

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FOURTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2010  
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)**

**QUESTIONS**

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

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

2. \* Resolution.

**S P E A K E R** : For the joy of the Lord is your strength.  
Nehemia 8:18

We will take up Starred Question No.61. Let us call Pu K.Liantlinga to ask the question.

**Pu K. LIANTLINGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Local Administration department be pleased to state –

- (a) What is the rate for renting ITI Picnic spot per day? What is the timing?

**S P E A K E R** : To answer the questions, let us call Pu P.C.Lalthanliana, minister.

**Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA  
MINISTER** : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is –

- (a) For persons below 20 the rate is ₹.400.

- (b) For persons between 21-50 the rate is ₹.600.
- (c) For persons above 50, ₹.800. The rent period is from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to ask if there are life guards and swimming instructors and the strength of staff. If not, I would like to know if proposal could be made to fulfill the above requirements for the picnic spot.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question, let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is, there are M.R. staff who look after the picnic spot. The department is taking necessary safety measure like providing life-jacket and awareness rules & regulations for swimming. It is an on-going proposal of the department to upgrade safety measures of the picnic spot.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.62 let us call Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister UD & PA deptt. be pleased to state –

- (a) How much fund is allocated for Economically Weaker Sections Housing Project during this financial year?
- (b) The number of beneficiaries covered? What is the criteria for the selection of beneficiaries?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call hon'ble minister Pu Zodintluanga.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member from Aizawl West are –

It is basic service to the urban poor. It is divided into cluster. We have received ₹2002.80 sanction from central government. Then, we have Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme. Under this scheme we have received ₹1489.18 sanction. The total amount of fund during the financial year with the state matching share is - ₹3269.14 lakhs. The total amount implemented during the year 2010-2011 for EWS Housing Project is ₹263.12 lakhs.

- (a) As for beneficiaries covered for BSWP Project, selection is yet to be completed. As for IHSDP project 1950 beneficiaries have been selected out of which the construction of house for 130 families have been completed.
- (b) Under EWS Housing project, each District is headed by Deputy Commissioner in the selection committee.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the selection of beneficiaries is based on constituency wise or block wise? What is the opinion of the government of this scheme to house BPL families under one huge building? Do the government keep in mind the out come of social structure and its effects on politics and election? Do the government intend to carry on with the project?

Pu JOSEPH LALHIMPUA : Pu Speaker, from the information I have under EWS and IHSDP Housing scheme central government has sanctioned fund for 500 families in Lunglei district. I would like to ask if the fund would be implement accordingly?

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Who is the contractor of Lawipu division, I am not sure of the scheme. It has been reported that the construction work is unable to continue due to lack of fund, is it true?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, basic service to the urban  
MINISTER poor is for the capital state. The construction of the building is yet to be completed. Thus, the beneficiaries have not been selected. The said scheme will be implemented in Durtlang and Rangvamual. As for the answer to the hon'ble member Pu Lalhimpuia's question, there was a proposal to allot 300 families from Lunglei and 200 families from other state apart from 500 families sanctioned for Lunglei. However, for the information of the House all 500 families will be allotted in Lunglei district.

As for Lawipu and Chite contractor, the government signed memorandum of understanding with Hindustan Prefab Ltd. However, the government is not aware of who the sub-contractor is. Warning has been given to the company in regard of payment we are waiting for the reply from the company.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, the scheme has been started  
CHIEF MINISTER from the previous ministry. We are against the idea of housing BPL families under one roof.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.63. Let us now call Pu C.Ramhluna to ask the question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister  
Higher & Technical Education department be pleased to state –

- (a) Whether over seas scholarship is state or central scheme?

- (b) If state scheme, how much is the budget allotment for the year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- (c) If central scheme, under which ministry?
- (d) The total fund received during 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- (e) What is the criteria of selection, what are their names and course of study?
- (f) The total fund allotted to each person during the year 2009-2010.
- (g) Who is the over seas scholarship sanctioning authority.

S P E A K E R : To answer the questions let us call the hon'ble minister Pu Lalsawta.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, answers to the hon'ble member Pu C.Ramhluna is –

- (a) Overseas scholarship is state scheme.
- (b) As it is state scheme, there is a budget token provision of ₹2000 each for the year 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- (c) Since it is state scheme no fund has been received from central government.
- (d) The beneficiaries of overseas scholarship is selected per overseas scholarship rule 2009. 20 persons have been selected, they are as follows –
  - (1) Vanrosanga, Tasmac London, B.A.(Hons.) in Business Administration - ₹3,97,120/-.
  - (2) Lalrinfela, Tasmac London, MBA - ₹5,92,875/-
  - (3) Lalmalsawmi Renthlei, Liandrillo, Wales UK – B.A.(Hons.) Mgt of Travel & Tourism - ₹3,31,840/-.
  - (4) Betty Bawitlung, Liandrillo Wales UK, B.A.(Hons.) Mgt of Travel & Tourism - ₹3,31,840/-.
  - (5) Gloria Vanlalhumi, E-Thames Grad School, UK., B.Sc.(Hons.) International Tourism & Hospitality Management - ₹4,18,500/-
  - (6) Lalfakawma Renthlei, Anglia Ruskin University UK., B.A.(Hons.) in music - ₹5,25,000/-.
  - (7) Lalrinkima, J.C.U. Australia MBA - ₹7,47,150/-.
  - (8) Lalrinkimi Sailo, MIBT/Australia, Diploma in Computing - ₹4,49,640/-.
  - (9) Gabriel Ralte, University of D.C./U.S.A., B.Sc. Registered Nursing - ₹3,65,568/-.

- (10) Hrangkima Hmar, Middlesex University U.K., B.A.(Hons.) in Business Management - ₹5,54,000/-.
- (11) Jeremy L.Bawitlung, Homesglen, Australia Diploma in Graphic Design - ₹4,14,885/-.
- (12) Priskil L.Khiangte, Judson College, IL, USA MBBS, - ₹5,06,520/-
- (13) Lalawmpuii Hmar, E.Thames Grad School United Kingdom B.Sc.(Hons.) International Tourism and Hospitality Management - ₹4,18,500/-.
- (14) Lalmuanpuii Pachuau, Tasmac London, Master of Business Administration.
- (15) Lalchhanchhuaha, Eleazer Academic Network, Singapore Diploma in Hospitality - ₹1,65,720/-.
- (16) Lalnunmawii Renthlei, Eleazer Academic Network, Singapore, Diploma in Hospitality Management - ₹1,65,720/-.
- (17) Zothanfela Pachuau, Crimean State Medical University, Crimea State MBBS - ₹1,69,280/-.
- (18) Lalhmuchhuaka, State Medical University, Zaporshzhya, Ukraine MBBS - ₹1,69,280/-.
- (19) Nancy Lalthakimi Sailo, Zaporshzhya, Ukraine MBBS - ₹1,69,280/-.
- (20) Velda Lalremruati Airawn, Ustinov College United Kingdom, Ph.D (English Literature) - ₹3,06,700/-.
- (e) Secretary to Government of Mizoram, Higher & Technical Education Department is the sanctioning authority.

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

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : I am grateful that the minister gave assuring answer, however, I would suggest that the system or the criteria of allotting the scholarship should be dealt carefully. I would like to ask if Transaction of Business Rules, 1987 has been amended? And if the scholarship is given from post matric scholarship. If so, is it against the rules? I would further like to ask if allotment of fund could be made from plan fund.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the hon'ble minister.

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I will try and give answers to hon'ble member's question but I may not be able to give specific answer. Pu Speaker, since education is con-current list, it is a joint project with central government. The scheme is carried out for the welfare of the students without ratifying the rules.

S P E A K E R : Now let us call Pu K.Liantlinga to ask Starred Question No.64.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Art & Culture deptt. be pleased to state –

Whether the central government will sponsor the fund of Mizo cultural troop for Common Wealth games.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's question is –

Central government will not sponsor Mizo cultural troop.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

- (a) What will be the total expenditure
- (b) What is the criteria for the selection and the amount of T.A./D.A.?

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

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : From state plan they are given ₹150/- to and fro. ₹200/- during their stay at Delhi. The total expenditure ₹15.50 lakhs. The selection board comprises Secretary of Art & Culture as Chairman, Deputy Secretary as Member secretary, and members are Joint Director, Deputy Directors and instructor. The criterion for selection for selection is for female they should be 5-3 inch. Male – 5.4 inch.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : There are various grants that can be obtained under central Art & Culture department. I would like to ask if the government have helped in acquiring this grant.

S P E A K E R : To answer the question, let us call the minister.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I am not prepared with the list of firms & society, I will give the answer during this session.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.65. Let us call Pu R.L.Pianmawia to ask the question.

Pu R.L. Pianmawia : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Minor Irrigation be pleased to state –

- (a) When was Dil lui project executed?
- (b) What is cost of the project?
- (c) Will the project be continued?
- (d) Who is the contractor of the project?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call Pu H.Liansailova.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member is –

- (a) Dil lui project have started from 2006-2007.
- (b) The cost of the project is ₹83,77,000/-
- (c) The project is completed therefore there is no intention of continuing the project.
- (d) It is departmental work.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary question.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, before completion of the project the bill was given in full it seems. Is this true?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call the minister.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the project was completed before my tenure. There is nothing much I can say about the project.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.66 let us call Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister be pleased to state –

- (a) Have Mizoram government purchase INSAS Rifle? If so, the number of purchase.
- (b) And if full have been given when did Mizoram government receive the rifle?

S P E A K E R : To answer the question let us call Pu R.Lalzirliana.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member's question is –

- (a) Mizoram government have purchased 1280 INSAS Rifles. The cost price is ₹28,352/- and full payment is given. The Rifles are purchased with the permission of ministry of Home Affairs from Rifle Factory Ishapore, West Bengal. The rifles were received by Mizoram government on 2.7.2010. Thank you.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, when was full payment given and how long did it take to reach Mizoram.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA The MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I cannot give the exact date of order. Rifles are made in the factory only after order is placed.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.67 let us call Pu P.P.Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Home department be pleased to state –

- (a) The number of village needed to evacuate due to construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing.
- (b) Names of the villages.
- (c) If there is any policy of the government to reform these villages.
- (d) If not, what is the reason?

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

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER member's question is –

There are 45 villages. The government of Mizoram have approached central government to solve the problem of these 45 villages. Pu Speaker, it is not state subject. We are waiting for the central government's reaction.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, what I would like to request is Coordination Commission and Fencing Construction Committee should take active action. Also, there should be a committee at Chief Minister level in regard to fencing construction to hear out grievances.

S P E A K E R : Let us call hon'ble House Leader.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, as of now I am not sure if it will be appropriate to constitute committee at Chief Minister level. Anyway we are taking every necessary step to solve the problem.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to give report of Mamit tragedy.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I will make it as short as possible. Due to earthquake on January and April, the crack started to occur. With heavy shower this monsoon the crack seems to get worse resulting to present situation. Geology and Mining department have been dispatched to check the condition but nothing much could be done. ₹35,000/- each as per CRF rules have been given to the damaged houses. 33 pucca buildings have been damaged 9, kacha buildings have been damaged and ₹10,000/- each have been given, 23 partially damaged houses are given ₹2,000/- each. Pu Speaker, ₹1,00,000/- have been given for search & reserved operation team. 250 silpauline is distributed. The total damaged houses are 65 houses. Further, gratuity relief of ₹20 for adult and ₹15 for children per day has also been given.

Under Economically Weaker Section Housing, proposal is on to construct 13 houses at Bazar veng. Pu Speaker, the government is taking every step to provide whatever fund is available. Hon'ble members who visited the site are Pu N.K.Chakma, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte, Pu R.L.Pianmawia, Dy.Chief Whip. Pu Speaker, Pu Lalrinnggheta is government employee who is not loyal to the government. The government has rules and regulations to deal with its employees; it shall be carried out accordingly. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Member absent Brig.T.Sailo and Deputy Speaker.

Today, we will discuss Private Members' Business since the day allotted for it was cancelled in deference to the visit of the President for the Convocation of the University. 13 resolutions have been submitted and according to rule 26, it was **balloted** on 22.9.2010 at 1:15pm. According to Bulletin Part-II No.III opened on 23.9.2010, the first resolution is from PuLalduhoma, "The Mizoram Government should **provide** fertilizer to farmers as before".

**Pu LALDUHOMA** : This resolution will hopefully be of great benefit to the Government's flagship programme. According to the Mizoram Economic Survey 2009-2010, 60% of the population i.e. those engaged in the Agriculture and Allied Services Sector, contribute only 14% towards the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

The need is to increase agricultural produce. This is most easily done with the help of fertilizers. However, the adoption of the Mizoram Organic Farming Act, 2004 has made it unpopular. In spite of the hype surrounding organic agricultural products, I have personally verified that obtaining an organic certificate is very easy and that it does not guarantee the authenticity of the produce. Also, the

introduction of select agents for the supply of fertilizers has made it scarce. Also, since it is not subsidized, it is beyond the reach of the farmer.

S P E A K E R : We now invite the Agriculture minister, Pu H.Liansailova to comment on the action planned or taken in this matter.

Pu H.LIANSAILOVA : Urea is available at a subsidized rate from licensed dealership firms with the Agriculture Director as the controlling authority.  
MINISTER

Due to a change in the policy of the central government, the fund for subsidising the fertilizer is now given to the manufacturing company so that fertilizers are available at a subsidized rate. To ensure proper utilization of allotment and supply of fertilizers, the government has appointed the Mizoram Agri-Vegetables and Fruit Federation (MAVF) as the approved stockist.

The visiting Parliamentary Committee from the central government was informed about the difficulty in claiming the allotment within 3-4 days from Guwahati as delivered by the Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. The committee was also informed of the request made to the supplier to supply the fertilizers upto Silchar or Bairabi Rail Head instead of Guwahati to solve the problem of transportation. The committee was also informed that if transport subsidy could be given for transportation of fertilizers to the districts, farmers could get it at a better price.

The licensed dealers will now be closely monitored by the Fertilizer Inspector. The government of India will, in the future, only release the supply of urea through actual requirement lease, the demand for which can be made only from the result of soil health testing. Therefore, we have established laboratories and 3 Soil Testing Vehicles – one for southern districts, one for Aizawl and Serchhip districts and one for Champhai district.

The resolution is in keeping with the action being taken by the ministry and the department.

S P E A K E R : I think the resolution was meant to make it more beneficial to the farmers than just ensuring the availability of fertilizers.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA  
MINISTER : Due to the policy of the central government, it is no longer possible to subsidize fertilizers as it has already been done at the manufacturing level. What can be done is to ensure its availability.

S P E A K E R : Did not you say it was only for urea.

Pu H. LIANSAILOVA  
MINISTER : DAP and MOP have been made control items. As such, we can only ensure that they are available at the approved rates. I think this is what was meant by the mover of the resolution.

This has also been made a component of the NLUP.

S P E A K E R : Will the mover of the resolution please clarify what he meant?

Pu LALDUHOMA : That is what I meant though it would be even better if the provisions made in NLUP were used to further subsidize the fertilizers.

S P E A K E R : The chair thought by “subsidy” you meant, as was practiced in the past.

Pu LALDUHOMA : It is both correct.

S P E A K E R : The matter is open for discussion by members, 5 minutes each. We first call Pu R.L.Pianmawia.

Pu R.L.PIANMAWIA : I support the resolution but suggest that instead of farmers, "loneitute" we use the term "kut hnathawktu", labourers to ensure more beneficiaries.

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

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : This topic is also dear to me. In the second session March, 2009 my Starred Question no.30(c) asked if the government was planning to restart the supply of subsidized fertilizers to farmers which was stopped in the previous ministry. The matter was discussed again in the 4<sup>th</sup> Session October, 2009. I propose that the use of fertilizers be reintroduced with vigor.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Although I support the resolution in principle, we have to consider that a Bill was passed in this very House that declared Mizoram an organic state. In keeping with this, fertilizers procured must be organic.

Also, subsidy provided must equally benefit farmers from all corners of the state. Why are organic farms not established in Mizoram? Provision for this can be made in the NLUP scheme. Price subsidy for animal feeds can also be provided for animal husbandry, fisheries etc.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : From the discussion, it seems that the policy of organic farming introduced by the previous ministry is to be replaced with fertilizers. However, the continued supply of fertilizers into the state shows that it was to be applied to some specific crops and not to all crops as misunderstood by many, including the farmers themselves who refrained from using fertilizers.

My opinion is that to increase the yield of crops, we have to make use of both organic and chemical fertilizers. It is unfortunate that provision was not made for subsidizing fertilizers from the ₹2700 crore sanction approved for NLUP. I further propose that provision for the subsidization of urea be made under NLUP to increase the current GSDP of 14%.

It has come to notice that in the production of compost for organic farming, favouritism among political parties is rampant with no achievement to show. Monitoring should be more stringent. Also, fresh approach must be given to other projects like WSCSC, development projects in shifting cultivation and in minor irrigation to wean farmers away from shifting cultivation.

Because I believe that this resolution means to increase the supply of chemical fertilizers reduced by the previous ministry, I support this resolution.

S P E A K E R : We call upon Pu Lalzirliana, Minister.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA : I would like to clarify that the term  
MINISTER “organic state” applied only to specific areas with specific produce to be exported to other countries. However, all the vegetables imported from Silchar are cultivated with chemical fertilizers which are still very much in use even in countries like Israel which exports their produce to European countries.

This resolution deserves to be passed as it will not only benefit the farmers at the grass-root level but also to strengthen NLUP.

S P E A K E R : There still are some members who wish to speak: Pu K. Liantlinga, Pu K.S.Thanga and Pu K.Lalrinthanga. We shall give 5 minutes to Pu K. Liantlinga.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Training centres were established at Thingdawl and Neihbawi wherein some farmers were given training. Also effort must be made to ensure proper distribution and control of fertilizers must be carried out in accordance with Fertilizer Control Order 1985. Then we will be able to increase our production so that the annual expenditure of ₹50 crores on import of vegetables may be diverted to the rural areas of Mizoram. Provision for transport subsidy must also be included for farmers of rural areas.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : NLUP aims to not only provide subsidies but to provide for free in programs under it.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : I would like to add one more point, that something must be done to stop the flow of money from the state on **Kuhva and pan hnah**.

S P E A K E R : BAC will meet during the break. The House is adjourned till 2:00pm.

**2:00pm**

S P E A K E R : We now call on Pu K.S.Thanga.

Pu K.S. THANGA : Seeing that the use of fertilizers is still popular even in developed countries and in other states in the country, I support the resolution.

S P E A K E R : We shall call on someone who will speak against the resolution after Pu K.Lalrinthanga and Pu C.Ramhluna.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : I feel that the term “farmer” (loneitu) is too broad and should be replaced by “cultivators”(thlai chingtute) and that the action taken by the government should be acknowledged. Thus, the resolution should read as follows, “The effort of the Mizoram Government in procuring fertilizers to cultivators is appreciated and should be carried on at a faster pace”.

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

- Pu P.P. THAWLA : I support the resolution even though care must be taken to prevent undue profit by suppliers thus becoming an instrument for corruption.
- S P E A K E R : We call on Pu C.Ramhluna and after him, the mover of the resolution to wind up and seek approval for it.
- Pu C. RAMHLUNA : From the discussion, it seems that the resolution sought for is being taken care of by the concerned department and hence may be left in its hands.
- S P E A K E R : Dr R. Lalthangliana and after him the mover of the resolution to wind up.
- Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : It must be realised that the agricultural process of the whole state cannot be converted into an organic one within a span of just two years. Also, since it is being taken up by the department, I propose that the matter be deferred and left to the department to carry out. Further, it would be better to leave the wording of the resolution unchanged.
- S P E A K E R : Now, mover of the resolution to wind up the discussion.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : I consider this as part of the “change” and the term “fertilizer” is to encompass all sorts of fertilizers, both organic and chemical. Further, the proposition for change in the term “farmers” to “cultivators” is welcome as it is more specific. Also, I assume that care will be taken to make it readily available even in remote areas. Further, it is imperative that we adopt the Fertilizer Control Act 1985. I also appreciate the plan to provide fertilizers for free under NLUP.

S P E A K E R : Rules 129, 130 etc. prevent amendment of the wording on the floor. Suggestions are to be submitted the day before in writing. Does anyone oppose passing of the resolution? Since there is no opposition, we now adopt the resolution, “The Mizoram Government should provide fertilizer to farmers as before”.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We now move on to the next resolution, “We appreciate the measures taken by the Government to improve sport facilities for the benefit of the youth” proposed by Lt.Col.Z.S.Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : The laying of artificial grass at Lammual, the sanction of ₹470 lakhs for the construction of viewing gallery and fencing in accordance with FIFA regulations as also the ongoing construction of an International Standard Sport Stadium at Mualpui and the ongoing construction of a Mini Sport Complex at Pitarte Tlang, ITI Veng for which ₹1305 lakhs has been sanctioned, all which indicates the concern of the government for the youth. Further, the Chief Minister has agreed to consider the establishment of an Indoor Sport Complex within my constituency at Mission Veng, Kawlthei Huan at the old site of the Revenue District office.

Various steps taken by the Government in promoting sports among the youths will surely have a positive effect towards them channelizing their energy and in instilling discipline. Introduction of new disciplines as well as the increase in participation is a result of the steps taken by the authorities.

S P E A K E R : 5 minutes each will be given to discuss the resolution. First, Pu K.Liantlinga and then Pu P.P.Thawla.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : The effort of the government is indeed to be lauded. I would like to add that District Sport Offices must be established in all district headquarters. A proper Operation Manual and Plan & Strategy must be made for the Catch Them Young Policy being undertaken. Provision must be made to provide TA/DA for tournaments being organized by the PYKKA. Further, steps must be taken to replace the State Sport Council with a Sport Authority of Mizoram with an increased number of staff as per post sanctioned.

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Considering the work that has been undertaken till date, I support the resolution.

Pu R. LALRINAWMA : Aid of ₹15 lakhs to various District Committes and a sum of ₹201 lakhs has already been provided to various associations of various disciplines. The Catch Them Young policy has introduced many new disciplines in which we have fared well even in the National level. The inclusion of Tug of War as a recognized sport is much appreciated. Besides, the ₹2,99,32,300 lakhs which has been distributed to sportsmen as incentives, there is visible development in infrastructure for sports as well. I, therefore, suggest that this resolution be passed unanimously.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : The steps taken by the government to date all cater to team sports. Not much has been done to further individual sports (wrestling, boxing etc.) in which our players fare better. To further promote sports, I suggest that the rent for utilization of sport facilities be reduced and that provisions be made from the fund provided by the Council. Also, measures must be made to allay the fears of parents so as to make sports an alluring career.

I am also making a request for the construction of a playing field along with a pavilion in my constituency.

Pu S. LALDINGLIANA : I have two points to illustrate the achievement of the department within these two years. First, the development of the Thenzawl Women Hockey Training Centre in association with SAI has resulted in 4 women being selected into the National Team. Also, two SAI extension training centres will be opened shortly at Lunglei and Aizawl Ramhlun Sports Complex. The children selected for training will be given education, provided with clothes and materials required for their training. The General Manager of SAI has agreed to make way for the establishment of the Aizawl centre as a Sub-Centre.

The ₹40 lakhs sanctioned for employment of coaches has been gainfully utilized in engaging coaches from Malaysia for badminton and a national coach by the Mizoram Rifles Association.

Further, language classes in English and Hindi are being held for the sports persons to help them overcome the communication barrier during training and tournaments.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : 1) Pu Speaker, the term “our government” should be “the Mizoram Government” since steps were also taken by the previous ministry in the development of sports. 2) Catch Them Young was introduced by the MNF ministry. 3) PYKKA was planned and introduced first by the MNF ministry in the country. 4) ₹34 crores was sanctioned by the MNF ministry for the State Sports Academy. 5) The Kolasib Football Academy was established by the MNF. 6) The Hockey Women’s Training Centre at Thenzawl was also established during their time. 7) Plans were made for the establishment of the SAI Area Games Centre at Lunglei. 8) The ₹120 crores project at AR Ground, for the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium included provisions for artificial grass, hotel and restaurant. 9) The previous ministry had established a Sports Council Bill. 10) Many national level players were trained during the previous term.

Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : The increased budget of ₹10413.13 lakhs set aside for sports is proof of the concern the present ministry has for the youths and sportsmen. The arrangement of spoken English and Hindi classes, the freedom to procure equipments from firms of their choice, the clearing of liabilities amounting to more than ₹.400 lakhs, the establishment of an NCC Bn. are all proof that the resolution deserves to be passed.

Pu LAL THANZARA : It is true that many steps were taken by the previous ministry, which were continued by the present one as also the clearing of liabilities amounting to more than ₹400 lakhs. In consideration of the suitability and interest of the youth in Cricket, a cricket stadium at Sihhmui is under construction for a sum of ₹1128.16 lakhs. Plans are also under way for a golf course at Thenzawl. As pointed out by Pu Lalthansanga, Lammual will be suitable mostly for football. However, it is suited that we have such a home ground for a state which has so many national football players. It must not be forgotten that provisions for other sports such as wrestling is being made at Pitarte tlang.

Pu LALDUHOMA : I applaud the concerned minister and the Finance Minister for having increased the sport budget to such an extent. My constituency has greatly benefitted from the progress made by the sport department, the cricket stadium at Sihhmui, the football field at Sairang Dinthar, both constructed on land donated by Pu Rotluanga and Pu Lalchungnunga respectively. The Luangmual Sporting Club is considered to be foremost in the state and has recently qualified to play at the national level in football. However, aid is needed to raise the fund required to participate. We ask the government's help in this matter.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : I would like to thank the minister and the Sports Council for the fund of ₹3,31,000/- for improvement of playground at Nalbunia. The fund from PYKKA has made tournaments possible in the remote areas. However, it should be possible for the fund of a little over one lakh to be given blocks-wise. The District Council is currently aiming to establish at least one international sized playground at every village, amounting to around ₹78 crores. I request the government and the Sports Council to recommend the plan for us at the centre. Importance should be given to awarding scholarships and incentives to sportsmen who are successful at the international level and the national level.

Pu R. SELTHUAMA : Recently, 654 medals have been brought home by participants in combat sports, 16 by teams, and 145 in various other disciplines. Besides this, there have been many achievements made in sports. Boys Academy was also established at Kawnpui. The 17 disciplines undertaken in the Catch Them Young Policy is sure to yield good

results. I request that consideration be made for popular games such as draught, which are not recognized internationally.

S P E A K E R : Pu Thangtea and after him Col. Z.S. Zuala to wind-up.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : I would like to point out that the foundation for many of the achievements mentioned were laid during the term of the previous ministry and so the term “our government” can be construed to include both the previous and the present ministries. Some of them are the introduction of Catch them Young policy in 2005, the concentration on sports by authorities under SSA, plans for the development of A.R. Lammual as a sport complex, the introduction of PYKKA and the establishment of academies in various parts of the state.

S P E A K E R : The House Leader has something to say.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Although the previous ministry had done much to improve sports in the state, there were many unfulfilled plans which the present ministry has undertaken successfully. The plans for the development of A.R.Lammual could not be realised without the consent of the Assam Rifles authorities. The project was undertaken at Mualpui at a larger scale. Now, with the consent of the AR, galleries are also being constructed at Lammual. The ground work for the cricket stadium at Sihhmui was taken up by the Cricket Association of Mizoram with aid from the DoNER Ministry. Currently, affiliation is being sought for at the Centre. Lastly, the appraisal of land and planning is on-going for the establishment of golf courses at Thenzawl, Champhai and Lengpui.

S P E A K E R : Let the mover wind up for the bill to be passed.

Lt. Col. Z.S.ZUALA : The House Leader has added new information for which I am grateful. I hope that the previous ministry will also support this resolution considering that the liabilities accrued during their tenure were cleared by the present ministry.

S P E A K E R : The private resolution “ We appreciate the measures taken by the Government to improve sport facilities for the benefit of the youth” is now adopted by the House since there is no opposition. There are 3 important Bills to be discussed tomorrow. The House will begin tomorrow at 10.30 A.M.

**Sitting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.**