

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOR FOURTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, 2010**  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00PM to 4:00 PM)

**MEMBER PRESENT**

*Pu R. ROMAWIA*, Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, 10 Ministers and 26 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following.
  - a) The Mizoram Private Security Agencies Rules, 2009.
  - b) The Mizoram Grievances Redressal Rules, 2009.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY  
DEMAND FOR GRANTS 2009-2010.**

3. Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants for the year 2009-2010.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Bills for Introduction, Consideration and Passing

4. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “ The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2010.

**ALSO**

To introduce the bill to move that the Bill be taken into consideration

**AND**

to move that the Bill be passed.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011.**

5. General discussion on the Budget for the year 2010-2011 (to commence).

S P E A K E R : “But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Rightousness, and all these things shall be added to you”.

Matthew 6 : 33.

Now, we will take questions and answers, We will call upon Pu K.Liantlinga, to ask Starred Question No. 21.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon’ble minister for Home be pleased to state?

Whether Security Commission had been set up in Mizoram?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, the hon’ble minister for home to give answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : Hon’ble Speaker Sir, the above answer is, “Yes.”

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. If 'yes' who is the chairperson and the members?

Secondly, does the Commission have any terms of reference? If so, can you give me the copy?

Thirdly, does the Commission have any correspondence in the central government and in the adjoining states.

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

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Security  
MINISTER Commission was set up in 2006 and renewed in 2009. The Chairman is Home Minister and members are – Lt.Col. Z.S.Zuala MLA, Pu C. Ramhluna MLA, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram, Pu Lalngheta Sailo IPS(Rtd), Pu F. Lalremsiama IPS(Rtd), Pu Lalmalsawma, Secretary of Home Deptt. and DGP is ex-Officio Secretary.

The Security Commission has terms of reference. That is, if there is pressure from the govt. of Mizoram to delay steps taken by the police, the Commission will amend the pressure. It has to regulate the execution of the Constitution of India and the present law abiding in the state.

Secondly, the Commission takes up formulation of the works of police and to implement the works set forward by the Commission. It has also recommended modernization. It can also inspect the performance of police and can lay the report on the Table of the House.

Thirdly, it has a vast power for appointment of DGP. It has to advise and recommend if there is an appeal in all matters against the DGP. It can do recommendation of new DGP.

Regarding inter-state correspondence, no step is taken. Step will be taken after having new members and publish it in the govt. gazette.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. What I want to say next is whether the Commission has made an agreement with the Security Commission of other states in the North East?

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

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : The Security Commission has not yet sit for a committee. We did not have such agreement, but we have no problem to detect crime in other state. That is why, we have a good relationship with other state.

Any way, if sitting is held properly, suggestions made by the hon'ble member will be given due importance.

S P E A K E R : Now let us call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask Starred Question No. 22.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Sericulture Department be pleased to state : -

How did the state government utilize a plot of land offered by Bilkhawthlir Village Council to the government?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma, hon'ble minister to give answer.

Pu NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the land has been handed over to Sericulture Co-operative Society, Bilkhawthlir. Sericulture Officer, Kolosib was sent to verify the land and found that it is not in used and properly maintained. Hence Sericulture department tried to get back from them.

- S P E A K E R : Pu K.Lalrinthanga to ask supplementary question.
- Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir , if the concerned department does not utilize it, can they return it to the same Village Council to be utilized by other department.
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister to give answer.
- Pu NIHAR KANTI MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will see what further action can be taken if the hon'ble member suggests it so.
- SPEAKER : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, to ask Starred Question No.23.
- Dr. LALTHANGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister, Home Department be pleased to state-  
How did the Government follow posting of DIG Range at Lunglei?
- S P E A K E R : Pu R.Lalzirliana minister to answer the question.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, David Lalrinsanga DIG (Southern Range) was transferred to Delhi on 31.8.2009. After that no officer has been posted in his place which is commanded from Northern Range.

- S P E A K E R : Dr. R. Lalthangliana to ask supplementary question.
- Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, when will the government fill up the post of this officer?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Minister of Home.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I am unable to fix the date as it is not yet decided, the post will be IPS or MPS cadre post. The post will be filled up if there is a qualified person among the police staff.
- S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhawma to ask Starred Question No.24
- Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble minister, Home be pleased to state -
- a) Whether the Commission set up to investigate fund under police modernization submitted its report to the government?
  - b) What kind of actions have been taken?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu. R. Lalzirliana minister to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : a) Yes.

b) FIR has been submitted against two persons to ACB by the Three Men Inquiry Team. The ACB arrested the persons. But they were released on bail.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to take advantage of this as the answer is clear. Regarding signature of MOU in Industries Department, I was assured to give a copy, but I am not given the copy. I want you to assure me again.

S P E A K E R : It is very pleasing. If the hon'ble member is once assured to give such copy, they are to be given without fail. If there is mailing problem, we will give them immediately if you hand over the copy to me. That is to be remembered by all.

Now, Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.25.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation be pleased to state -

Whether there is any proposal to amend the Act of Aizawl Development Authority and The Rules of Building Regulation of ADA?

S P E A K E R : Pu Zodintluanga minister of UD & PA to answer the question.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is no proposal to amend the Act of Aizawl Development Authority. While there is a proposal to amend The Building Regulation, 2008.

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, if so, when will the Building Regulation be amended? Out of the 1557 applications, 567 had been stayed by ADA.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister, UD & PA to answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Aizawl city is set up without any plan. As such drainage system and other building construction are not properly done. Besides these, public area is encroached side by side. Accordingly Building Regulation is prepared to meet requirement. It will be submitted to ADA after finishing the draft, and thereafter the authority will approve it and submit it to the Government.

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No.26.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Will the hon'ble minister for LAD be pleased to state : -

- a) How will the farmers complete burning of their fields by this time?
- b) If not, will the government give special permission?
- c) Does the government impose punishment against those persons who broke out fire in the forest?



S P E A K E R : Pu P.C.Lalthanliana minister to answer.

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Sir, answer to the above questions are : -

- a) It is not known.
- b) Does not arise.
- c) The person arrested and convicted are given punishment.

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

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, when I visited my constituency recently, I found some jhums which are not burnt yet. It will be good to see the matter.

There are eight persons burnt within this year. Will the government give compensation to the families of those eight persons died due to fire?

This year fire broke out in many places. Is there any intention to know the responsible person for the fire?

According to the Mizoram Fire Prevention Rules, 2002 the Village Council may impose collective fine for burning the jungle. Is there any proposal to impose such fine to the Village Council against those who do not know the responsible persons?

Is there any intention to withheld development fund against them? Will the government apply the Rules against them?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the concerned minister to answer.

Pu P.C.LALTHANLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, government  
MINISTER aware that fire broke out in many places  
this year. The government had fixed  
time to burn the field. Unfortunately the  
government could not control breaking out of fire this year due to the system of our  
cultivation and the period of sowing seeds.

I regret to state that a number of people lost their lives due to  
out break of fire. The government sincerely gives its sympathy to these people.

Regarding compensation, there is no proposal to give them  
compensation. The persons who are suspected to burn jungle are under investigation,  
some of them are arrested and of which some of them were released on bail. This  
investigation is also done by Forests Department.

The Village Councils were also informed to impose a fine of  
₹.500/- against the persons breaking order issued by their own power. They are  
requested to observe the order strongly. But the government has not yet received any  
information in regard to the imposition of such fine.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir, is it  
good to inform the Village Councils to  
clear jhum in the early season for the  
jhums might get burnt during February? I  
think we will avoid fire in the jungle if falling trees is not in the early season.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there is a proposal  
MINISTER from The State Level Fire Prevention  
Committee to burn jhum during  
February. But the government should  
think the matter deeply so that the cultivators might not suffer.

S P E A K E R : Now Pu B. Lalthlengliana to ask Starred  
Question No. 27.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Will the hon'ble minister for Home  
Department be pleased to state :-

Whether the deployment of police constables to construct the  
residence of officers and working in the farm have been stopped?

- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister for Home to answer.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speake Sir, the answer is that there is no more police constables deployed to construct the residence of officers and working in the farm.
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask supplementary questions.
- Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, if the answer is 'No' will you take action against the officer if found such thing?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister for Home Deptt. to give answer.
- Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker, they are informed not to do in such ways. But police officers have the rights to have their orderlies to work at their own residence. If officers found guilty in violating rules they shall be given show cause notice and necessary action will be taken.
- Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble minister give me the number of orderly entitled by an officer in order of precedence? Will the hon'ble minister take action against them if I produce the police officers who have orderlies more than their entitlement? Will the hon'ble minister pardon such practise?
- S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble minister to answer for the above question.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : It is very pleasing that the hon'ble  
MINISTER : member give importance to my questions while I was in the opposition. If the deployment is still done action will properly be taken against them.

The deployment of orderlies in order of the rank are as follow:-

- 1) DGP-A head constable +three orderlies.
- 2) Commandant- 3 orderlies.
- 3) Additional S.P.-2 orderlies.
- 4) Deputy Commandant-2 orderlies.
- 5) SDPO - 2 orderlies.
- 6) Deputy S.P. – 1 orderly.

S P E A K E R : Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte to ask  
Starred Question No.28.

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Will the hon'ble minister for Home  
Minister be pleased to state :-

When will Police Out-post be set up at Bukpui village?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Home minister to  
answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the answer is that  
MINISTER : the time of setting up of Police Out-post at Bukpui cannot be told now.

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

Pu HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. Bukpui is not far from here, but it is a very remote area. Serkhan to Bagha road passes through it. Many vehicles pass through the village. Some vehicles prefer than Aizawl to Bagha road. It is therefore, so important that I would like to request the hon'ble minister to set up Bukpui Police Out Post as early as possible.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Police Beat Post at Ramrikawn has been withdrawn on the New Year's Day. The Village Council had already prepared its building. The area is an industrial estate. It is the centre of NEEPCO, Vety. Farm, Central Jail, MZU, FCI Godown, Power Station and Headquarter of Baptist Church. It is very troublesome to carry out law and order there. I, therefore, request the hon'ble minister to set up Police Beat Post here as early as possible.

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Regarding the question of Member from West-I, there is a proposal to set up Police Out-post at Luangmual but it is delayed in regard to building. If the Out-post at Luangmual has been set up, we hope that the area will be covered. Any way, if there is such building for Beat Post, we will try our best and take initiative to have it set up.

Regarding Pu Hmingdailova's question, we also want to set up Police Out-post there, we had submitted demand for creation of new posts, DP&AR replied us to set up the Out-post without creating new posts. Of course, the inadequacy of police personnel retarded us to set up police Out-post. Anyway, we will try again for setting up Police Out-post there.

S P E A K E R : Now let us call upon Pu K. Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No. 29.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Will the hon'ble minister for Law and Judicial Department be pleased to state-

- a) The number of bills which have been vetting (pending) under Law Department?
- b) If any, names of the law and its concerned Department?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Lalsawta, minister for Law and Judicial Department to answer.

Pu LALSAWTA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are : -

- a) Two.
- b) "The Money Lenders and Accredited Providers Bill,2009 of Finance Department. The next one is "The Mizoram State Election Bill, 2009.

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

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. My supplementary questions are :-

- a) The reason why the bills are on pending.
- b) Whether the Department has right to make alterations and to reject the bills?
- c) Whether the Department has the right to reject if the draft does not contradict the Constitution of India and of the State?
- d) Whether the automatical changes of Taxi service in Aizawl contradict or overrule the Labour Law in the state?
- e) Is there any provision to restrict the servicing of private vehicles under Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and its Amendment Act, 1989?

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

Pu LALSAWTA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the two bills are on pending for examination of its provisions carefully.

Regarding the alteration of the bill, no law should contradict the provisions of the Constitution of India and any act of the state. That's why, it is impossible to make law in contradiction to the Constitution of India.

Regarding the changes of service of taxi automatically in the city, I am not clear enough that the Transport Authority of the state can adopt any law for better convenience of the state. In such case, there may be enforcement of the rights of individual.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.30.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Will the hon'ble minister for Food, Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department be pleased to state-

- a) Names of distributors and number of household connection of monthly LPG cylinder during 2009-2010?
- b) Whether we have sufficiency in cooking gas?
- c) The number of gas cylinders carried out by each distributor during July 2009 to February 2010?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu H. Rohluna, minister to answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to the above questions are :-

- a) Pu Suakchhunga Agency- No of household 7700. No of -cylinder received in July 2009-12852, 16805 in August, Commercial cylinder 50, in September 2009-7284, commercial-40, in October -11172, commercial -100, November -11806, Commercial-95 December-11738, Commercial-110, January2010-9977, Commercial 80. February – 9663, Commercial – 90. MIZOFED – No of Household – 10940.

- b) Cylinder received during the period – in July 2009, domestic cylinder-9792, in August- Domestic cylinder -10008. September 2009- 7229, October- 10761, November- 10930, December-10334, January 2010- 8806, February 2010-9992.
- c) Biakkungi Gas Agency- No of Household – 5744. No of cylinder received in July 2009- 8845, Commercial-70.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is not necessary to read out if he could supply the copy to me.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over, the member does not demand reading if the copy could be supplied to the members.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, it is very pleasing as we are going to supply the copy to them.

- a) Cooking gas is yet insufficient in the state.
- b) The answer will also be supplied in written form.

That's all is my answer.

S P E A K E R : Now, the question hour is over. Important points may be pointed out during the discussion. Today the following hon'ble members could not attend the House :-

- 1) Pu Lal Thanhawla, House Leader goes on tour to Delhi.
- 2) Pu P.C. Zoramsangliana due to illness.
- 3) Brig. T. Sailo on weakness.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister authorized Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon'ble minister of Home to answer any question on his behalf. So Pu R. Lalzirliana will take charge of the Leader of the House.

Now, let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, minister to lay the following papers on the Table of the House.



- 1) 'The Mizoram Private Security Agencies Rules, 2009.'
- 2) 'The Mizoram Grievances Private Redressal Rules, 2009.'

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I lay on the Table of the House 'The Mizoram Private Security Agencies Rules, 2009' and 'The Mizoram Grievances Redressal Rules, 2009.'

S P E A K E R : Let the copies be distributed. Now, we will go to Financial Business.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, you have given us The NREGA rules and NREGA paper...

S P E A K E R : Yes, that is true, if the hon'ble member received any other Rules, that should be changed.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is correct. In the short title and commencement, it provides that, "This Rules may be called The Mizoram Grievances Redressal Rules, 2009."

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I think they are getting the true copy.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker Sir, in my copy page no 5&6 are blank while others are not blank.

S P E A K E R : Change the copy. It is the responsibility of Printing and at the same time Assembly Secretariat has to check them first. I apologise for it.

Now, we will go to the Financial Business. Let us call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, Home Minister on behalf of the hon'ble Finance Minister to lay on the Table of the House The Supplementary Demand For Grant for the Year 2009- 2010 and to beg leave of the House for discussion.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House for discussion of the Supplementary Demand for Grant for the year 2009-2010 in this House.

S P E A K E R : Is there any member who want to point out important points. Yes, Pu Laduhoma and Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I do not have to say about the Demand as it is a Budget which is to meet the expenditure of the past.

What I want to say is that this budget size is as much as the Annual Plan size of the last year as the plan size is not known. There is no difference to 'Vote on Account'. The hon'ble Finance Minister pointed out the same clearly saying that "I will raise again after Annual Plan is finalized if it is increased as a Supplementary Grants." It can be understood that there will be increase of the budget this year as it is the size of Annual Plan, last year. Such increase of budget will be utilized without any discussion or voting in the House. The Members of Legislature in this House will not have discussion in the House. That is not good. I therefore, request you to allot the House only one day to discuss the increase of the said fund as a matter of supplementary Demand in the coming year.

S P E A K E R\_ : The House Leader has given his assurance, thus, let us believe in the hon'ble House Leader's assurance.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to point out the allocation of contingency fund. As per rule, fund allocation of contingency fund per annum is ₹.200 crores. Fund allocation according to the budget exceeded by ₹.773 lakhs. It may not look harmful in the financial management if, the concerned departments recover. But it is against the rule, further it is reflected as ₹.200 crore in the annual financial statement. Pu Speaker, I wanted to point this out as it is against the rule.

Pu Speaker, in regard to medical treatment, the expenditure is very high, if calculated from salary expenditure it is 13.16%. Department like Home, the expenditure for medical treatment is 7 crore. And Health Department is 3.65 crore. Pu Speaker, in my opinion it is due to the negligence of the concern controlling officers. In the mean time, it is unfortunate that there is no fund for medical treatment in District Council.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the Government for the Grant- in-Aid for High Schools and Higher Secondary which is ₹.872.88 lakhs. Also, additional fund of ₹.2580.77 for Education Department. Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to seek the permission of the House to pass Supplementary Demand 2009-2010.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, I would like to clarify what MINISTER Pu Ramhluna has just mentioned in regard to contingency fund. There is an allocation of ₹. 200 for contingency fund in this Supplementary Demand, whatever expenditure is there shall be recovered. As for medical treatment, ₹.50 crore is utilized from Non-Plan. Pu Speaker, District Councils are given Grant-in- Aid thus medical treatment is included.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that we could carry out the discussion without any hassle; I was a bit reluctant to shoulder the responsibility as the Finance Minister is away, and I however thank the hon'ble members for their co-operation. Today we are discussing the expenditure which is not included in 2009-2010 Budget Estimate which is ₹.642.81 crore. I feel it is appropriate that the members should know the fund allocation for Supplementary Demand for Grants which is, Annual Plan Scheme – ₹.167.26, Non- Plan- ₹.335.15 crores, Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) ₹.104.38 crores, Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) ₹.12.58 crores, North-Eastern Area (NEC) ₹.23.44 crores and ₹.162.07 for adjusting fund from different departments. The actual additional fund required is ₹.480.74 crores. In

this Supplementary Demand for Grants of ₹.642.81 crores, there is charge expenditure which does not require the vote of the House. Thus, the figure which requires vote of the House is ₹.483.46; where as the key to the utilization of the appropriate bill is ₹.642.81. I request the hon'ble members to pass this bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now that the hon'ble minister had seek the permission of the House to pass Supplementary Demand 2009-2010, all those who agree say 'Yes' and those who disagree say 'No', the House has unanimously passed the bill. Let us now call the minister to introduce the 'The Mizoram Appropriation Bill No.1, 2010'.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTERS : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the House I introduce 'The Mizoram Appropriation Bill No.1, 2010'.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now call the hon'ble minister to seek the permission of the House to pass the bill.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTERS : I seek the permission of the House to pass the 'Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2010'. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now all those who agree to pass the Mizoram Appropriation No.1 bill 2010, say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. The House has unanimously passed the 'Mizoram Appropriation bill 2010'.

We will move on to Financial Business. According to Session calendar we have two days of general discussion. How much time should we allot each member? 10 or 15 minute?

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, 10 minutes will be sufficient.

S P E A K E R : Alright, 10 minutes will be sufficient, Opposition Group leaders will be given extra time. Who will start the discussion?  
Pu Nirupam Chakma.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As the hon'ble Finance Minister has mentioned the actual figure of the Plan size for the current financial is not finalized, we are going to discuss according to last year plan size. I am grateful that the Flagship programme NLUP is given the top most priority.

Pu Speaker, as it is general discussion, the first point I would like to point out is Planning & Finance Department system of functioning needs revision, like the last minute rush. The Department should not create problem in release of fund as report is submitted by Departments quarterly. Also, Planning should be made in advance. Further Planning Board needs to be strengthened; besides Chairman and Secretary other staff is required. Pu Speaker, Planning Board is not efficient, it hampers the functioning and development of the Government. If corruption is to be avoided then the supervision of the implementation of the plan needs to be efficient. Pu Speaker, like in Education Department, if School Inspector does not inspect school properly, the quality of School goes down immensely. In my constituency there are Schools where School Inspector never visit the School, thus I have to provide materials from my MLA fund. Likewise, I cannot say for the whole of Mizoram but, from the experience of my constituency District- Office and Sub-Division office officials are unavailable in the District office. Industrial Sub-Division office is just name sake, where are all the staff? Secretaries and Directors should visit the District Sub-Division Office and enquire if Mizoram Plan is implemented accordingly. Pu Speaker, first hand experience is required, just file work from the desk top will not help in the implementation of development programme. Pu Speaker, there is so much to say, however, I will leave for Demand wise discussion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Alright, who is next? Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. If we look at the Budget there is a decrease of fund allocation in 18 Departments, where as there is an increase in Planning Programme by ₹. 9859.23.

Pu Speaker, Art & Culture Department, it is pleasing to note that there is great achievement in this department by creating world record in Cheraw. There is a deep linkage of our heritage and culture with this department. With lack of fund I am afraid that the preservation of our heritage and culture will go down. Pu Speaker, as I am speaking about Art & Culture, there are bat caves in Hriangtlang in my constituency, if these caves could be preserved it could serve as a resourceful tourist attraction.

In regard to PHE department, in my constituency there is great scarcity of water, we have informed the hon'ble minister in this regard several time. We suggested for pumping system, while it is likely that harvest water tank will be in use. Pu Speaker, it is given top priority in the Prime- Minister's Programme, thus I am eager to know how much importance the Government will give to their so called VIPs, the lower section of the people.

As for Fisheries Department, periodical patta and V/C pass are not accepted by Revenue Department for grant in aids in fish pond. For the convenience of the people will it be possible for the Department to go to the site of their ponds and figure out measures in regard to their LSC, so that they can receive the grant- in aids.

Pu Speaker if we look at Economic Survey Report of Annual Plan 2009-20-10, there is no 'change' from what our previous leaders have mentioned in this House in regard to corruption loophole. It is very clear that there is still no quality expenditure maintenance. Thus the culture and system with which the Planning and Finance Department has practiced needs change, Pu Speaker, if not our state will suffer further. But I am in no position to give suggestion as I am not a financial expert.

Pu Speaker, in spite of the amazing developmental programme in the Budget what concerns me is the growing social evil. We hear of various incidents that occur time and again.

One more point in regard to PHE, it is likely that the Department will practice harvest water tank, we have proposed for pumping system as well. But Pu Speaker, the problem that we are facing is still the same.

In regard to Fisheries, periodical pass and V/C pass is not accepted, I would there for like to suggest if the Department could visit sites of Fish farmers and give LSC.

After careful study of Economic Survey, there is no change in the pattern of functioning. The loophole that the former legislators mentioned in the earlier years is still the same. The lapse in quality expenditure is still the same. Pu

Speaker, in spite of the glorious budget speech social evil in our state is increasing day by day.

One more point in regard to PHE, in my constituency electronic pumping has been introduced, but due to the failure of planning, though the machine has reached the site it is yet to function as LT line extension cannot be constructed due to unavailability of fund.

Pu Speaker, with immense increased in vehicles there is a need for a proper provision for Vehicle Tax. We, the public leaders should set an example of simple living high thinking. Our society has become materialistic and thus leading to increase in suicide. Pu Speaker, that is all I can say for now. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call Pu S. Laldingliana.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I studied the Budget as far as I can, there are three points that I would like to point out which enlightened me. The first point is that, it is a Receipt Budget, secondly a renewal Budget and thirdly M.R.(Medical Reimbursement) has been included and also Medical reimbursement has been decentralized. Pu Speaker, if we look at the Budget speech of the Finance Minister, there are many points to point out. However, I would point out only the main points.

First of all in regard to NLUP, we are all aware that it is the top most priority of the government. Questions have been asked many a time if Congress Government will actually distribute NLUP fund. Pu Speaker, we are the holder of the programme so it is up to the government as to when it feels right to distribute.

The delay in the distribution of NLUP is due to the fact that the Government is taking every detail measure for its successful implementation.

Few words regarding Externally Aided Project, it is pleasant to learn that project like Aizawl Water system will be taken up not from the budget but from external fund.

Power, it is pleased to know from the Finance Minister's speech that 6/7 years from now we will not only be sufficient in power but there will be surplus. Pu Speaker, we are eagerly looking forward for this day as there are many villages which are not electrified in my constituency.

I feel that it is necessary to highlight sport infrastructure. The House Leader, knowing the great potential of youth has taken huge steps in sports infrastructure. We have an able Sport Minister who himself shows great keen in the development of sports infrastructure. It is pleasing to note that foundation stone has

been laid for Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium and sanction has also been made for Zobawk Sports Academy, plus, Hockey and Football Academy in Khawthlang. The present government is gradually fulfilling the manifesto as it promised the people.

Pu Speaker, lastly I would like to say few words in regard to Trade & Commerce. The government is taking speedy step for border trade with Myanmar at Zokhawthar. Zokhawthar composite LCS is at its final stage for commission. Further, border trade with Bangladesh is cleared at political level which is pleasant news for Chhimtuipui District. Pu Speaker, there are many more points to point out from this budget. However, I will come towards the end of my speech as it is a sound and healthy budget we must pass this budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Thank you. Who is next? Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about salary. There is 30% increase for 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission Revision which is not enough. Usually there is an increase of 200% to 399%. Therefore, I feel that the government has no real intention of implementing 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission recommendation. As for contingency fund, I feel that it is against contingency fund rules 7. Also nothing is reflected in regard to ₹.7 crore which exceeded. Likewise, consolidated sinking fund does not tally with the Finance Minister's speech and the Annual Financial statement. I would request the Finance Minister to clarify this in his wind up speech. Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for performance budget but there is still room for improvement. Like, as it is performance budget we are interested in the achievement, thus, after outlay column, there should be performance and achievement column. If required followed by reason for shortfall, percentage of shortfall under remark column. Pu Speaker, no one has mastered the layout of performance budget, thus, training should be organized for improvement.

Pu Speaker, it is fortunate to learn that per capita income has risen satisfactorily; however, the government should be careful in per capita distribution. In my constituency and other rural areas, there will be only few whose income is ₹.32,134.00 as per economic survey. The people are facing hardship in water, electricity and health care scheme. There is huge difference between urban and rural area, therefore, the government should be careful in per capita distribution.

In regard to Land Use Policy, last year there was ₹.100 crore budget provision for the scheme. Pu Speaker, not even a rupee has been distributed, but in Revised Estimate only ₹. 9552 crore is reflected, I do not understand this. The people are eagerly waiting for this flagship scheme, they are uncertain when the government will implement the scheme. The rural people need to be educated in



regard to implementation of the scheme. The ruling party has to take utmost precaution in distribution of NLUP without politicalising the scheme. Or else, the society will be divided and there could be a raise in social evil. Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now have recess, meeting will resume at 2:00 PM.

**2 : 00 P.M.**

**(Pu John Rotluangliana, Deputy Speaker at the Chair.)**

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now continue our discussion. Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I request the hon'ble House Leader to please give a careful hearing to my speech.

First of all, in regard to MLA fund. Usually estimate for MLA fund is ₹.30,000 / ₹.50,000. NGO's are usually the beneficiaries and there never was a problem all these years. As of now, I am not sure of other district, but in Aizawl district, the estimate has to be exactly ₹.50,000 if not it is returned and a new estimate has to be made. Further, in the previous ministry it was passed in GPC that, it is sufficient that J.E. made the estimate without the countersign of E.E. But, as of now E.E. countersign is required. Thus, I request that the countersign of E.E. be cancelled to solve the problem of the people.

As per new guideline, to receive 2<sup>nd</sup> installment, it is sufficient that MLA issues utilization certificate which is appropriate. However, I would suggest that MR form should be cancelled. MR form is not actual as we are aware. Instead, declare work done certificate is sufficient. Pu Speaker, it was decided that 1% cut should be abolished as per new guideline. However, they are still cutting 1%. If this is so, Pu Speaker, it should be cut uniformly in the entire district.

Pu Speaker, in regard to privatization, I would like to emphasize on Hnahlan and Champhai grape growers as they are the torch bearer in privatization. Hnahlan and Champhai grape grower society comprises of self help group. These self help group procure loan of ₹.90 lakhs from Mizoram Rural Bank and ₹.75 lakhs from MIP. From these loans, with the help of consultant and nodal officer from government department, they are in the process of constructing Winery. This year they are expecting to harvest 8000 qtls. of grape. Besides the production they are ready with the marketing as well. However, in the meantime, they are informed that the government is intending to hand over to future wine. The growers

are in a dilemma. Pu Speaker, for the information of the House, I would like to clarify the condition of their ₹.75 lakhs MIP loan. MIP loan is given to them as promoters' equity. There is no joint venture agreement nor did interest mention but only a short order. Thus, it is not a valid document. Further, there is no written receipt from the society that they have received the said amount. Only one condition is written which is, three months after receiving term loan, they have to recover MIP. Thus, the society proposed term loan in Finance department but they are not successful till date. Pu Speaker, if this is the present situation, unless and until they receive the term loan as per the written condition they are still free from recovering MIP. Therefore, Pu Speaker, we should regard the growers as fortunate for not having to recover the loan, as per condition. Pu Speaker, Zonun Mat Ply is facing the same condition. If these societies approach Law of Court, the government will be apprehended. Why has the government intended to hand over the Winery when 700 families are earning their livelihood from it? Instead the government should guide, protect and look into their welfare to help their production.

Pu Deputy Speaker, according to GSDP calculation, Mizoram has the highest percentage liabilities. We are at 80%, 94% other states are at 20%, 30%. And there is only 60% in Agriculture, if the production is low; it indicates that higher budget provision should be allotted. I would like to request the minister to highlight how much fund we have received direct from NLCPR before contributing to DoNER.

I am concern with the new guideline made by NEC which states that projects estimate which is below ₹.2 crore should not be sanctioned. Pu Deputy Speaker, the matter should be taken up in NEC meeting. Is there a way to suggest that the guideline be amended in collaboration with our neighboring states?

Finally, Pu Deputy Speaker, during the draft stage of the budget, I hardly think the concerned ministers are sufficiently requested for advice. We are politicians and it is the duty of the departments to enquire our policy and try to integrate that in their planning and administration. What would be the reason for having a manifesto if it is not implemented? If we keep using the same system as when we were an U.T., change of government will not have any consequential difference.

In any case, it would be a great improvement if the Work Programme could be given us at this stage. They should also try to complete the Annual Report.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that the minister does not have sufficient authority in the request for sanction by the department after its budget has been finalized. It is essential for the departments to request sanction from their budget and if the Finance Secretary refuses, even the minister can do nothing. I often wonder at the efficiency of this system. After the budget is finalized, I think it would ensure smoother operation of departmental works if the minister, Secretaries or Directors could sanction the fund as required instead of having to obtain permission from the Finance Department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu B. Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, there is not much to say about the budget since the amount is the same as last year. However, the budget of Agriculture department has been increased considerably from ₹. 6134.23 lakhs to ₹.6949.75 lakhs. I wondered if this is because of the NLUP but only ₹.50 lakhs has been allocated in token for NLUP. In any case, it is a department which works directly with the people and hence I suppose it is quite acceptable.

It is the same for Sports Department, the budget has been increased from ₹.753.61 lakhs to ₹.1661.80 lakhs this year. In any case, I am pleased that the two departmental budgets are increased this year since they are concerned with the issues of the farmers and the youths.

However, I think the excavation and construction work of Rajiv Gandhi Stadium at Mualpui is too slow and it would appear that it would not be finished by the end of this working session.

The Departments of Fisheries, Horticulture and Sericulture have a budget which is lower than the previous year and I think this is a serious matter. I was a minister for the Fishery Department in the previous ministry and I sincerely believe that this is one of the most important departments which could provide the immediate economic need of the state. Therefore, it is indeed sad to see that only ₹.612.20 lakhs has been allocated for the department in comparison to last year's Revised Estimate of ₹.1056 lakhs.

Furthermore, only ₹.69 lakhs has been set aside for the grant in aid which will evidently affect the fish farms directly and drastically. Even if the budget cannot be resized immediately, I request that more funds be allocated for the department in the Revised Estimate.

Mizoram has plenty of potential areas at Bilkhawthlir, Zawlnuam, Tlabung, etc. and there are several WRC labourers who employed non-Mizos and they are able to harvest around 500 baskets annually. On one of my rounds, a farmer told me that he yielded far better result in terms of money after he converted his field to fish-farming. In such a way if we transform our fields to fish ponds, I am sure it will be more productive. If the Ministers are willing to take a sincere effort to convert the fields to fish farming during this term, it is apparent that a huge leap towards development will be witnessed especially around the Vairengte areas and the western belt of the state.

In regard to Sericulture, as long as sarees are in demand, its market will never diminish. There is no need for agreements or MoU's. Hence, it saddens me to see that this year's budget has been reduced in comparison to last

year's. If we allocate larger amount of funds to Fishery and Sericulture, there is no doubt that we will soon have an excellent economic growth in the near future.

In the case of MLA Fund, the GPC has already agreed to raise it by ₹. 40 lakhs while the guidelines and other details were handed over to the sub-committee for finalization. Yet the fund actually allocated for the purpose is only ₹.25 lakhs. As the MLA of West-I constituency pointed out earlier, the GPC has prepared the guidelines and although the notification was released a little late, I heard that the VCs of Mizoram decided to go ahead with the 1 per cent cut for this financial year. However, cent percent of the MLA funds are distributed among the people and if a cut is to be affected, the people will be the ones who suffered directly. Since the MLA funds are used solely for the development of the people, this is a very serious matter and I request the minister to consider it carefully.

Coming back once again to the NLUP, the ruling ministry are annoyed that we keep urging them to implement it faster but the reality is that as a flagship programme, we are also concerned about its full utilization. Only ₹.50 lakhs has been deposited in token and even if the interest from our existing budget is pooled with the current fund, it would still be insufficient to implement it as they have claimed. Although they keep denying it, the ruling ministry promised that they would distribute the amount of ₹. 2 lakhs per head to all the NLUP recipients. I have material evidence of this on a CD here with me and I will submit it to the House for reference.

The NLUP budget for last year was ₹.100 crores and an additional ₹.50 lakhs was set aside this year. However, only ₹.448 lakhs was mentioned in the Revised Estimate. For what purpose was the rest of the fund spent? I demand to know what it was spent on.

The main reason that you won the election was due to your promise that you would implement the flagship programme right away. If you intend to implement it with the development of the state in mind, we extend our full support without hesitation. However, you have made feeble excuses and have done nothing but disappoint the people so far. I am concerned that you have allocated only ₹. 50 lakhs in token in the budget and I wonder what kind of progress you intend to make.

As I said earlier, the programme was the reason you won the election but at the same time, I fear it might also be the root cause of your downfall. The people are eagerly awaiting the implementation of the programme with high expectations and hence, it is not something you can evade with words. The hon'ble Agriculture Minister said that it will be implemented by October this year but this is a farce and it is way off the mark. You cannot even determine the total amount of the fund in the budget at this time. Therefore, it is impossible to implement it with the current fund at hand.

Pu Speaker, I would like to delve into the subject of Health Care next. The Health Care Scheme was initiated during the MNF ministry and many patients availed the benefits. The current ministry criticized some of the guidelines and has made alterations to their satisfaction. The revised guidelines have already

been distributed among the members. Why then is the scheme not implemented so far? If you take a look at the budget, there is not a single token allocated for the purpose. How do you expect to move on with it? You said that the poorer sections of the society are the real VIPs but this is not the case. In all honesty, you have done nothing but trample the poor underfoot and it seems like it is not going to cease. Many people in my constituency has come to enquire about the scheme but I have no avenue to assist them. Therefore, I request the government to implement the scheme as soon as possible.

We have thrown so much dirt at the previous Health Minister for investing ₹.10 crores but when I asked about it this morning, I was told that the interest alone amounts to ₹.5 crores which the present ministry will seriously benefit from. How much money has this ministry deposit in the bank in secret? Instead of condemning the previous minister we should be glad Pu Deputy Speaker, that he had the foresight to invest the money. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chawngtinthanga.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It would appear that the opposition members are a little bit hasty in demanding the implementation of the government projects. I am sure it is because of their concern for the development of the state. During their 10 years government, they have indeed initiated several projects which unfortunately were not considered worthy of continuation unless alterations are effected in the key guidelines. I am amazed by their keen belief in the Chief Minister since they apparently trust him to implement the projects in a year when they were unsuccessful for 10 years.

The Opposition keeps accusing us of trampling over the poor but if you read the Governor's speech, he mentioned that after 15 months, there is a healthy indication that the government's policy are formulated and executed for the development of the state. You should not forget that 15 months is too short a span of time to make colossal headways towards development.

I was utterly surprised that instead of commending or applauding the hon'ble Finance Minister's Budget Speech, the loudest voices were about complaints and dissatisfactions. I personally thought that it was quite a good speech.. I think we should be grateful about 2010-2011 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Award period and our receipt of 84.88% through the devolution transfer from the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission to point out just a few.

Furthermore, the Central Government has devised the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act and by their direction, it has been used

by the state today. Apart from this, the government has tried its best in Fiscal Management and Budget Management and as a result, our fiscal deposit has gone down by 2% during the 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission alone. This, I believe is also a cause for joy, Pu Deputy Speaker. Our state revenue has also risen by 2.12% and if we gradually continue to develop this way, you must realize that there would be wider scopes for other tax revenues. After learning about the progresses we have made from the budget speech, I sincerely feel that we should be deeply thankful to the hon'ble minister and this government.

I am pleased that the provision of drinking water to the people has been reassured under the Drinking Water Supplies and Sanitation programme in the Budget Speech. The Aizawl Water Greater Supply Scheme Phase-II has been continued in spite of immense hardships faced by the government and I am sure the people are appreciative of the government's efforts. In the meantime, it could be due to global warming or any other reasons, but the villages declared by the PHE department as fully covered by the Drinking Water and Sanitation Programme are now facing hardships since their source of water has dried up in the past few years. I implore the oppositions to support the government in tackling this problem so that we may solve the adversity faced by the villages.

The government is currently working very hard to provide even the remotest region of the state with road connectivity. The task is undertaken with assistance from World Bank, NABARD and other Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The people living in the area enclosed by Tuivai river has no route without crossing the river. Although a road has been constructed under the PMGSY scheme, there is still no proper bridge. They beseech the government to build a bridge and I request the hon'ble minister to look in to their dilemma. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.S.Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am unable to prepare myself as I would have liked due to health issues but there are a few points I would like to highlight.

We are all aware that this budget is not yet finalized and the full budget will be discussed in the next session. In the meantime, it is evident from even the current budget that the government is trying its best to develop the state and we are witnessing several changes in the budget which has hitherto never been seen. I am pleased that a performance budget of 2009-2010 has been prepared along with the present budget. From this document we are able to observe the past developmental works done by the government. I am confident that it will help with the efficiency and transparency of the works. Meanwhile, the performance of the previous ministry can

also be seen here and it is sad to see that lots of money has been wasted on works that never saw completion.

Several schemes and projects are being undertaken with assistance from external aided programmes and I believe this is a clear indication of the strength of the government.

We have seen the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission report and we all know that a large amount of funds will be received by the state. This is due to the personal effort of our Chief Minister who holds deep respects from the central officials.

In regard to the NLUP, there are many critics and skeptics who doubted that we will be unable to implement it but the truth is that this government has never failed to accomplish its promises. Therefore, I would like to assure the opposition that there is nothing to worry about. The scheme will definitely be implemented.

Moving on to the Agriculture sector, the government has made full drawn effort to develop the farmers. As a result, tractors, power tillers and other machineries are provided to them through 75 per cent subsidies. Such subsidies are considered almost impossible by other states but the government of Mizoram is trying to uplift the condition of the farmers and hence, it has done what most other states are unable to do.

In the Fishery Department also, our leaders are well acquainted with the productivity and potential of fish farming without sacrificing agriculture lands. Several projects and schemes has been proposed and implemented by the government and our produces are exported to other states including Silchar and Manipur.

One party made a hasty reply to the Chief Minister's promise that we would built a stadium at Mualpui and A.R. Lammual but there is no reason to doubt his words. Due to the effort of our strong and efficient Sports Minister, the construction of a stadium at Mualpui, for which the UPA Chairperson, Mrs. Sonia Gandhi has laid the foundation stone, has already commenced. The department also intends to lay an artificial grass at Lammual and Ramhlun Sports Complex as well. When these projects are finished, our sports enthusiastic youths will have one of the best playgrounds in the country and I am sure it will be a great encouragement for them.

Another thing I am deeply grateful for, Pu Speaker, is that wherever I go, there are signs of huge developmental progress in the state. The previous government was able to black top 25 kilometers under the World Bank during their 10 year rule but now the PWD under the guidance of the Chief Minister has already black topped approximately 70 kilometers towards Lunglei and only 4/5 kilometers still remains. The difference in progress of development is therefore, unmistakable. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is there anyone who would like to add their opinion? We still have time for a few more discussion on the subject. Very well, Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. We have yet to see the full budget and hence, I could not help but compare ourselves to the three blind men and the elephant. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has directed us to discuss it by the end of March and hence, I do not think the government is to blame for it either.

There are several things I would like to dwell upon. There was mention of the Health Care Scheme earlier. The Health Minister, with the consent of the then Chief Minister, seemed to have deposited ₹.10 crores in a fix deposit during the previous ministry which meant that they had no intention to continue the scheme. Therefore, if the election had been conducted a couple of years later than 2008, they would probably have committed political suicide and damage their party image irreparably. They had no coordination or organization and the promises made by even the Chief Minister could not be fulfilled by the other ministers.

The hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary already mentioned this but the government has given 54 power tillers to Champhai farmers and the rate of development and productivity has increased at a drastic level. Champhai has the biggest area of plains in the state and fields were ploughed using buffaloes. But now, the government has provided the farmers with new technologies and with better irrigation as well as new systems of farming, the yield has increased considerably.

The hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma spoke about MLA funds which I believe, requires a separate discussion later since the people in our constituency relies on them for assistance all the time. I hope our leaders will take necessary actions in regard to this.

Moving on to the subject of privatization, it does not matter whether it is the winery or any other industry, the main setback is lack of sufficient power. Although the government is trying to introduce privatization, it is nearly impossible to run the industry smoothly since supply of electricity is extremely poor, especially in Champhai.

The hon'ble member from Tuipang Constituency suggested the promotion of fish farming and I agree wholeheartedly. The government is doing its best to develop our economy and I humbly request the hon'ble members to advise the government and make suggestions instead of just criticizing the government for the sake of being in the opposition.



The hon'ble members shared their concern for the future of NLUP but the government is trying to formulate a failsafe implementation scheme and is constantly engaged in strengthening its implementation. The objective of the scheme is to provide an opportunity for the poor to better themselves socially and financially and hence, the insights and advices of the members are welcome wholeheartedly.

I am pleased by the fact that the government has set aside 31 crores to build police stations at the border areas. One of the main points of criticism for every ministry ever since we achieved statehood is that we are gradually losing our land at the border. When our own MAPs and policemen are posted at the border, I feel confident that we will no longer hear of insurgent activities and border disputes.

It gives me great pride and pleasure to learn that we will soon have our own Sainik School in the state. As long as we are a part of India, the army will always be one of the most respectable jobs. 50 crores have been allocated for the establishment of the school and this is only the first installment. The establishment of the school will definitely ensure the placement of the younger generations in the army. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We are going to have a Budget general discussion today and since it will not be a vote-on-account system, there is not much to add to what the previous members have said. There is not much change in the budget speech either, but as we have a complete budget for our expenditures, I believe we should be grateful.

I think it would be wise to emulate the practices of the more developed states when we prepare our budgets. All revenue sources and inflation rates are calculated beforehand and from that data, it is possible to have a general overview.

In the state owned tax revenue under the Estimated Revenue, the amount of fund expected is the same as the previous year which is ₹.118.26 crores. The revenue expected from Non-Tax Revenue is ₹.166.37 crores, coming to a total of ₹.284.63 crores. The rest of the budget is central grants. There is almost no indication to raise the revenue from stamps, vat or other taxes.

What we receive from the central is simply a grant and it is sad that there is almost no mention of how to raise our own revenue. 18 departments came short of their estimated budget this year as we have only ₹.1250 crores in the Plan and ₹.2134.66 crores under the Non-Plan Budget with only ₹.64280 lakhs in the Supplementary Budget. In the meantime, you have not even implemented the schemes such as the NLUP and other projects which the people are eagerly awaiting for. The ruling party keeps saying that we are too hasty but the reality is that they have promised to distribute ₹.1 lakh and the people cannot wait to receive the money. It is

important and necessary to implement the scheme as soon as possible instead of creating problems through trade selection and other excuses. It was a congress party policy before the election but as soon as you assumed power, it became a state policy and hence it is now the policy of the people. It is, therefore, extremely shameful to hear about discrimination based on political parties. The scheme was proposed for the people, not congress party workers only.

Moving to the Health Department, the hon'ble minister said it is truly disturbing for the party that ₹.6.50 crores under the NRHM went missing. When they check the sanction order, he said that they could find the order for ₹.10 crores only and they are requesting the central for assistance presently. However if you read the Aizawl post newspaper dated 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2010, it was written under the subject, 'Upgradation of Civil Hospital in Champhai District' – "I am directed to refer to your letter No. G.20011/10/2006/NRHM/MSHS/(SPMSY) dated 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2009 on the subject noted above and to say the following: An amount of ₹.16.50 crores has been approved for the State Civil Hospital during 2007, '08 & '09. It may be noted that ₹.10 crores was sanctioned/released during 2006-2007 while ₹.6.50 crores has been approved for release through the SPIP during 2009-2010. Therefore, it simply means that the fund will be provided under the State Programme Implementation Plan during 2009-2010. The government has to be careful about its monetary management because many of these projects could be twisted in a way which is defaming to the reputation of a Member who may be directly concerned.

Coming to the Human Resource Development, I believe it is a very important department because even if we have good infrastructures, it is pointless to a certain level if we do not develop our culture. I hear that there is an attempt to create a separate Scholarship Board and I am sure this will prove to be immensely beneficial. In his speech, the Governor mentioned that the department sanctions around ₹.20 crores to students through scholarship and stipend but ultimately, separation of the board rests in the hands of the Chief Minister and I hear that the Cabinet has already passed the memorandum.

If the government is going to set up a separate board not unlike the MBSE, an Act should be enacted and passed in the House in order to have appropriate Rules, Budget Head and appointment of President and Secretary. To prevent the government from having its way in the administration and other matters, the board should be an autonomous body with its own legislature with the Higher & Technical Education Department as the nodal department.

Furthermore, separation of the board should not be hastily arranged. It is imperative that precautions are taken at every turn. We are all aware that education is one of the most important factors for development and hence I request the ministers and the ruling ministry to attune their priorities in this regard.

I also urge the government to make a full-hearted effort to implement the NLUP successfully. All kinds of discrimination should be avoided to ensure that the programme benefits the people. That is all I can say for today Pu Dy. Speaker. Thank you for your time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am pleased that the opposition has shown so much interest in the NLUP flagship programme but I also wonder if they have forgotten that we have efficient leaders who are well known even at the national political level. They are well aware of the chain of administration and it would be an insult to think they need a lesson on the subject.

I would also like to assure the members that the programme will not be used to favour party members. It is an all encompassing programme to elevate the conditions of the poor and it will be implemented as such.

The hon'ble members insinuated that the poorer sections of the state are suffering under the ministry but this is not the case at all. For example, the benefits under the IAY were enjoyed by 2/3 families in a village within a decade during the past ministry but after this ministry has assumed power there are more beneficiaries in such a short period of time than there ever was in the previous government.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Minor Irrigation Department has become a vital part of our developmental projects and has continued striving for the betterment of the state. Even during the previous government, it was obvious that the department received a large sum of money for development works but due to whatever reasons, no significant progress was ever actually made. Now that a new government has assumed power, serious strides have been made anew and I am a witness to the extent of works undertaken all over the state.

In regard to Health Care and School Education, the members voiced their concern that the government would not be able to support the newly proposed upgrade of several schools. I do not argue that this is indeed, a cause for concern but it would be wrong to blame the present government because the proposal was made by the previous government as a cheap ploy to win the election and they had no idea what they will do about it if they had won the election.

Coming to the Health Care, the hon'ble member claimed that there is an interest of ₹.5 crores from the ₹.10 crores invested in the Bajaj Alliance Company but I enquired about it and I was told that this is certainly not the case. At the same time, I would also like to point out that the children of the concerned minister at the time received ₹.1.2 crores as commission. Under the new government, however, our leaders are constantly trying to find a way for the people to benefit the scheme to its fullest.

I am pleased that the hon'ble Chief Minister decided to present the whole budget at this time because from past experiences, pooling of funds for a

particular project has resulted in corruption and development works tend to suffer. By presenting the whole budget, we will be able to prevent this blunder and allocate the budget for each department as evenly as possible.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission projected an estimate of 1.1 depending on our tax base but our actual tax projection is calculated as 2.12. This literally means that we can expand our tax base or levy higher rates of tax which is still affordable for the people. On that note, it is extremely essential to spread awareness about this to the people. It is gratifying to see that our fiscal deficit has decreased considerably compared to last year and as our Hon'ble Leader has said, if it is necessary we should be prepared to make cutbacks.

Our requirement of rice is extremely high and even after it is purchased under the economic cause, the government is still losing over ₹. 10 crores when it resells the rice at subsidized rates to the people. I think it is imperative that we find another way to decrease the over-all losses incurred by the government.

It is deeply gratifying to see that ₹. 25 crores has been allocated for the infrastructural development of the 3 autonomous districts in the south. As you are all aware, we are districts in dire need of support in terms of development. Moreover, another ₹. 20 crores has also been sanctioned for the upgrade of fire stations under the Fire & Emergency Service. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Lt. Col. Z.S. Lianzuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. LIANZUALA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I believe when the UPA Chairman, Sonia Gandhi laid the foundation stone for Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, she promised that there will not be a problem in regard to funds. We never had visiting central leaderships asking if we have sufficient funds before. I think this gesture alone is a huge improvement under the new ministry.

I am impressed with the budget speech and several revolutionary changes are made as well. The Newly Signed Contributory Pension Scheme is a courageous scheme and one which requires a lot of thoughts. I applaud our leaders for taking such a big and significant step.

I do not know how the previous ministry handled the repatriation of Bru during their rule but it is apparent that they did not make much headway. Now that a new government has been set up, it is practically a freedom bell for them.

The former government also created 5<sup>th</sup> IR Battalions deployable to other states since we do not have much law and order problem within the state. If we deploy 50 per cent of our IR to other states we will be able to create many new posts for the people of Mizoram. It is also time that we follow the example of our forefathers and try to get into other armed forces.

Co-operations and PSUs are a big headache for the finance department because they are losing continually on their operations. It would be best to find another way or break them up completely to avoid future burden.

We have several WRC areas and the reports even stated that we can provide for the state if we practice intensive farming. I hope the government will make a thorough analysis on how to develop our agricultural condition.

I think the maintenance of Mizoram Houses should be one of our priorities. The standards of these Houses differ from state to state and the government should set a strict standard for all of them and conduct inspections regularly.

The government is doing its best to solve the gas shortage issue and several new agencies have been opened to supply the demands of the people. Gas supply has been increased slowly and the problem will be a thing of the past in a short while.

S P E A K E R : Unfortunately, our time has come to an end and I sincerely thank all the members for their patience and contributions. 12 members participated in the discussion today and I look forward to an even more engaging discussion tomorrow, ie, 23-3-2010 (Tuesday) at 10:30 am.

**Sitting is adjourned.**