

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**THIRD SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2010
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. *Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA* to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following Rules:
 - a) The Mizoram Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2010.
 - b) The Mizoram State Commission for Women (First Amendment) Rules, 2010.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON FIRST SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS
FOR 2010-2011**

3. Discussion and Voting on First Supplementary Demands for the year 2010-2011 and Supplementary Demand for grants of Excess Expenditure for the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for Introduction, consideration and passing

4. *Pu LAL THANHAWLA*, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2010".

ALSO

To Introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

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ALSO

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ALSO

To introduce the Bill

To move that the Bill be taken into consideration

To move that the Bill be passed.

S P E A K E R : “He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done”.

Proverbs 19 : 17.

Pu Lalthansanga, the member to ask Starred Question No.42 is absent. So, we will move on to Starred Question No.43 to be asked by Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned minister for Higher Education Department be pleased to state –

- a) Whether the Post Matric Scholarship Board, Mizoram is revised after 1.04.2000?
- b) If not, what is the reason?
- c) Who is the sanctioning authority for the Post-Matric Scholarship?

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

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Ramhluna’s questions are –

- a) Post-Matric Scholarship, Mizoram has not been revised since notification issued on the 3rd April, 2000.
- b) We are trying to make improvements on the Post Matric Scholarship, Mizoram and notifications will be released soon. Amendment had not been made since the 3rd April, 2000.
- c) The Sanctioning Authority of Post Matric Scholarship is the Secretary to the Government of Mizoram, Higher and Technical Department.

- S P E A K E R : Pu C. Ramhluna may ask his supplementary question.
- Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, sanctioning authority for the said is usually the Director, Higher & Technical Department but files goes directly to the Secretary which I opine is an act of disregard of the authority of the Director. What is the reason?
- S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.
- Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as Scholarship of Higher & Technical Department also concerns the departments such as Power & Electricity, PHE, Animal Husbandry etc, a representative from each concerned department are appointed for the new Board members. The status of the Director is not degrading for this reason as this is solely meant to expedite file movement and to attain efficiency in the process of work.
- S P E A K E R : Pu P.P Thawla.
- Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, what is the amount of scholarship given to the technical line and college students? What is the amount given as book grant?
- S P E A K E R : The concerned minister may answer the question.
- Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the amount varies as it depends upon range of the annual income of the parents. There are book grants, tribal scholarship and merit

scholarship etc, and the amount also varies according to the line they chose e.g. Engineer, Technical and other professional lines. Anyway, we will try to provide the details during our session.

S P E A K E R : Next, Starred Question No. 44 and Pu Lalduhoma may ask on behalf of Pu K.Liantlinga since he is absent today.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the question is for concerned minister of Health & Family Welfare department –

- a) Whether consultation firm is hired for upgradation of Aizawl Civil Hospital and District Hospitals?
- b) If so, what are the names of such firms?
- c) What is the amount utilized for the purpose?

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

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) Yes.
- b) The firm is AEGIS International & Associates, New Delhi.
- c) ₹.96,04,227/- is utilized for Aizawl Civil Hospital and ₹81,59,963/- for Champhai District Hospital.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, when was consultation firm hired? How well did they serve the purpose? The money spent for the project is much too large and if there is any misuse of fund, will the government take action against it?

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, does the upgradation scheme include Lungei and Saiha district? Does the scheme cover renovation of hospital buildings?

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

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am unsure of the exact time AEGIS International & Associates was hired. As for their service, an estimate of ₹54.43 crores was sanctioned for Aizawl Civil Hospital and ₹24.83 crores for Champhai Hospital. With the growing population and needs for more space, we decided that the contract be stopped for the sake of the people, and departments that concern only of Emergency, Gynaecology, Care Centre should be stationed here in Aizawl and the rest should be shifted to Falkawn for better efficiency and also for the sake of the patients. We also determine the amount sanctioned as much too large and so the contract is stopped.

Regarding the question of Pu P.P. Thawla, Saiha too is included and the work is in progress with an estimate amount sanctioned of ₹.34 crores. In the same manner, hospitals of Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Mamit and Kolasib are also included in the scheme. We have also pursued this matter in the Central government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : All our leaders have worked earnestly for the overall progress of our state so that no area will be left out. Pu Nirupam Chakma may now have his time.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, I suggest that the consultant be approved by the department or the government in future. My question is - Is there any plan to hire a consultant for Chawngte?

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

Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We will call a tender in the next phase. As we have also earmarked for Chawngte, it will be included in the 13th Finance Commission.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu K.Lalrinthanga to ask Starred Question No. 45.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The question is for the minister, Environment & Forest department-

- a) Is there any scheme of trading with broomsticks for the farmers?
- b) As per trades recommended under NLUP, brooms lies under Soil Department. Does it mean that self-produced broomsticks by the farmers also lies under Soil Department?
- c) Which department is responsible for the trading of broomsticks?

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

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is –

- a) No proper system is set for trading for brooms planted by the farmers.
- b) Brooms which grow outside the area of a pass or LSC lies under the authorization of Environment & Forest department.
- c) Since brooms is categorized as minor forest produce, it trading system lies under Environment & Forest Department. Brooms which grow outside LSC of an individual are sold by the department by means of mahal system. Private growers could apply for a transit pass to the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) as per Rules No. D-24016/50/2002/FST, Dt 22.01.2010.

S P E A K E R : Pu K.Lalrinthanga to ask supplementary question and Pu Lalduhoma will follow.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Last year, Pu Speaker, broom growers and mahalders faced problems in connection with the trading system. Concerned farmers were not aware of the need to report themselves to the DFO in order to sell their broom by means of the mahal system. So, in order to avoid this kind of incident, I request the hon'ble minister to set appropriate system and method to classify broom yielded by growers and those grow naturally.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we have experienced that mahal system is less profitable, is it better for the growers to sell their broomsticks directly to the market? Besides, it has been proved that the broom stalks are good for making papers. So, does the government take any measures in this regard? Is there a possibility to include this trade under NLUP?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister and the member in charge NLUP may also answer the question.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, brooms which grow outside a pass or MINISTER LSC are sold by Forest department by means of Mahal system to prevent private growers from selling directly to the market. The notification which was issued earlier concerns all the growers yet, there are some who does not want to follow the method. I also want to state that the mahal system supplemented revenue of the department.

Pu Speaker, since NLUP is in progress, the government has not made any conclusion regarding the mahal system as the matter remains under consideration. Finance department will assess the amount of revenue to be earned.

Regarding another purpose of broomsticks, we have not given any thought as the stalks as well as the main brooms are considered as one. As of the question of inclusion as NLUP trade, we have to wait for conclusion of the government. The main purpose of the government is to maintain this business for the benefit of its growers and at the same time, to generate revenue for the government. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister representing NLUP, Pu H.Liansailova may also have his time.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I want to inform the hon'ble member that marketing cells the NLUP Implementing Board approached one company in regard to stalks of broom as the company informed us to provide them one trip for experimenting. Besides, the leaves will also be experimented by Veterinary Science and ICAR if it could be processed for fodder. Yet, the result is unknown as experimentation is still in progress. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The next question is from Pu Lalthansanga and Pu K.Liantlinga. Pu Lalthansanga may ask first.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No.46 for concerned minister of Industry Department –

- a) Whether notification is received from the Central government to establish Food Processing Department? If so, does the government take any step in this regard?
- b) Is there any plan to establish Food Processing Department in Mizoram?
- c) If so, what are the initiatives taken to that effect?

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

Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are –

- a) It is the idea of the ministry of Food Processing Industries to establish Food Processing Department in every state. So, this matter is under consideration.
- b) Yes, there is a plan to establish a Food Processing Department.

- c) Taking the financial status and condition of our state into consideration, we are examining this issue with care.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question from Pu Lalthansanga, Pu P.P Thawla and Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I supposed the hon'ble minister, in pursuance of their election manifesto No.21 is taking the steps for setting up of Food Processing department in various constituencies. In this regard, I opine that in order to preserve the harvested crops and fruits, it is first necessary to set up appropriate Food Processing Policy with a separate department. So, I request the government to take initiatives and expedite the works.

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

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, my questions are for concerned minister of Industries Department - What progress has been made so far to resolve the crisis faced by MIFCO staff? Secondly, during the General Election of 1998, MIFCO had installed machinery at Phura which was not operative. For what purpose the damaged machinery was installed?

S P E A K E R : Next Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Governor's Speech in the Budget Session last year stated that a mega food-park will be established with funds which has already been allotted. On the other hand, it is regretted that most of our public undertakings become sick units. What does the government plan to do in this regard? Will not it be better if such Public Undertakings are privatized gradually and also organize a study team for our

Public Undertakings? Otherwise, it may bring negative consequences for the future of our state.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister Pu S. Hiato to give the answer.

Pu S. HIATO MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Central government issued notification for setting up of Food Processing Unit in Mizoram and if not possible, at least a separate Directorate may be established. The hon'ble Chief Minister had even approached the Central government as we have been assured to receive financial sanction of more than ₹.60 crore. However, the sanction was diverted to other states as no fund is received during this year. The Director of MIFCO made an appeal to the hon'ble Chief Minister to establish at least a separate Directorate as the matter is now under consideration.

Pu Speaker, regarding PSU, we have ZIDCO, ZOHANDCO and MIFCO. They are established under Company Act and authorized capitals are given by the central government with matching share to be contributed by the state government. ZIDCO was established in 1978 with authorized capital of 15 crore rupees and now the capital had been cleared. ZOHANDCO was established in 1988 with the authorized capital of 10 crore rupees out of which ₹9.75 crore had been repaid and the remaining ₹24.65 lakh has also been released this year. MIFCO was established in 1989 with an authorized capital of ₹20 crore and this has also been cleared. At least the share capital of ₹50 crore is planned to be submitted this year. For information of the House, expenditure for the salary of staff of ZIDCO for the year 2009 -2010 amounting to ₹19.61 crore, ZOHANCO – ₹7.37 crore and MIFCO – ₹18.33 crore. As larger portion of fund is utilized for salary of staff, no fund remains at present. So, the government determines to apply structural adjustment loan from Asian Development Bank. But the process could not be expedited as the committee has to be set up first under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary whereas Principal Secretary of GAD as Member Secretary, Commissioner/Secretary of Finance, Commissioner/Secretary of Industry, Secretary of State Planning Board and Principal Secretary of State Planning Board as its members. As mentioned earlier, their monthly income revenue is not in proportion to expenditure for the salary of the employees. I, therefore appeal to the House to kindly consider this issue.

Regarding Pu Thawla's question, I too have seen the machine but I am not sure where the machine is installed or how it is utilized. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, obviously the appointed members are busy enough with their respective charges. So, will it be better to appoint this from our legislators or professors to save more time and money?

S P E A K E R : The minister may answer to that.

Pu S. HIATO
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is indeed a very good suggestion and appointing new members will be taken into consideration if the need arise. The members are assigned in such a way that they could use their knowledge and talent for immediate reform.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No.47 to be asked by Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, Pu B.Lalthlengliana could not attend today's session due to his health condition. So, he authorized me to ask his question with your permission. The questions are as follows –

- a) The road between Zemabawk to Bung Bangla has always been in a very bad condition. Will this always be unattended?
- b) The land just beyond Company Peng has been sliding for a long time. Will this always be unattended?

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister who also is Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is 'No'. Pu Speaker, the road between Zemabawk and Bung Bangla is an ongoing plan for re-structuring/re-surfacing and ₹812.95

lakh has already been sanctioned for the purpose. The case of land slide at Hunhar veng has already been explained. Do I need to explain it again? Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the road of Thenzawl to Buarpui is in a dreadful condition and I think it has been placed for re-structuring under Asian Development Bank. If so, how far is the work in progress? And the connection road from Lunglei - Buarpui too is blocked. Can this be solved at the earliest since any kind of vehicle cannot pass through it? And the road of Serkhan - Bagha too is very poor. Can this be included in work scheduled for re-structuring?

S P E A K E R : The minister of PWD may answer the question.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding Hunthar veng, I supposed we have already explained with the name of contractor to whom the work is allotted. But most of our re-structuring works cannot be started right now due to heavy monsoon. For re-structuring of Thenzawl-Buarpui road, an amount of ₹14,53,9,000 had been loaned from the ADB, which will also to cover blacktopping, pavement soldering and renovation of hillside. This will also involve acquisition of land which is expected to improve the progress of work.

We are trying our best to expedite implementation of re-structuring of different highways in different areas. I want my fellow members to know that tender for these works were applied by those who do not even know where Mizoram is situated. So, we have sent a complaint in this regard and it may also be necessary to approach the Prime Minister and UPA Chairperson.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. The hon'ble Chief Minister has a statement for the people of Mizoram and he is be permitted as per rules, section 60.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker for your
CHIEF MINISTER permission.

Before I make a statement about Mamit, I want to inform my fellow members that visits from Ambassador and High Commissioners from ASEAN had been cancelled since they cannot land at the airport. So, the visit will be rescheduled for the month of November or October.

We have seen in the news that disaster occurred in Mamit and 61 houses were dismantled. Our leaders tried their best to support them as DC Mamit arranged an amount of ₹20 lakhs for compensation and ₹35,000/- for the victims. Pu Speaker, if you give us the permission, the concerned minister of Disaster Management, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte Parliamentary Secretary and Pu R.L. Pianmawia Deputy Chief Whip may visit the site to give interim relief fund and then come back tomorrow to attend the President's reception. That is all I can say regarding the disaster at Mamit.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister, Parliamentary Secretary and Deputy Chief Whip may leave the session after the question hour. We will now move on to the next business.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I want to raise a Point of Order. To discuss our supplementary demands, we may need time and the governing ministry may also want to highlight the progress they have made. Why do we have to take another bill on the same day when the supplementary demands are discussed? If needed, we should just extend our session.

S P E A K E R : We scheduled on the same day as most of the Bills we have to discuss are relating to our Supplementary Demands. So, it does not need much time.

We will now move on to the next business, i.e. Laying of Paper. Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, the hon'ble minister may lay the following Papers –

- a) The Mizoram Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2010.
- b) The Mizoram State Commission for Women (First Amendment) Rules, 2010.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA : With your permission Pu Speaker,
MINISTER I lay on the table of the House.

- a) The Mizoram Prohibition of Child Marriage Rules, 2010.
- b) The Mizoram State Commission for Women (First Amendment) Rules 2010.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. Now, the hon'ble Chief Minister, also the Finance Minister may submit the Supplementary Demand for the year 2010-2011 and Supplementary Demand for Grants of Excess Expenditure for the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, on the recommendation
CHIEF MINISTER of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move Demand Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for ₹568,44,69,000/- for meeting expenses during 2010-2011 in respect of the following departments. We all have the copy, so do I need to read them out?

Pu Speaker, on the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission Sir, I move Demand Nos. 2, 4, 12, 16, 22, 33, 36, 38 and 39 for ₹44,13,5,000/- only for regularization of Excess Expenditure during 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 in respect of the following departments: -

For 2004-2005: -

Governor	-	₹4000 lakhs
Rural Department	-	₹72.41 lakhs
Power & Electricity	-	₹1, 196, 57,000/-
Total	-	₹12, 69, 2,000/-

For 2005-2006: -

Law & Judicial Department	-	₹13.52 lakhs
Parliamentary Affairs Department	-	₹1.13 lakhs
Home Department	-	₹39.17 lakhs
Soil & Water Conservative Department	-	₹1.07 lakhs

For 2006-2007: -

Law & Judicial Department	-	₹3.60 lakhs
Rural Department	-	₹2335.29 lakhs.

For 2007-2008: -

Soil & Water Conservative Department	-	₹150.90 lakhs,
Environment & Forest Department	-	₹1,52,13000.00/-
Rural Development	-	₹4,47,22,000.00/-

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister, also the Finance minister has moved his demands for various demands. We will now discuss the demands and each member will have 10 minutes. Pu H.Liansailova may have his time.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The main topic of this budget session is NLUP. Firstly, it is the result of the hard work of the hon'ble Chief Minister. It is also because of the earnest efforts given by Chairman of NLUP Implementing Board, Pu Selthuama, Vice Chairman and their colleagues. The detailed project reports have to go through a thorough examination by the Central Planning Commission and different ministries of Central government. The concept of NLUP is accepted and recommended by various ministries in the central.

It is to be noted that a separate sanction order is not required for a big project like this one as it is incorporated with the plan budget and the meeting minute copy is in the hands of the state government and the Central Planning Commissioner. Likewise, when the cabinet approves our DPR, the minute is forwarded to authorities where as an amount of ₹2800 crores was sanctioned for 5 years for the project. As the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned earlier, an amount of ₹234.82 crores is sanctioned for plan fund from ACA grant which, after discussion will be passed by the House.

The state government follows the system known as Model Scheme or Model Project to ensure success of different trades under NLUP. In regard to selection of beneficiaries, the list is scrutinized and only those who are eligible were selected. As per survey, the number of eligible families are more than ₹1.5 lakhs whereas according to DPR of NLUP, number of families to be covered within five years are ₹1.2 lakhs. Even so, we may be able to cover them within three years depending upon the tempo of our work.

Apart from the inbuilt monitoring we organized, the central government will also monitor the project at all times. The technical committee will again examine the project in detail and then it will become the final stage. I want to thank the chairman of the implementing board, Pu R. Selthuama and his team for their earnest efforts and the hon'ble Chief Minister for pursuing this project for development of the people. With that, I will conclude by saying that I am very

grateful for our Budget and hope that we will achieve our flagship program. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I am glad that we can have a discussion on our Supplementary Demands. I also agree to pass the excess expenditure of 2004 – 2005. I am also glad that we now have an additional grant of ₹568 crores. In the GSDP, Agriculture is only 14 % which indicates our negligence and the only option we have is to determine means to increase our GSDP. I think we should also try to concentrate on ‘Production by the Masses’ instead of ‘Mass production’. In my constituency, there is a model piggery village which was failed, but if this is embraced under NLUP, I think we have a good prospect. The same goes for production of Agarbati sticks and it is desirable if it is also taken up under NLUP. I believe it is a good idea to promote production by the masses. I also request the government to provide fertilizers to the farmers at a subsidized rate since we have failed in organic farming.

Regarding employees who are temporarily recruited at the rate of ₹2000 - ₹3000 per month, I opine their pay is very low. Is there a way to increase their pay or employ them on muster roll basis?

Pu Speaker, it will also be grateful if information regarding establishment of Medical College in our state is given. As of lapse of fund, I think it will be appropriate if the minister in charge is given more authority. Finance department should keep up checking of day to day expense of each department. When sanction proposals are made, concerned department should be informed where the proposal stays, like Planning, Finance or Treasury Department. The Ministers should also keep in check on the course of the file in order to prevent another lapse from our funds.

I think we have about ₹200 crores of Contingency Fund during last year and if we could utilize it for contribution of our state’s matching share of 10%, we may be able to make an immense progress with the funds. I will conclude my speech by stating that we will surely have a great progress within five years if we work earnestly. Thank you.

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

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to say that head of different departments and secretaries should attend our session regularly and that they should read the proceedings carefully in order to take proper actions. Secondly, I am very grateful that the comprehensive and Integral Social Economic Development Project under the NLUP, Government of Mizoram within the Ceiling of ₹2873.13 crores is approved. This project will provide a sustainable source of income for the beneficiaries. Pu Speaker, considering the initiatives taken by the former government to elevate underprivileged, we are blessed that our Chief Minister finds a strategy. Thank you.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Glancing at our supplementary budget and the funds that we need for medical re-imburement, I suggest that we should give more attention to our health conditions. Regarding NLUP, I suggest that public undertakings as discussed earlier should also be included under proper monitoring and guidance by the government. We should also give more efforts to promote ZOHANDCO and MIFCO products.

Next, Pu Speaker, the condition of our highways is dreadful. A few days back, experts from All India Oil Corporation came for inspection and remarked that the condition as so terrible that it may be hard to find labors for maintenance purpose. So, I think we should give more attention to this matter knowing that it will serve a good purpose for our economic development and also for improvement of the problem of inflation. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu P.C Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, going through our MINISTER Demand for Grants 2010 – 2011, I am glad that out of ₹568 crore, an amount of ₹234 crore is allotted for the farmers. For this, I am grateful to the hon'ble House Leader for his policies of uplifting the underprivileged. This flagship program will certainly be a great aid for the economic development of our state. Pu Speaker, regarding delegation of financial powers to the Secretaries and Directors of different departments, I think it is wise to practice the method but under strict monitoring and vigilance of the concerned minister as it will help in the rapid development of our program and policies. I will

conclude by saying that I am grateful for the active participation of my fellow members as I give my full support to this Supplementary Demands. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Morning session is over and we will resume our discussion at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

S P E A K E R : We will continue our discussion of Supplementary Demand for the year 2010 – 2011 and each member will have 10 minutes. Pu C. Ramhluna may have his time.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Glancing at our Supplementary Demands, I want to congratulate our ministry for being able to put ₹27.6 crore for medical reimbursement. Apart from these, an amount of ₹234 crore is allocated for implementation of our flagship program. It is truly appreciative as about 600 nos. of families from each constituency could receive ₹1 lakh each. I am grateful to the ministry for being able to provide a sustainable income for the underprivileged.

Pu Speaker, regarding lapse of fund which was also discussed in 2010-2011 budget session, the hon'ble House Leader stated that the lapse will be revalidated in consultation with some experts. Now, the actual amount of revalidated fund is only ₹12.91 crore. What about the rest which was meant to be revalidated?

Pu Speaker, another important issue is our shortage of oil, gas, sugar and rice. Though we are experiencing scarcity of the said commodities, we do not see any provision allotted for it. Likewise, the Health Care Scheme has not been implemented till today despite assurance of the government to be started from 1st September. As of the matter of Fisheries Department, I suggest that proper vigilance should be made regarding supply of fish seeds. While one oxygen pack is supposed to contain 500 fingerlings, some packs contain 280 – 300 Nos. only. Another problem is when fingerling is supplied, some were dead and dried up which indicates corruption prevails in the process of supply of fish seeds. I suggest the Director of the concerned department should be more cautious in the process.

Lastly, departments such as Horticulture and Soil & Water Conservations, after condoning one year, the post of the director are occupied. Why the same procedure is not applied in Fisheries Department? I request the concerned minister to consider the case. Thank you.

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

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Going through our Supplementary Demand for Grants, wrong booking, double booking and miss – booking there are many in the former ministry. I think our officials should be more cautious in this regard.

I am also glad that sufficient amount of funds is allotted for medical reimbursement. Departments such as Home, School Education, Higher Education, Public Works Department and Health & Family Welfare, Power & Electricity, GAD, Finance, Agriculture & Transport have submitted a certain amount of medical reimbursement except for Rural Development and PAD. It is appreciated as ₹652.39 lakhs is allotted for government employees and the people as it will provide the underprivileged, a sustainable income through our flagship program.

Pu Speaker, another important point is, during our sessions our officials usually leave the House after question hour. I am not saying that this should be strictly prohibited but they are unaware of the ongoing discussion and hence they cannot pursue the ‘must do’s’ within the stipulated period. So, in order to avoid this kind of incident, I think it is best that they should keep their eyes and ears open all the times during the session. Overall, our demands for grant are very satisfying and I support it. Thank you.

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

Pu R.SELTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that we could place ₹234.82 crore for NLUP purpose for one year. Especially rural people are anxious to receive the funds. The government made appropriate project and plans for implementation of the programme whereas on the other hand, it is the duty of each member to encourage the people in our respective constituency to assure success of NLUP as it will further serve as an overall development of our state. We must also inform our people that the fund will be distributed on installment basis to maximize the success. The hon’ble Chief Minister has also given his very best to convince the Prime Minister and the

Planning Commission to acquire this provision for our flagship program with beneficiaries to be multiplied each year. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, if all the departments pursue the requirement which had already been assured by the minister, it will surely expedite the progress of work. I am also glad that construction of R.A. Lorrain Market Centre at Saiha is included in our Demands for Grants.

Pu Speaker, as Saiha is the remotest area in Mizoram, development of the area depends partly or wholly on heads of department who are posted there. So, I request concerned authority to post only officers originated from this area, if available, as head of department within Saiha district as they have sense of belonging for the area so that maximum progress is achieved for the district.

One major problem we have is Kawlchaw Bridge which serves as the main route of transportation needs renovation. I request concerned authority to consider repairing at the earliest. I also request our hon'ble House Leader to press BRTF so that their tempo of construction roads in our area is expedited.

On Demand No. 47, I am glad that the concerned minister of Minor Irrigation visited my constituency whereas allotment amount of ₹455 lakhs for major works under Minor Irrigation is truly appreciated. Near Phura, there is Vathlo River which during monsoon, causes an immense problem as it destroys many paddy fields. So, I request the hon'ble minister to provide funds for construction of proper drainage system to prevent further damage in the area.

Pu Speaker, regarding Higher & Technical Education, I express my gratitude on the progress they make and at the same time, I believe the amount of the scholarship received by our students should be increased considering the price of their books and the competition they are facing in today's world.

Pu Speaker, under Mara Autonomous District Council, an amount of ₹50 lakhs was sanctioned for procurement of fish seeds. I do not believe such amount of fish seeds are needed in my area. I request concerned authority to look into the matter carefully so as to prevent misuse of fund which may prevail in the process of supplying fish seeds.

Under Demand No. 39, there is a construction of 33 KV transmission line (tower type) between Lawngtlai and Saiha as highlighted in our Demand. I appeal to the House that the post of this tower should not be shifted as it is the most appropriate point for the area. I will conclude by saying that I support the Demand for Grants and hope the House will pass it unanimously. Thank you.

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUIA : Thank you Pu Speaker. It is a great privilege for me to be present here in our session. I express my gratitude to the hon'ble House Leader for placing a large amount for the underprivileged and farmers. NLUP is an instrument for bringing about social and economic changes in our state and I am truly grateful to our party leaders for proposing such strategy. I think it is also a must for all the members to encourage the people of our respective constituency for the success of the scheme. I will conclude by expressing my support to our Supplementary Demand for Grants and hope that my fellow members too give their support. Thank you.

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

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our Supplementary Demand for Grants will affect thousands and thousands of people and I am glad we could discuss this kind of demand that concerns poverty alleviation. The hon'ble House Leader is of the opinion that the only way to relieve poverty is implementation of NLUP. It is obvious that this flagship programme of ours will be the foundation to provide a sustainable income for farmers and the underprivileged. Plans are also made for construction of four lanes National Highway 54 and hydel projects at different areas, Tuirial will generate 60 mega watts power, Kolodyne Hydel project (460 mega watts), Lungrang Hydel Project (815 mega watts), Chhimtuipui Hydel Project (635 mega watts) and Mat project (76 mega watts) . There is also other infrastructure which is assigned by the government. So, I will conclude by expressing my support to our Supplementary Demands. Thank you.

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

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have had a Budget Session in the month of March this year and we all regretted for lapse of fund we had. It seems that we are able to redeem only ₹8 crores out of the total amount of ₹710 crore and ₹51 lakh. Basically this is because of inefficiency of our financial administration. Pu Speaker, I hope this kind of incident will not occur in the future. The Central government now watches each and every detail of our actions and I think we should be more cautious in this regard.

Pu Speaker, on the matter of NLUP, we, the opposition also knows that the ministry is trying its best in taking up the project as we do not oppose this flagship programme any way. But the problem is, it takes too long for the beneficiaries to receive the provision. I think it is wise to disburse NLUP funds at the earliest as it may cause a hindrance for the economic stability of the beneficiaries.

Going through our budget, the government formulates great schemes but scarcity of rice and gas is intensive. We may feel content with our conclusion in the House, but considering the growing inflation, the people we serve are struggling to maintain their families as it becomes harder and harder. Apart from these, the abrupt discontinuation of Health Care Scheme is not a very wise move for the government. Did the government tried to change the decision and continue with the scheme as many lives will be saved? I also request the hon'ble Chief Minister to take emergency action regarding road blockade near Serkhan as rally will be organized from 24 to 26 this month. Pu Speaker, the government has announced implementation of Sixth Pay and I think it is necessary to deal with this matter cautiously. Apart from this, it is also important for the government to carefully determine the basic pay of Constable and Havildar which has not been fixed appropriately. Likewise, there are many problems prevailing under PHE, PWD & P&E which may be resolved immediately.

Regarding Saitluk Airport of Lunglei, we all have supported the resolution but after barely a couple of weeks, we have learnt that the resolution could not be pursued. This indicates our lack of respect of the decision of this august House. Lastly, an important question came up this morning regarding Co-Operation department. The department which is supposed to be a revenue earning department does not make any profit. The same goes for departments such as Tourism and Transport which are supposed to earn resourceful income for our state. So, in this light, I will conclude by saying that we have to put more efforts to build a better future for ourselves. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to wind up the discussion and also to beg leave of the House to pass the Demand.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, most of the members, even from the opposition party expressed their gratitude for the demand we are discussing. I must say that the overall discussion of this session is very pleasing and I will try my best to wind up the discussion in brief.

Among all the important points highlighted by Pu Lalduhoma, the idea of 'Production by the Masses' is very important as the main objective of NLUP is production of the masses with an objective to increase the state gross

product. I am also grateful that the members of the House welcome this flagship programme and we will try to operate this scheme with care to ensure success. As the plan read out by our hon'ble minister Pu H.Liansailova this morning, each beneficiary too have to be set up mentally prepared as we are trying to support them by organizing a joint conference with AMFU. Officers in-charge from different lines in various departments are trained solely for this purpose. We further conducted trainings and awareness with NGOs and religious leaders which compels us to delay in disbursing the funds.

NLUP is sanctioned by the Cabinet Committee on Public Affairs and concerned officials whereas funds sanctioned amounts to ₹2873.13 crore. There are 8 different departments which are embraced by this flagship program.

As mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma earlier, the Health Minister and his department are now taking initiatives to set up favorable learning institution for MBBS. We assume that the main college may be constructed at Falkawn whereas staff quarters may set up in the vicinity or in the neighboring village.

We all are regretted for the lapse of fund but so far, ₹22.87 crore out of the total lapse of ₹70.50 crore has already been revalidated whereas only ₹47.65 crore remains. Since plan funds are for the state government, I supposed it will not be difficult to revalidate the remaining.

Regarding scarcity of LPG, it may be noted that the government does not interfere in dealing with this problem but what can be done is to approach IOC authority and the Central government to increase our quota. I believe irregularity of the supply is due to the problem of adulteration as in the supply of rice. Apart from these, weak condition of bridge at Bairabi and poor condition of road is said to be one of the factors. To pacify our situation, our leaders concluded that allotment of VIP quota or special permit should be stopped.

Regarding manufacture of Agarbati and broom sticks, they are all included in the trade and steps have been taken to acquire fertilizers on subsidized rate. Regarding improvement of various departments, the government applied the policy of seniority cum efficiency to ensure efficiency so that promotion of employee may not be processed without following the rules and regulations.

As stated by the hon'ble minister, the southern part of Mizoram could be improved as Rice Bowl of Mizoram and I too am positive that we could produce at least 1/3 of our demand for rice from this region. Hence, priority has been given to this issue. Regarding Saitluk Airport, our engineers, after examining concluded that the site is not suitable and so we are now looking for an alternative site. Regarding PMGSY, RD Ministry cannot provide funds so the central government is trying to resolve the problem by the best strategy. Regarding Food Processing, the central government earmarked an amount of ₹.15 crore but we are unable to provide DPR as yet as we have been preparing for the coming year.

Pu Speaker, the overall discussion of our Supplementary Demand is quite pleasing as most of the members, even the opposition party express their appreciation. So, I too would like to thank all the members for their interest and support to NLUP. I also request all the beneficiaries to work diligently with their respective trades for the success of NLUP.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of the Governor of Mizoram, I move the House to pass my Demand Nos. – 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for ₹586,44,69,000/- only for meeting expenses during 2010 – 2011 in respect of the following department mentioned before. With your permission and the permission of the Governor of Mizoram, I appeal the hon'ble House to pass Demand No – 2, 4, 12, 16, 33, 36 and 39 for ₹44,13,5,000/- for excess expenditure during 2004 – 2005, 2005 – 2006, 2006 – 2007, 2007 – 2008 in respect of the following departments, Rural Development, Power & Electricity, Law & Judicial, Parliamentary, Home, Soil & Water Conservation, Environment & Forest. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister after winding up the discussion moved the House to pass the Bill. Now, first portion of the Demand, Demand Nos.: -1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for ₹586,44,69,000 /-. All in favour to pass the Bill may say, 'Aye' the 'Ayes' have it. The House unanimously passed first portion of the Supplementary Demand Nos. – 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 for ₹586,44,69,000/-.

Now, we will move on to the Supplementary Demand for Grants of excess expenditure. The concerned minister moved the House to pass the demand for expenditure for the year 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007 and 2007-2008; for ₹44,13,5000/-. All in favour may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. Now the House unanimously passed the demand for expenditure for the year 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 for ₹44,13,5000/-.

We will now move on to another Legislative Business. The hon'ble Chief Minister may introduce to the House, 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2010'.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I introduce, 'The Mizoram

Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2010' to the House.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister moved the House to introduce the Bill for consideration. Does anyone oppose? If so, hon'ble minister may now introduce and move the Bill. Let the copy be distributed.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I introduce, 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2010' in the House and also move to pass the Bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Since we have discussed the Bill, it is not necessary to discuss again. So, all in favour to pass 'The Mizoram appropriation No.3 Bill 2010' may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it. Now 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 3 Bill, 2010' is passed by the House unanimously.

We will move on to the next business. The hon'ble minister Pu Lal Thanhawla will move the House to introduce, 'The Mizoram appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2010.'

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce to the House, 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2010.'

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief minister moved the House to introduce the Bill. Do we all agree? If so, the hon'ble Chief Minister may introduce and move the Bill to the House. Let the copy be distributed.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission, I introduce to the House, 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2010.'

S P E A K E R : We all know that the Appropriation Bill is essential as already been discussed. So, another discussion is needed. So, all in favour to pass 'The Mizoram appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2010' may say 'Aye'. The 'Ayes' have it. The House unanimously passed 'The Mizoram Appropriation No. 4 Bill, 2010.'

We will move on to the next business. The hon'ble Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to move the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010.'

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission Pu Speaker, I introduce to the House 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010'.

S P E A K E R : The Chief Minister moved the House to introduce the Bill. Do we all agree? If so, he may introduce and move the Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce to the House, 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010' for consideration.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister may explain his Bill.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we have discussed this before and my fellow members have also gone through the copy. But if there is any objection, we should give time for further discussion.

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, once we passed in our budget sessions we do not have another chance for detail discussion of the expenses but fortunately, the Central Government introduced Fiscal Responsibility and Management Act in 2006 in our state. We have tried our best to minimize our debt in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 but we failed. So, it is necessary to make Second Amendment during the year 2014-2015. Now, our debt is more than 75% from our GSDP and it is a must to achieve NLUP in order to minimize our debts.

I also request our hon'ble Finance Minister to explain to us the meaning of Accrual Accounting System which will be practiced very soon by our state. I will conclude by saying that I am glad as large amount of our debt will be written-off and also for the new strategy to decrease our debt in 2014-2015. Thank you.

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

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The former ministry, keeping in mind of the importance of this Bill, had passed after discussing the amendment in 2005. After the 13th Finance Commission is formed, the Bill had also been passed by other states in order to maintain fiscal transparency. After going through the Bill in detail, I think it will bring positive results and since it is an ongoing process which is in practice, I support to pass this Amendment Bill.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister, the hon'ble Chief Minister may now have his time.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, apart from valuable suggestions and opinions, we do not have much further to discuss. The Asset Register mentioned by Pu Lalduhoma is indeed very important and no doubt it will make it easier to trace account expenditures and money transactions of different departments. We may also try to lay

the Asset Register in the Assembly even before we practice the system of Accrual Accounting. I also thank the hon'ble members for their thought and valuable suggestions. With a view to achieve better standard, Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House, 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010' for passing.

S P E A K E R : The concerned minister moved the House to pass the Bill. All in favour to pass 'The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010' may say 'Aye,' and those who oppose may say 'No.'

S P E A K E R : We all seem to agree. Now, " The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (Second Amendment) Bill, 2010' is unanimously passed by the House.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I thank you and this august House for considering all the Bills with sense of responsibility and also for passing the Bill.

S P E A K E R : As the hon'ble members mentioned earlier, I want to remind all the hon'ble ministers to make sure that officials of their concerned departments should witness the assembly session to obtain more efficiency in dealing with the works of their respective departments.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : I will inform the Chief Secretary to make sure that department heads or their representative witnessed the session as to note down important points very carefully. We also have to know that our officials also watch the session from televisions in their office to note down important points stated by the hon'ble members.

S P E A K E R : We now have finished our business. It is to be noted by the members that there will be no sitting on the 23rd and 24th due to the President's visit. As the 25th and 26th is Saturday and Sunday, our meeting will be resumed on Monday, the 27th Sept. 2010 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.
4: 45 P.M