

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

LIST OF BUSSINESS

**FOR FIFTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 23rd MARCH,2010
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00PM)**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Pu R.ROMAWIA, Speaker at the chair, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 25 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

2. **Pu R.LALZIRLIANA** to lay on the table of the House a copy of Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in the State of Mizoram Publication of Commission`s Notification making corrections in Delimitation Commission`s notification dated 27.5.2005.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER

3. **Pu R. LALZIRLIANA** to make a statement on recent incident in Guwahati.

LEGISLATIVE BUSSINESS

Bills for introduction

4. **Pu LALSAWTA** to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and pension of the member of the Legislative Assembly (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2010”

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to introduce the Bill.

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

9. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2010 – 2011 to resume. (to be concluded)

S P E A K E R : “ That you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may work properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.”

We will move straight to our questions, may I now call upon Pu C.Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No. 41.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, this Starred Question No. 41 is for the concerned minister, Agriculture department and my question is :-

1. How much is the amount utilized by the government to purchase seeds and what are the kinds and how much is the quantity?
2. Are the seeds purchased through proper channel by answering quotation ?
3. How are these seeds distributed?

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the concern minister Pu H. Liansailova.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, the answer to our MINISTER honourable minister`s questions are :-

- a) The amount utilized for the purchasing of seeds and their quantity during the year 2009 are as under :-

Sl.No	Name of Crops	Quantity in Qlt.	Amount
1	Maize	1396.27 qtl	₹. 58,64,334.00
2	Paddy	2006.6 qtl	₹. 41,13,530.00
3	Cowpea	105.8 qtl	₹. 9,52,200.00
4	French Bean	65.00 qtl	₹. 5,85,200.00
5	Soya Bean	381.13 qtl	₹. 17,57,798.00
6	Field Pea	166.6 qtl	₹. 9,99,600.00
7	Wheat	7.70 qtl	₹. 20,020.00
8	Mustard	76.00 qtl	₹. 4,94,000.00
9	Arhar	35.00 qtl	₹. 2,18,75.00
10	Groundnut	309.50 qtl	₹. 15,47,500.00
11	Moong	120.33 qtl	₹. 9,32,557.00
12	Rajma	26.50 qtl	₹. 2,48,835.00
13	Rice Bean	23.00 qtl	₹. 28,366.00
14	Sweet Corn	4.80 qtl	₹. 10,08,000.00
	TOTAL		₹. 111,1,87,70,490.50
VEGETABLE SEED			
Sl.No	Name of Crops	Quantity in	Amount
1	Onion var. Matahari	260 pkt	₹. 1,82,000.00
2	Lady`s fingers.Sonali var	400 pkt	₹. 50,000.00
3	Cabbage Imp. Vahar var	465 pkt	₹. 93,000.00
4	Hot Pepper. Sreenath var	308 pkt	₹. 55,440.00
5	Cauliflower. NP – 2801 var	350 pkt	₹. 66,500.00
6	Brinjal(Eggplant) Rajni var	1000 pkt	₹. 40,000.00

7	Broccoli. Ashwarya var	300 pkt	₹. 61,500.00
8	Raddish. Hill Queen var	635 pkt	₹. 28,530.00
	TOTAL		₹. 5,76,970.00
	GRAND TOTAL		₹. 1,93,47,460.00

₹. 5,76,970.00 is utilized for vegetable seed.

The answer to question b is – All the seed procured by the department are certified yielding seeds and of high variety. They are all obtained from National Seeds Corporation and M/s Meyhem India Pvt. Limited and are bought after the approval of DPAB or State Purchase Advisory Board.

Allotments are given in every Districts and a number of quantity are also distributed from the Directorate.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I want to inquire if we conduct proper assessment and buy the seeds as per our requirement? Is it possible to dole out seeds produced from Mizoram than imported ones from outside? We have encouraged organic farming in former times, if possible can the government consider extracting our requirement from our organic farms?

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I want to inquire how the seeds hand out are developed and may we know the beneficiaries? Considering the amount of seeds doled out, how many quintals is the gross product and how much is the amount we received from our sale?

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the concern minister to answer the question ?

Pu H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, I will answer the
MINISTER supplementary question by our hon`ble member Pu C. Ramhluna. All the seeds which we have acquired are all from Centrally Sponsored Scheme called MMA, macro – management of Agriculture which is supposedly plan for double cropping for Rabi season, and demands are made per to our requirement and likewise distribution is made accordingly.

On the matter of acquiring seeds from our state, KV has experimented on different aspects to know which seeds would be best suited for the climate of Mizoram. Based on the result, seeds foundation will be given and developed into a state where we could be independent on these selected seeds.

Regarding the question by Pu K.Liantlinga, it is difficult to know every detail since harvesting record is not maintained, but on selected items like peas, IR 64 we may have proper documents in the meantime, our officers are taking steps for improvement in this regard. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No. 42 in the place of Pu Lalduhawma since he cannot be present today.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, Starred Question No – 42 is for our hon`ble Agriculture Minister :-

- a) Can you provide us with the directory of Farm Power & Machineries made by Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute?
- b) To what extend can we exercise our powers in doling out the directory?
- c) What is the price and the percent as subsidy?

S P E A K E R : The concern minister Pu. H.Liansailova may provide the answer.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the question
MINISTER by Pu Lalduhawma are as follows :-

Since Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute does not compile Farm Power & Machineries Directory we cannot provide them with the directory. Since directory is not compiled we do not know the extend of power which could be exercised and for the same reason we do not know the price and rate of subsidy.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question Pu Lalthansanga.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, we have heard information regarding the distribution of machineries in the former ministry like cutting machines which are very convenient, but since we do not have those machineries, can the government find ways to acquire them?

S P E A K E R : The concern minister may provide the answer.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I did not mention it before but The Central Institute of Agriculture Engineer (CIAE) had compiled a Directory of Agriculture, Machinery & Manufacturer and selecting types which will prove to be convenient for the farmers and following the Macro-Management of Agriculture Guidelines they are placed in Annual Work Plan. For the coming year 2010 – 2011, we had placed them under the work plan of MMA Draft. Machineries like pedded ripper and the subsidizing percent is 25%. Machineries like tractor drawn ripper, cleaner, power driven equipment zero steel sheet and fertilizer drill raised bed painter, propagator, power driven equipment, tractor driven, plough, cultivator, seed and fertilizer drill are also at the same subsidizing rate. Apart from these, machineries like diesel electric cum set, Plan Protection Equipment are also included in these subsidizing items.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, I want to ask if the Central Institute of Agriculture Engineering had made such arrangement, can we, the MLA`s have the directory?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may provide the answer.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA MINISTERS : Pu Speaker, I will inquire about it to the concerned department and if there is no difficulty we will try to send the directory.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No – 43.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker these Starred Questions are for the concerned minister, they are :-

1. Has NLUP been obtained by Mizoram Government?
2. Has the beneficiaries for NLUP been selected?
3. How many trades are there in NLUP?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may provide the answer.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA MINISTERS : Pu Speaker, the answer to our hon`ble member Pu K.Liantlinga`s questions are as follows :-

1. NLUP is an important programme for the government of Mizoram and we may also place it in the flagship programme.
2. NLUP beneficiaries have been selected throughout the state and revision is still ongoing.
3. Different trade activities are as under :-

- Agriculture activity trade	4
- Horticulture	9
- AH & Vety	5
- Soil & WC	3
- Fisheries	1
- Sericulture	1
- Forest	1
- Industries	28

All of them are rounded up and they sum upto 52.

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

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is delighting to know that NLUP has been admitted by the government of Mizoram and I want to inquire if these beneficiaries are selected without any discrimination or favoritism?

S P E A K E R : The concern minister Pu H.Liansailova may provide the answer.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, NLUP is a programme which should be used to provide substantial income for the people, I also want to state that there will be no discrimination or favoritism regarding the selection of the beneficiaries, but we must note that it is difficult to dole out to every beneficiaries in the 1st installment period.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana may ask Starred Question No.44.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, this is for the hon'ble minister of Agriculture and my question is –

Does NLUP include all the eligible beneficiaries? I will put it transparently like this – will other party be included among the beneficiaries?

S P E A K E R : Pu H. Liansailova may provide the answer.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, the question by our hon'ble member is very important. I want to state that all the selected beneficiaries are examined and are selected if they meet the criteria like they should be a citizen with their name in the electoral roll etc. After taking all the criteria into account, they are selected and the number of beneficiaries added up to 1,50,000.

S P E A K E R : Pu B. Lalthlengliana may present his supplementary question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the financial year for 2009 – 2010 is coming to an end and I believe the number of selected beneficiaries are 1, 50,000 and they may be unable to receive their share, so, I want to inquire if the number of beneficiaries will be the same in the coming year like the year between 2009 -2010?

Our Minister had mentioned earlier that only those who are sure to succeed are selected as beneficiaries and looking at the list they are all from the Congress party. Does this mean that Congress party people are only the eligible people?

S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna may state his supplementary question.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you Pu Speaker. I will have two supplementary questions. The first question is – During the year 2009-2010 the budget for NLUP amounts to ten thousand lakhs, but we can see in the revised budget that it has increased by ₹.448 lakhs and I want to inquire about the remaining ₹.9552 lakhs, I want to inquire how and where these amounts have been utilized?

In my constituency, among 270 houses, about 60 has been selected to receive NLUP, rumors spread that only those who are diligent and those who are sure to succeed are selected and the rest are much too reckless to be aided. And due to this, there is a rivalry among the people of my constituency. What are their criteria for succession and how could they determine it when the fund has not been distributed?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu H. Liansailova may answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA : Pu Speaker, firstly, I will answer Pu
MINISTER B. Lalthlenglliana's question – The amount of ₹.1,50,000 was the beneficiary target for NLUP after surveying the whole state of Mizoram planned for 5 years. The amount of ₹.1 lakh fifty thousand was for the base line survey and this should be utilized after judging the outcome of the beneficiaries.

Regarding the discrimination mentioned earlier, we have our in-charge in every village and district and apart from these, we also have different committees who will no doubt take care of the matter efficiently.

On the matter stated by our hon`ble member Pu C.Ramhluna, the implementing board had a thorough examination on the former beneficiaries and concluded that the fund should be operated carefully after the ongoing revision. So we concluded that it is not wise to draw out the whole fund. The amount calculated was roughly about ₹.448 lakhs but with our flagship programme (NLUP) miscellaneous like capacity building training and other like potential area connectivity arises and the amount also increases.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the main problem seems to be the selection of beneficiaries, in the past year the allocated fund amounting to ₹.100 crores was not fully utilized as there is some amount left in the end. I suggest that it is operated in a Block – wise phase manner which was practiced earlier in the year 1989. I believe this policy will be more effective. Regarding the selection of beneficiaries, is there a possibility of others, like us to be a part of the selection board? I am sure it will help in lessening the discrimination of the selection of the beneficiaries.

S P E A K E R : Since the question hour is over, your question will not be answered but you have asked for extra time and you have utilized it to state your opinion.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I believe it is the privilege of the members and I think stating only two questions is not sufficient.

S P E A K E R : We have consulted the House in this issue and we follow the regulations set by the House. If you want to answer the former question, you may, but you need not answer the last question.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : I will clarify the previous topic which we have discussed before. When I said the in-charge of the constituency, I mean the department heads that are accountable to certain areas or regions.

On the question raised by Pu C.Ramhluna, an amount of ₹.9520 lakhs had been utilized for developmental works in Planning department and I hope the details will be available during the discussion of Demands.

S P E A K E R : Since Pu Lalduhawma is not present, I will now call upon Pu Lalthansanga to ask Starred Question No. 45.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, the question is for the concerned minister of Trade & Commerce and they are as follows :-

- a) What are the number of families cultivating passion fruit which are recognized by the government and what is the area of their cultivated land and the name of the place?
- b) What is the rate and how many passion fruits are bought by MIFCO during the year 2009 – 2010?
- c) Where do they extract the fund for purchasing these passion fruits and is there a special fund allocated in our budget?
- d) Is there any debt while purchasing and if so, what is the amount?

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

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, the answer to our hon`ble MINISTER member Pu Lalduhawma`s questions are as follows :-

- a) The number of families cultivating passion fruits who are recognized by the government are – 4099 and it is cultivated in every district of Mizoram.
- b) Between the year 2009 – 2010, MIFCO had purchased 3869.61 quintals of passion fruits and the rate was ₹.11.40 paise. The actual price of passion fruit was ₹.8, price support ₹.2, transportation cost was ₹.1.40 and the total amounts to ₹.11.40.
- c) The fund utilized to purchase of these passion fruits are from the Market Intervention Scheme, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Corporation, 2007 -2008.
- d) No.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This Starred Question No - 46 is for the concerned minister of Finance :-

- a) After exercising 6th Pay how much fund would be required after disbursing the Pay of all the government employees.
- b) Where do we get the fund for implementing 6th Pay?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister is on tour and Pu R.Lalzirliana, the hon`ble minister will answer in his place.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : The answer to the hon`ble member's questions are :-

- a) The exact time for exercising 6th Pay and the Pay structure is still imprecise, so, it is impossible to state the amount needed for addition.
- b) Those under Non-Plan will be given under Non-plan and those under Plan will be given as such. Likewise, Centrally Sponsored Scheme will be funded from Central.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question will be asked by Pu K.Liantlinga.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. From what we heard, an amount of ₹.332.24 crore is allocated, but you have mentioned earlier that it is still uncertain, can we have an explanation in this matter? We are now in short of ₹.642 crore and which Plan fund and Non – Plan fund are we going to utilize?

S P E A K E R : Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the rank of the government employees is uncertain for the 6th pay revision so the pay structure is still unsure. We have two options, one is the Fitment Committee which was initiated by the former government and another Committee headed by our hon`ble minister Pu Liansailova. But the government has not made any kind of concrete decision in this regard, so the amount of fund needed could not be definite at the moment.

The amount required has already been added in 2009-2010 Budget and since these amount have not been utilized, 10% had already been added to the 2010-2011 Budget and the funding needed after Pay Revision was already

included in the Budget. The amount allotted by the 13th Finance Commission had increased by 88.92% so we assume that we may not be lacking in our funds.

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Liantlinga may ask his supplementary question again.

Pu K.LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Chairman of the Fitness Committee notifies the journalists that additional funds needed for 6th Pay cannot be provided by the Central Government? Is this statement true?

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we do not receive special funds for 6th Pay and if the salaries for government employees are not endowed by the Central government, our state government will.

S P E A K E R : Pu Sela, I believe he might have an important question to ask.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, I believe that apart from supplementary question another question could be raised by another member.

S P E A K E R : But he had raised two question that is why I will permit you to raise your question under special consideration.

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is there a possibility for the government to implement 6th Pay more rapidly?

S P E A K E R : Pu R. Lalzirliana may answer the question.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government also desires to implement 6th Pay as soon as possible and is working at its best in this regard.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon Pu C.Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No-47.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, my question is for the concerned minister of Agriculture and they are as follows :

- a) In the previous year 2009, how many quintals of rice are harvested in Mizoram?
- b) By how much is the difference between the year 2008 and 2009?
- c) How much does the harvest of 2009 help in meeting the needs of the people?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu H. Liansailova may answer the question.

Pu H.LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to our hon'ble member are as follows :-

- a) The quantity of harvested rice from paddy fields are 24,478 metric ton and the harvest procured from jhuming cultivation are 40489 metric ton, the total amounts to 68917, the harvest between 2007 – 2008 was 15688 metric ton, so the harvest increased by 53229 metric ton in 2009.
- b) From the amount harvested, about 4845.90 metric ton could be used for meeting the needs of the people which consists of 25 % from the amount needed for the people.

S P E A K E R : May I now call upon Pu Lalzirliana, the hon`ble Home Minister to lay on the table of the House, 'Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in the State of Mizoram Publication of Commissions Notification making corrections in Delimitation Commission's notification dated 27.5.2005.'

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission I lay, 'Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constituencies in the State of Mizoram Publication of Commissions Notification making corrections in Delimitation Commission's notification dated 27.5.2005.' on the table of the House, thank you.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed (Pu Ramhluna : Pu Speaker, may I have a few moment please) Does it concern our topic ? (Pu Ramhluna : Yes, it does) alright then, if it does, you may have your time.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. From last year, Mizoram Gazette had comprised of one sheet and we have not received the complete compilation of the book and we would like to know the reason.

S P E A K E R : Printing & Stationery Minister will be in-charge of that matter. May I now call upon our hon`ble minister Pu Lalzirliana to place his statement on the table of the House, the hon`ble members may also note that this statement is not for further discussions.

Pu R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, we know that there was an
MINISTER accident outside Mizoram where two
Mizo died in an accident. We may not
know the detail but I would like to state a
few words for the information of the House. They are Sainingliana Sailo, 18 years of
age, S/o Vanlalhruaia Sailo (L) resident of N.Vanlaiphai, since his father died he
lived with his relatives in Aizawl and worked as a driver in Joshua Sumo Travels.
H.Lalhmimgawia, S/o H.Siamliana, New Coloney, Saiha. He lived in Guwahati with
his family and worked different jobs available to him.

These two were shot dead and their corpses were taken to their
hometown after they were medically examined. Investigation is carried on by
Guwahati Police and Mizoram Police Officers. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to another business,
may I now call upon Pu Lalsawta, the
hon`ble minister to introduce, ‘The
Mizoram Salaries, Allowances and
Pension of member of the Legislative Assembly (Fourth Amendment) Bill 2010’ in
the House.

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you Pu Speaker, I appeal to
MINISTER introduce ‘ The Mizoram Salaries,
Allowances and Pension of member of
the Legislative Assembly (Fourth
Amendment) Bill 2010’ for further discussion in the House.

S P E A K E R : Shall the House consent to his petition?
The minister may once again request to
introduce , ‘The Mizoram Salaries,
Allowances of Minister (Fourth
Amendment) Bill 2010’

Pu LALSAWTA : Thank you Pu Speaker, I appeal to
MINISTER introduce ‘ The Mizoram Salaries,
Allowances of Minister (Fourth
Amendment) Bill 2010’ for further
discussion in the House.

S P E A K E R : Will the House consent to the hon`ble minister's petition ? So we all agree to the Minister's petition, he may now introduce, ' The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fourth Amendment) Bill 2010' for further discussion in the House.

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Salaries, Allowances of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker (Fourth Amendment) Bill 2010' for further discussion in the House.

S P E A K E R : Since we all agreed to his petition the copy of the three Bills may now be distributed.

Now, the hon`ble minister, Pu Lalrinliana Sailo may appeal to introduce, 'The Mizoram State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2010' on the table of the House.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I beg to introduce, ' The Mizoram State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2010' on the table of the House.

S P E A K E R : Do we all agree? He may now introduce his Bill.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO
MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I introduce, 'The Mizoram State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2010' in the House.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble minister may introduce another Bill, 'The Mizoram Medical Council Bill, 2010' in the House.

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTERS : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With your permission I introduce, 'The Mizoram Medical Council Bill, 2010' on the table of the House.

S P E A K E R : Our hon'ble minister had beg leave of the House to introduce two Bills and the House had consent to his request and the copy may now be distributed. The 5 Bills which was introduced by our hon'ble ministers will be discussed later on.

We will now continue our General Discussion on the Annual Budget 2010-2011. Yesterday 12 members have stated their opinion, who will be next, Dr. R.Lalthangliana.

Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First, I want to thank you for preparing the Performance Budget and the Work Programme for us. I would like to request for a complete compilation of our financial statement before our session to know the different allocation of funds in different departments so we can discuss this more thoroughly in the House.

Pu Speaker, reviewing the MLA fund in the North-East, Mizoram is the lowest and I believe that you have also taken the initiative in the General Purpose meeting before and I sincerely hope this could be implemented as soon as possible.

Apart from these, I think it is crucial to know that we are the elected representatives of the people. We should take precautions on what we have feed the people. For instance, it was mentioned earlier that while constructing a highway a comparison was made in such a cynical way that the present ministry had completed the work more quickly than the former ministry. We should bear in mind that it takes time to demolish a huge stone to make the formation of the highway and the polishing takes less time.

Secondly, on the 19th of May, GAD issued a memorandum stating the conveyance available to the elected representatives (the sitting MLA's) and

government officials. I recommend that conveyance should also be provided for the Ex- MLA's for the benefit of all of us and also for a better service rendered to us by the L.O's.

Another point we must not fail to miss is regarding the PMGSY fund operated by PWD. Way back in the year 2000-2001, their conduct of work was even complimented by the Central officials. Funds were granted to them by core banking system and at the time of drawing, bounce cheque needs to be issued. I find this hard to believe that crores of funds just evaporated. How can these funds just disappeared without the notice of Finance Department and Treasury. Pu Speaker, it is a matter of serious importance and is crucial to find out the cause.

Pu Speaker, I have gone through the Plan Fund and we could see that allocation of funds in more than 20 departments like Land Revenue, GAD, Higher & Technical, Sports & Youths, Health Services, Water Supply, Irrigation, District Council etc have decreased.

On the matter of NLUP, Pu Speaker, it was the manifesto of this ruling party. From the funds allocated ₹.9552 lakhs had been utilized without reaching the people, but reports of the revised funds stated that ₹.448 lakhs had been utilized. It is wrong to operate these funds in these manner and we would like an explanation in this regard. Moreover, our budget does not seem to reflect the implementation of 6th Pay for government employees.

Pu Speaker, I also want to emphasize about the 13th Finance Commission, Comparison of Award. I am not complaining, but our state stood in the 17th position which is not to be proud of. Also in the constituency of our hon'ble Chief Minister, regarding NREGS, a certain amount of ₹.4,60,520/- was granted while the actual sanction amounts to ₹.22,49,700/- meaning that an amount of ₹.17,89,180/- is missing which I think should be examined.

It is said that four heavy vehicles carried away rice and K.Oil to Manipur. I don't know whether it makes problems to the people. But I think it is not good to carry away such commodities outside the state.

Regarding Law and Order, the residence of the contractor of Mamit road has been ransacked. The statement of the hon'ble minister showed a very valuable river has been poisoned. Not only this but a vast area of land was destroyed by fire. Eight people died due to fire. Effort should be made to prevent such incidents.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there are many burning of jungle in various parts of the state this year. It appears that it is necessary to give awareness to the people. This may cause failure in the implementation of NLUP in the state. Thank you.

Pu LALRINAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing to discuss the regular budget this year. The hon'ble Leader of the House is very praiseworthy in this regard. Some members will complain even if it is laid on Vote on Account.

. NLUP fund is proposed to be provided in the budget, it is very pleasing to receive ₹.200 crores from the central. In my opinion, NLUP will surely fail for those who opposed the policy even before it is launched as a government policy.

It is also very pleasing to see performance budget for the year 2009-2010 and work program for the year 2010-2011 which we never had before. The 13th Finance Commission proposed fund of ₹.8808.30 for us for five years. It is increased by 88.98% comparing with the former ministry. It is not to be complained.

Regarding Health Care Scheme, it is not worth to carry out the scheme without any proper guidelines. ₹.5,000 lakhs is provided for Health Care Scheme in the Budget. It seemed that it is not a scheme formulated on ground of love of the poor as the scheme is made at the end of the ministry. It caused various difficulties to all departments. About ₹.100 lakhs has been commissioned from investment of the fund. It is not possible for the new ministry to continue in practical.

Regarding fund allotted for State Civil Hospital, hon'ble member said that only ₹.10 crores out of ₹.16.50 crores has been released. But this paper from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, North East Division stated that it had released the total amount. I also want to point out that it is very pleasing to provide fund for welfare of the people of the state, that is ₹.30 crores has been proposed for construction of Primary Health Centre and Health Sub-Centre. I also want to point out that ₹.6 crores has also been provided in addition to the normal budget provision.

Regarding improvement in Justice Delivery System, ₹.12.96 crores is provided which had never been provided in the former ministry. The Bar Association too made demand to the government to impose penalty against legal offenders in October 2005. The House Leader specially give importance to the Rule of Law in the state. He directed that everything should be governed by law. Consequently, the people of Mizoram have peace and harmony today. It is also very pleasing to say that there is transparency in the administration of the Government. If the people as well as the government give importance to abide by law, corruption will also decrease in the state. Thank you.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. It is very pleasing to see the amount of budget and the budget provisions.

First of all, it is very pleasing to know that the 13th Finance Commission gave us ₹.8808.30 crores. It is increased by 88.92%. In the budget provision, ₹.50 crores is provided for construction of Sainik School and ₹.31 crores for construction of Police Building as the state is being located at the International Border Area, and another ₹.31 crores is also provided for modernization of police in the state.

There is also budget provision of ₹.20 crores for construction of additional building for Civil Secretariat. And ₹.12 crores is provided for construction and renovation of buildings of historical importance in the state.

MLAs from western constituencies have different difficulties. It is very pleasing to see Bru deportation policy. The Bru deportation cannot be carried out as the will of the Government. But as a result of the steps taken by the hon'ble Home Minister and the hon'ble Chief Minister Bru deportation is done rapidly.

Regarding Law and Order, the state has great progress. If the people of the state have no peace, there can be no progress. There is no more tripping of insurgency groups. The insurgency groups knew that there is no room for them in the state.

In Power Development, this ministry takes step for construction of Serlui B, Tuirial, Tuivai and Kolodyne Phase-II. It will be a great blessing if the state government have power to sale outside the state. That is to be expected during this ministry.

Regarding sport infrastructure, it is said that step will be taken within six months in the election manifesto. Full-fledged stadium is under construction at Mualpui and artificial grass is proposed to be laid at AR Ground. The sportsmen are very happy for the work done by the Government.

Lastly, this government constructed bridges at Durtlang and Aibawk at the cost of ₹.196 lakhs but not yet proposed for its inauguration now. In short, the budget is good enough for the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. It is very pleasing to discuss the budget today.

I am glad to note the increase of fund under BADP in Saiha and Tuipang Block, the fund is very useful for the three District Councils for development. But it seemed that Aizawl District benefited 60% of it. The people of the areas complained to me. I therefore, want to ask the hon'ble minister to remember that the fund should benefit sons of the soil in those areas.

The Central Government allowed to make schemes worth ₹.800-900 lakhs under BRGF for Lawngtlai and Saiha District. I was also appointed as one of the Board members. But unfortunately, I was dismissed from Board membership within one month. I would like to inform the House that it is not fair to make such dismissal without any proper reason.

Next, MLA fund is deducted from ₹.40 lakhs to ₹.25 lakhs last year without any reason, the people of our constituencies are eagerly waiting for development fund. I therefore, request the House to increase the fund up to ₹.50 lakhs for the coming year or at least ₹.40 lakhs as already passed by the GPC.

Regarding PMGSY, in Saiha District, some contractors face problem due to non availability of government cheques to draw bill from bank. This matter may kindly be noted down.

NLUP is widely discussed by the hon'ble members. I also want to say that many villagers did not cultivate land waiting for disbursement of NLUP. That means, it is necessary to impart people to work hard more than before. I am afraid that such attitude will create failure in the implementation of NLUP.

Mizoram state has three minority District Councils. The population of those district is 16% of the total population of the state. While the fund sanctioned to those districts is only about 2% of the state budget. The people of those district now expect to increase development fund in those areas.

In the former ministry, the state government did a lot of works to make plain area cultivation. There is a vast land of potential area in Phura. It is necessary to do the work in Phura as it is going to be very useful for the state government.

Lastly, Saiha District has no Irrigation Division. I would like to request the state government to set up Divisional Office of Irrigation Department at Saiha. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Joseph Lalhimpuia.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. I will not speak much about the budget but I want to say that the 13th Finance Commission increased our budget and it is hoped that there will be massive progress in the state.

What I want to highlight is that members of the opposition group refused to pass NLUP fund of ₹.100 lakh in the budget last year as they regarded it as the policy to be implemented from the Central package. That is why, it is provided in the form of token only. Now, it is opposed and condemned. It seemed that they do not understand the meaning and purpose of the NLUP.

Secondly, there are no reliable societies in the former ministry, even the signing of memorandum of understanding with the society like Bharat Niman, RGGVY, Venus Bamboo, Winery, Piggery Village, Health Care Scheme, etc. became vain. Such agreements caused hardship to Government. It is very pleasing to say that the hon'ble Chief Minister now leads the government properly to benefit even the third party. Due to this, the state government saves large sum of money for the people which prevents corruption in the state.

It is also inevitably necessary to say our thanks for the increase in budget amount.

For the last ten years or so, southern districts were given treatment as a step mother does. Even to avail fund already sanctioned by central government through Tribal Welfare Ministry, the people had to fast and observe march in protest. Bloodshed is required to draw fund for completion of custom building. Fund for construction of three hundred houses out of five hundred sanctioned under EWS by central government was also transferred elsewhere. That was how the southern districts were being treated in the past.

On this day, however, I would like to highlight the progress of the southern district especially Lunglei District. Lunglei High Power Committee has been given budget for development. This healed the minds of the people of southern Mizoram. Besides these, the Convention Centre, State Sport Academy at Zobawk and Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme are to be continued in early future. Indoor Stadium was supposed to be constructed in the former ministry, but it is not yet done. Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister had given us ₹.50 lakhs to start the work.

Lastly, I would like to point out that the people earnestly co-operate this ministry. Now, the NGO begged LSC holders at the roadside for widening the road at different towns and villages in the south. As a result of this, many roads had been widened in the south. I therefore, want to thank this ministry in taking step for the people. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: Now, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. First of all I will highlight the fund given by the 13th Finance Commission. It is very pleasing to speak about it. As it is increased by 88.92%, the opposition members speak ill of its increment to be very little. The Finance Commission follows their criteria properly before sanctioning fund for the state government. Accordingly the increment of the budget was also done. After all, with the increase of the GSDP the budget has been increased by 88.92%. Any way, it is very very pleasing to have such amount of budget fund. If any other state have more increment, that means their GSDP are higher than ours. That is why, there is nothing to question about it. I also want to point out that Mizoram is the only state in the North East to secure per capita income more than the national level during the last 15 years. It is not good to say as if we are not in favour of the central government fund. All member should remember that there is proper criteria when budget is prepared.

As the state Government is to run in the form of goods and services, there is a proposal to give compensation in case of loss of fund.

There is also renewable energy in regard to infant mortality rate. That is the death rate of infant is 29.73% in 2008 and 38.34% in 2009. If the state has improvement, it has to receive award from the 13th Finance Commission.

Regarding fiscal sustainability, it should be said that the government made great progress calculating the ratio of GDSP and percentage of debt during 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. The state has 85.88% of debt during 2008-2009, but now, the debt is 78.44% by 2009-2010.

S P E A K E R : Now, it is 2:00 PM. It is time for a break as usual. Will we grant him to finish his time? Yes let us call him to continue his speech.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. It appears that the 13th Finance Commission is going to give us fund for disaster relief. I would like to request all the members to think about it as earthquake occurred many time in the North East State during the last two years.

It is also pleasing that there is provision of fund for implementation of true statistical system in the state. It seemed that number of villages recorded by various departments differed from one another.

S P E A K E R : It is very difficult to get true number of villages as city and towns have more than one Village Council. There is some confusion in regard to statistical system.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Next, Power and Electricity Department, I think all the members received an official journal of the Officers Association of Power and Electricity Department yesterday. Page no. 63 stated that the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources used to give subsidy to any state wanting to make mini-power project to produce not more than 5 mega watt. Accordingly, the former ministry tried its best for earning money without any success. Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the reason why I want to point out about this is how can the opposition party could distribute mombati to the people without considering the failure of the former ministry in production of power supply. It seemed that they do not consider a peak load requirement in the state while the 70.56 mega watt consumed from the North East Central Sector Generating Unit does not increase.

During 2006 we could enjoy world cup football in big screen, but when there was no power supply, many people from the opposite direction call the name of the hon'ble Minister. During those years, the population of Aizawl was about 2,76,822, but now in 2010, the population of Aizawl is about 3,22,987. The population is increased by 46165. The fact is that power demand is much higher than in 2006. Comparing to other states, it is fortunate that we are not the poorest of all. Now, it is pleasing to say that the hon'ble minister of Finance provided fund in the budget for construction of big power project in the state.

If we want good things we are not to be so hurry. Regarding Direct Cash Transfer, there may be various opinions. When Jagdish Bhagwati and V K Ramaswami had research on direct cash transfer, the direct cash transfer is the least expensive policy, say, such as NLUP. That is why the Congress party welcomed this policy. Accordingly, it is now the policy of the state government. As the budget speech of the hon'ble Finance Minister it is now the flagship programme of the government. It is therefore, given top priority. The GSDP and the per capita income of the state is high but unsatisfactorily it is not equal among the people.

Sixty percent of the total population is engaged in agriculture. The agriculturists do not contribute more than 14% of the state per capita income. In order to uplift the general public, NLUP is a must. If a member wants good thing they should not complaint against NLUP, instead the member should support it. In my constituency, members of Congress party are more worried than the members of opposition party. To conclude, I would like to request all the members of opposition party to welcome and encourage the said flagship programme of the state government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The officials are expected to listen the speeches of the hon'ble members carefully. The hon'ble members are also expected to convince their officers to give ear to their speeches. Now, we will take rest to resume our business at 2:00pm.

2:00 PM.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana Minister, Pu S. Hiato Minister, Pu B. Lalthlengliana MLA absent from the House due to death of their near relatives.

Six members had spoken about the demand. Who will speak again. Yes, Pu R. Selthuama.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. This budget is very special in its form. It is very pleasing to have this budget session in time. It is also pleasing to have discussion on full budget rather than having Vote on Accounts. I do highly appreciate the "change" made by the hon'ble House Leader and the hon'ble Speaker.

First of all, I would like to thank for the increase in fund allocation by the 13th Finance Commission by 88%. Actually it is more than ₹.4144 crores than before. The opposition members said that they are worried with this increment on behalf of the members of the ruling party. Truly speaking, I would like to inform them that we have not any dissatisfaction to the amount of this budget, instead we are proud of it heartily.

I would like to point out that the 13th Finance Commission has specific project that gives ₹.2 crores for construction of Khatla playground and ₹.20 crores for construction of additional building of Civil Secretariat. I do hope that they could implement the work properly.

I also want to point out my gratitude as there is budget provision for implementation of the Sixth Pay Revision. I would like to request the Pay Committee to implement the pay revision as early as possible. So that, pensioners will also be benefitted.

In this budget provision, there is also new scheme for voluntary pension of the government servants. I think it is a great blessing for the government servants.

Besides these, I would like to point out that the state has revenue surplus of ₹.341.30 crores. It is all time high in the history of the state budget. It is a great blessing to us that we are holding speciality in finance management.

Seeing the budget book, we will see that we have to receive ₹.1500 crores. It is increased by 20%. When the budget is increased by 17.25% during the former ministry, the hon'ble House Leader at that time explained the reason for the increase and it was because of famine due to bamboo flowering. He also said that it was the answer to their prayer. The present increase is increment more than the one mentioned.

This budget is also a great blessing for the people of the state as there is provision for NLUP. The NLUP will be more successful if all members co-operate with the policy. But only ₹.50 lakhs has been provided for it. We also have ₹.100 lakhs last year. The fund we have may not be enough. Anyhow, the hon'ble House Leader is requesting the central government as special package. I think it will be implemented early. So that we may have more fund in the budget provision itself.

It is very pleasing to have such huge amount of fund for NLUP without annual plan fund in the budget.

Next, I want to point out that the state government is aware that there can be no progress without road and bridge, that is good communication. The former Congress ministry proposed Aizawl to Lunglei via Thenzawl road to be constructed by means of World Bank fund. MNF ministry implemented it, but not as the proposal in its width of 31 ft. Now, it takes only four hour journey with light vehicle to reach Lunglei via this road. I therefore, want to request the authority to implement the road as the original plan. If so, it will take us only three hours between Aizawl and Lunglei. Thank you, sir.

S P E A K E R : Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the budget is now discussed whether it is good or not. I think it is important to highlight the criteria by which the goodness of budget is determined and how the government is to run with the fund we have in the budget.

Truly speaking, people must have peace and harmony under good government. In the same way, good budget must display roads of success in development of the people of the state.

It is often said that the poor are the VIPs of this government. The main purpose of this budget is to uplift the poor who have no money or work to earn their livelihood. But it should be remembered that the budget does not targeted to help those who refuse to work for earning their livelihood. This budget clearly shows that the poor people are VIP of this ministry. Accordingly eight departments of this government will work out for those VIPs.

In the first place, this ministry takes up NLUP as the pilot policy for upliftment of the poor in the state. Regarding the selection of the beneficiaries, opposition members complained government as showing partiality. But, I would like to say that this is totally wrong. The members of Congress (I) party are the interested persons. They are interested and showed full support to the party policy from the very beginning of MLA general election manifesto was declared. Accordingly, they are selected first for the success of the policy. This government also has confidence in them to become successful beneficiaries. That is why, they are selected in the first place as an example to other to lead them successful. The policy of Congress (I) is no tribe of the state will be more or less be denied in the globalization when Look East Policy is being implemented in the state.

When natural resources are being explored in the state, the Mizo people will not live alone in this country. Various nations will come to the state from different places. If we do not uplift the poor in the state, the Mizos will be the servants of other nations in that time. Knowing this, the Congress (I) party formulated this New Land Use Policy for the upliftment of the poor in the state as the pilot policy of the party. The guidelines are also always amended from time to time. Some suggestion always come in. But no suggestion is needed if it is not called for. Accordingly the government is bringing new era for the poor in the state.

In this new era, all the members are expected to encourage the beneficiaries for the success of this policy unlike the former NLUP practiced in the past. At that time, they were encouraged for the failure of the policy by the members. If this NLUP fails again, the Mizos will be sinked.

In this budget, there is no proposal for imposition of new tax in the state. But there are some proposals for earning more fund through amending tax system in the state. The provisions of the budget shows that it is for the welfare of all people. That means it is a very good budget. The government will review VAT system, goods & services, and also revenue system under Land Revenue and Settlement department. Not only that but also from stamps and registration and to earn more fund from state excise also. The budget is, therefore, formulated to bring self sufficiency in the state. This will lead to self sufficiency in the country. That is also shown in the Budget speech too. The imbalance of the budget provision will not be a good criteria to know the goodness of the budget. The purpose of the budget will be more appropriate for such criteria.

Now, the government is preparing to have receipt budget. Under this head, there is a proposal to receive a large sum of money from our own

sources to enhance revenue collection. All staff from Revenue Department will need to work harder for this purpose.

Health Care of the people is given importance. But it is very unfortunate to invest in the name of a personal name. The government could take no step due to this investment.

Regarding upgradation of Aizawl Civil Hospital, the hon'ble member said that he had found the lost of ₹.16.5 crores. The hon'ble minister does not oppose to any member in this regard. He only said that they were asking the actual position of the fund to the central government. The answer is that ₹.10 crores has been sent on 29.9.2009 but not ₹.16.5crores. A letter from the central has been received on 25. 11. 2009 indicating that the administrative approval has been given to ₹.6.5 crores and prepared for sending to us. That is the present position.

This budget is also prepared for the welfare of the poor in the state. It is difficult to appear in court for common people. The state government is going to set up family court at Champhai, Lunglei and Kolosib. Besides these, the Gramnyalaya, that is Village Court will also be set up at 15 places in the state to solve judicial problems of the people.

Regarding Law and Order, a number of tourists visited Mizoram, more than 300 foreign tourists visited the state. The state government received large sum of money from tourists. This shows that there is peace and harmony in the state.

In Power and Electricity, this government is taking step for production of power in the state. Congress government is the most producer of power in the state, it produced power from Tuiruang, Kau, Maicham and Teirei projects. It also renewed Tuirial hydel project-60 mega watt, Kolodyne Hydel project-460 mega watt and Tuivai- 210 mega watt.

In these ways, the government is taking step to do its best for the poor in the state and the budget is also prepared for the good of all. Thank you.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. It is very pleasing that the hon'ble Finance Minister could prepare full budget for discussion. Some members said that this ministry is set up due to NLUP. I would like to tell them that that is not true. It is the performance of the Lord. Continuous prayer for forty days and night was offered to the Lord. We are now, the answer of God.....

It is regretted that members from the opposition bench criticized the system of selection of beneficiary of NLUP. It is to be noted for such members that priority will be given to supporters of the ruling Congress party since

they had suffered discrimination long enough under MNF ministry. How can we easily forget immediate replacement of Muster Roll employees under PHE and retailers under Food & Civil Supply department as soon as MNF party came into power? It is, therefore, unusual to show resentment over selection of NLUP beneficiary.

Regarding preparation of this Budget, I believe that the 13th Finance Commission awarded Mizoram with a view of skillful financial dealings of the new ministry despite uneven financial management inherited from the previous ministry. This is mainly because of the effort made by our Finance Minister and officials of the concerned department. Mizoram may be placed at Serial No. 17 yet, we are greater than those states who do not deserve the award.

Pu Speaker, let me compare Health-Care Scheme provided by the previous ministry just before the General Election with a tablet of medicine sweetened on the cover but bitter inside. If the ministry genuinely concerned for Health-Care Scheme, the government should bear any expense or interest of sum deposited but not by the concerned people.

Regarding allegation against the Minister for Health department in connection with step taken for the department, the minister claimed that he did not tell a lie as alleged. It is, therefore, inappropriate for the members to keep on making the allegation otherwise, the House may prevail an investigation unless the allegation is withdrawn so that miscreant is suspended from the House. Pu Speaker, it seems that some members of MNF party deliberately trying to humiliate the out-going minister for Health department at the same time as his name frequently linked to this allegation.

Coming now to Education department, we are fortunate that both the new and former minister of Education department are present here in the House today. I would like to express my appreciation to both of them for their efforts to improve Education department. It is pleasing to learn that a school in Tingmun village of Tuivawl constituency who could not afford to provide benches for the students during the previous ministry, now able to study with number of benches provided by the government of the new ministry. Not only this, school at Zokhawthiang village also had teachers of its own, thanks to the effort made by the new Minister of Education.

Pu Speaker, it is regretted that number of Hindi Teachers were appointed during the previous ministry even before financial sanction for their pay is made available which further caused problem to their senior to draw their pay regularly. It indicates inefficiency of the previous ministry. Yet, it is pleasing to learn that the new government is planning to make appointment as per instruction of the central authority.

Point raised by Pu Laldhoma regarding disconnection of water supply under PHE Department at Sakawrdai, I think it is necessary to make clarification. Pu Speaker, Sectional Officer of PHE Sakawrdai happened to be a close

relative of the previous minister of PHE who has no respect for his senior and higher authority. It is further learnt that he frequently took excessive charge for new connection but the sum never been deposited to the department. As soon as the new ministry learnt about it, took immediate action by transferring him with deduction ₹.6000/- from his monthly pay until the sum deducted amounts to payment for the new connection. A new connection will then be given as soon as the said amount is deposited. So, it is to be noted that misuse of power is not involve in the case as alleged but the concerned authority is doing what has to be done.

Lastly, Pu Speaker, I want to express my appreciation to the government as this budget is meant to cover the general people. I am glad to see improvement of the budget in various departments such as Veterinary, Education and Health department. It indicates that the government concern for the under privileged. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : 21 members participated in the discussion. As already informed, Leader of the House, who also is in-charge of Finance department, is now at New Delhi to attend important meeting and Pu Lalzirliana, Minister for Home is now taking his charge. It is learned that the Annual Plan had been fixed at ₹.1500 crores where as finalization of NLUP which is placed to be announced immediately. I, now call upon Pu R. Lalzirliana, the minister incharge to wind up the discussion.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, 21 members had participated in the discussion and there are number of points which need to be reacted. Before that, let me make sad announcement to the members that a fire broke out at Tourist Lodge Berawtlang and the concerned minister informed me from the spot that Tourism Conference Hall is badly damaged. However, the fire, is stopped now.

Regarding PMGSY, it is funded by ministry of Rural Development of the central government and is under the maintenance of PWD. It is true that there is no cash to draw from the Bank even if cheque is issued and the fact of which is much regretted. Pu Speaker, let me state that ₹.155 crore rupees of the said fund had already been sanctioned during the month of last October, 2009 and release of the fund was then applied. Now, only 10 crore rupees is being released and the rest ₹.145 crores remain in store. Since the remaining balance could hamper the on-going development plans, the visiting Chief Minister approaches the concerned authority for immediate release.

Pu Speaker, while members on your right side expressed their appreciation to the step taken by the government for NLUP, there are members from

the left criticizing the government as too sluggish to execute the programme. It is, in a way, pleasing to hear about expectation of the opposition members on the hon'ble Chief Minister as being able to accomplish the said plan in a week or so. There are beneficiaries who are boastfully saying that to benefit NLUP, it does not require for them to be the supporter of Congress party compulsorily, whereas there are some people who suggested such beneficiaries not to utilize fund they had received accordingly. In this regard, it is to be noted that the government is very careful in selection of beneficiary so that no person who are not giving interest in the policy is included. It is our main concern to see whether a beneficiary is making the best use of the said fund as for NLUP is a policy for upliftment of the underprivileged.

Regarding expenditure of NLUP fund, it may be clarified as necessary. During the year 2009-2010, ₹.10,000 lakh is allotted yet, could not be disbursed instantly as the concerned authority felt the need to short out trades selected by concerned beneficiaries very cautiously as 60% - 70% selected piggery which may not bring the product a resourceful marketing for all concerned beneficiaries. Thus, it is not a policy of the government to concentrate only on piggery or chicken farming in view of a possible consequence of reducing rate of the product in the market. Hence, chance is given to the concerned persons to change the trade they had selected.

Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to hear the report of misuse of NREGS fund in Serchhip District and I assure this House that immediate action will be prevailed.

Likewise, I assure this House that persons who are involved in the case of illegal export of kerosine oil and rice from Mizoram in the midst of scarcity of such commodities will not evade legal action against them.

Pu Speaker, certain members suggested the need to make an inquiry to Planning department, Finance department and Planning Board to enable the government to disburse any fund in due time. I must say that it is true as the government intends to make effort to resolve the problem immediately. The main reason of the problem during the year 2009-2010 is due to delay of the final statement of Annual Plan and we somehow managed to continue with Vote on Account for two occasions.

Some members criticized the government as not strong enough in supervision and monitoring work of Planning & Programme Implementation and the opinion, to a certain extent is agreeable. In this regard, I want to inform the House that the government is now planning to put more effort to resolve the problem.

In this connection, the government takes into account complaint made by certain members as some departments did not receive enough cooperation from the government which hamper progress of the concerned departments. In this regard, the government intends to emphasize on convergence policy in which support of ADB is being acquired to act as advisors to the government and to help the work of monitoring and evaluation. Hopefully, the problem will then be resolved.

Coming now to School Education, the government, in the previous years, exercised inspection of schools but put an end to the system since a couple of year ago. The government now determines to resume the system for the progress of our educational system.

Besides, Pu Speaker, there are opinion that the government is not giving full interest in Pay Revision of the government servants as estimate amount of increase rate to that effect is only 10%. In this regard, it is to be noted that expenditure for 6th Pay Revision for the year 2009-2010 had already been allocated since allotment of the previous budget of 2008-2009 but could not be utilized since 6th Pay Revision is not implemented as yet. The amount allotted could not be appropriated for other use and thus remain in store. As 10% is again allocated in respect of salary provision for the year 2010-2011, I do not think there will be a problem even if 6th Pay Revision is implemented.

Certain members stated their concern for the need to organize training for MLAs which indicates enthusiasm of the members to have good governance. The government, in order to improve the system of expenditure management taken up plan for Structural Adjustment Loan with the help of Asian Development Bank. Since the plan could not be taken up during the year 2009-2010, the government plans to make it more effective during 2010-2011.

Regarding outstanding expenditure of the government, I want to say that the amount may seem enormous since it is determine from GSDP of the concerned state for which state economy of ours is quite small. Yet, the government put all efforts to reduce our outstanding expenditure which is determined as 85.50% as on 31.3.2009 and is expected to rise at 78.44% by the next year. The government, therefore, determines to take precautionary measures to reduce the amount. Hopefully, the amount may be reduced to 70.78% by the year 2011.

Pu Speaker, it is to be noted that absolute amount of outstanding in respect of our state, as on 2010-2011 is not enormous comparing with other states as we are moving ahead of other except Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh. Regarding the statement of our Chief Minister on Consolidated Sinking Fund which is criticized by certain members as incorrect, I am afraid that it was misconception as the Annual Financial Statement clearly stated that under appropriation for reduction, ₹.17 crores was allotted out of which 16.50% crore rupees to be invested for Consolidated Sinking Fund and ₹.50 lakhs for Redemption Fund. This can be proved from Demand for Grant, page 627.

Regarding NLUP, ₹.10,000 lakhs is allotted from the current budget yet, could not be disbursed in due time and therefore, divided to various departments. The question of the where-about of the unspent balance of the said provision, I want to inform the House that it was not lost but allotted to some needful departments such as Education Department [due to shortage of provision for salary], UD & PA[for procurement of sports materials for youths] and ₹.1,096 lakhs to various District Councils.

According to DPR submitted by the government for NLUP, we were expecting to receive ₹.2,526 lakhs only yet it is highly appreciated as the central authority is planning to give us ₹.2,907.90 lakhs, keeping in mind of NLUP as our flagship programme and also as an honour to our Chief Minister, who had sacrificed his political status at the cause of Peace. We are fortunate to have a leader who is known by the central as one of the public figures in the country.

Besides, Pu Speaker, we have another reason to appreciate allocation of fund by Planning Vice Chairman as we are receiving financial provision amounting to ₹.3.64 crores for construction of artificial grass at AR playground and 4 crore rupees for construction of pavilion and gallery 1 & 2.

Regarding mombati (oil candles) distributed by the Opposition party in Dawrpui area, I opine they should have given away among poor people in remote localities and not to rich people who could afford to have an alternative source of power (i.e. inverter) of their own. Pu Speaker, keeping in mind of the need of power by the people as a whole, our leader is now determining to achieve electrical project at Tuirial, Tuivai, Tipaimukh and in the south Chhimituipui. Hopefully, our demands for power will then be resolved from the said sources.

Pu Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister who is also in charge of Finance already laid in the House the Annual Plan Budget for the year 2010-2011. Since time for discussion could not be scheduled by Planning Commission in due time, the Annual Plan size for the year 2010-2011 is based on the size of last year 2009-2010 for the time being.

The current Annual Plan size amounting to ₹.1,500 crores will be launched by the hon'ble Chief Minister and the rest ₹.250 crores to be adjusted from Supplementary Demand and discussion may be held at a special session which may be arranged by the House. Some members may think as unusual not to take this matter on Vote On Account as it has never been practiced in the previous years. Yet, it is a common practice in other states and Finance department, therefore, obliged to follow the practice as well.

Pu Speaker, this year 2009-2010 is 12th Finance Commission and 13th Finance Commission will be started next year 2010-2011. We are fortunate to be able to experience this new year of Finance Commission as a new beginning usually brings a favourable financial prospect for the state.

As known to us all, Pu Speaker, Consolidated Fund is generally divided into Revenue Account and Capital Account and is also termed as 'Plan' and 'Non-Plan'. This year, Consolidated Fund is divided into Revenue and Capital Account which comprises all revenue sources of the government and its maintenance respectively. Budget estimate for Revenue Receipt for the year 2010-2011 is ₹.3253.85 crores and source of Revenue are as follows: State's own tax Revenue – ₹.182.26 crores, non-state's own tax Revenue – ₹.166.37 crores, state share in Central

Tax – ₹.563.06 crores and Grants-in-aid from central government – ₹.2406.18 crores. The total will be amounting to ₹.3253.85 crores.

Revenue expenditure is again divided into General Services, Social Services and Economic Services and budget estimate to that effect are as follows: General Services – ₹.1063.40 crores, Social Services – ₹.1051.16 crores, Economic Services – ₹.797.67 crores and the total will be amounting to ₹.2912.23 crores. As pointed out earlier, this will be the opening of a new Finance Commission and thus, our financial condition too is expected to improve to some extent. Besides, we will also receive a revenue surplus as revenue expenditure comprises expenditure on Dearness Allowance and increase of Pension Allowance.

In the same manner, Capital Account is divided into Receipt and Expenditure. What we usually known as Capital Receipt is Public Debt coming from various sources of revenue and loan recoveries and advances sponsored by the government. Budget Estimate in respect of the said for the year 2010-2011 are as follows: Recoveries of loans and advances – ₹.30.01 crores, Public Debt – ₹.229.59 crores. The total will be amounting to ₹.259.60 crores. Capital Expenditure comprises capital outlay expenditure such as Loan & Advances, loans to MLAs and Government servants, Housing Loans and Repayment of loans.

Capital Account is divided into Capital Outlay, General Services, Social Services, Economic Services and plan estimate to Capital Outlay is ₹.388.48 crores, ₹.25 crores to Loans & Advances and ₹.52.20 crores to Repayment of Loans. The total will be amounting to ₹.665.68 crores. Deficit under Capital Outlay amounting to ₹.406.08 crores and it s planned to be filled up from Revenue Surplus.

Coming now to Plan and Non-Plan Account, Annual Plan of the Government of Mizoram 2010-2011 and CSS is renewed and for Annual Plan, ₹.1,750 crores and for CSS ₹.139.25 crores. Plan estimate for the total amount of expenditure is ₹.1,443.25 crores. Annual Plan and is expected to increase in final Plan and may be laid in the House separately as Supplementary Demand. As never been done in the previous years, budget plan under CSS is allotted beforehand and the departments will then be able to use it as soon as sanction is obtained. The procedure is a newly introduced system and is intended to resolve the problem of the departments in dealing with expenditure.

The total amount of plan estimate in respect of Non-Plan expenditure amounting to ₹.2,276.41 crores where as net expenditure is ₹.2,134.6 crores. Major expenditures under Non-Plan are Salary, Pension, Interest payment, Office expenses, Travelling expenses, Medical reimbursement and various minor works.

As demanded by the State Contingency Fund of Mizoram Act, 2009, ₹.200 crores is planned in respect of Contingency Fund. The fund is already been allotted during the year 2009-2010 with any expenditure to be filled up from supplementary demand. Net Expenditure is nil and ₹.20 crores is expected by the end of the year.

Total amount of fund to be obtained under Public Account is ₹.6,542.31 crores where as Planned expenditure is ₹.6,444.31 crores. Thus, expected amount of net receipt is ₹.98 crores.

To understand the position of our budget more clearly as an opening balance for the year 2010-2011, we are having certain amount of Revenue Surplus including the amount inherited from the previous years. This year, we will have ₹.36.18 crores with budget surplus amounting to ₹.33.55 crores and ₹.2.63 crores only as a closing deficit. I believe the members too appreciate this improvement.

Pu Speaker, It is to be noted that financial position of a state is determined mostly from its Revenue and Fiscal Account. If Revenue Account exceeds expenditure, it is known as Revenue Surplus which will become a valuable Capital Asset for the state. If Revenue Receipt is lower than Revenue Expenditure, it means that we are having Revenue Deficit which necessitated the Revenue Surplus to be spent for covering the Revenue Expenditure. To determine our financial position from the afore mentioned point, we are expected to have a Revenue Surplus of ₹.341.63 crores and the main reason for this improvement as pointed out earlier, is a special favour obtained from the 13th Finance Commission.

Speaking of Outstanding expenditure of our government, Mizoram is known to be the highest to determine from GSDP. In this regard, it is to be noted that GSDP is determined on the basis of economy a state and we are bound to stand in that position as our economy is quite small. Due to efforts made by the government, the amount is expected to fall at ₹.346.83 crores by 30.3.2010, thanks to the financial loan received from ADB.

Not only this, Pu Speaker, the government, in co-operation with the Reserved Bank of India, introduced Guarantee Redemption Fund or Sinking Fund to prevent excessive increase of outstanding expenditure of the government. By 30.3.2010, fund collected as sinking Fund will become ₹.79.24 crores and by the year 2010-2011, the same will be amounting to ₹.16.50 crores.

Last, but not the least, Pu Speaker, I would like to inform the House that the hon'ble Chief Minister, who is also in-charge of Finance is having a half-yearly review and FRBM of our fiscal position for which the government, as demanded by FRBM Act, put forward to the House Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement and Macro-Economic Frameworks Statement along with other documents. Thus, we are able to determine that our financial position is improving. I supposed all the members too, appreciate this improvement and I appeal to them all to continue with their support to the government by giving their valuable suggestions.

So Pu Speaker, I ask this august House to approve this budget estimate 2010-2011 which has been targeted for the best interest of the people.

S P E A K E R : Alright. It is not necessary to have Vote on Account, yet it is important to each and every member that this budget concern us all.

Our business for today is completed. The meeting will be resumed tomorrow the 24.3.2010 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 3:30 PM.