-, which sums up to ₹.1081,44,05,000/-. All in favour say ‘Aye.’ Is there anyone who objects?

Since there is no objection, the Demand made by our hon`ble House Leader Pu Lal Thanhawla which are - Demand No. 1 – Legislative Assembly ₹.9,15,64,000/-, Governor – ₹.10,60,000/-, Council of Ministers – ₹.6,32,09,000/-, Vigilance – ₹.2,02,55,000/-, Excise & Narcotics – ₹.14,03,75,000/-, Finance – ₹.407,69,90,000/-, Secretariat Administration – ₹.96,86,43,000/-, Planning & Programme Implementation (excluding ICT) – ₹.35,52,92,000/-, General Administration Department – ₹.49,51,90,000/-, Power – ₹.233,17,82,000/-, Public Works Department – ₹.277,00,45,000/-, which sums up to ₹.1081,44,05,000/- is now passed by the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Thank you Pu Speaker.

S P E A K E R : We still have another business to discuss, so, may I now call upon our hon`ble House Leader, our Finance Minister to introduce the Appropriation Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to introduce ‘The Mizoram Appropriation ( No. 4) Bill, 2009’ and that the Bill be taken into consideration and that the bill be passed by the august House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will start right away. Sir, did you introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.4) Bill,2009' in the House ?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA  
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I introduced and appealed to pass the Bill in the House.

S P E A K E R : 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.4) Bill,2009' had been introduced and appealed to be passed by the House. Please distribute the copies to all the members.

Alright 'The Mizoram Appropriation (No.4) Bill,2009' is now contently passed by the House.

We now have finished our business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, i.e 29.10.2009 at 10:30 Am.

Sitting is adjourned. 6:58 PM.