

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 23RD MARCH, 2011
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)**

OBITUARY

1. **Pu LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to make reference on the demise of Pu B.Tevo, former Member of Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

3. **THE SPEAKER** to announce Panel of Chairmen.

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. **Pu H.LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House, a copy of the 19th Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission, 2009-2010.
5. **Pu H.ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House, a copy of "The Mizoram Forests (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) Rules, 2010".

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

6. **THE SPEAKER** to report to the House, the Time Table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current Session.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

7. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor.

S P E A K E R : For the joy of the Lord is your strength.
Nehemia 8:10

Let us call upon hon'ble Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla to observe obituary.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA : Pu Speaker, I regret to express that
CHIEF MINISTER today, I have to make a speech on the
demise of the hon'ble Ex-MLA Pu
B.Tevo. Pu Speaker, Pu B.Tevo died of
cancer. He was 61.

Bu B.Tevo was the youngest son of Chief of Zawngling, Pu B.Kolai and Pi C.Chhichha. He married Pi M.Nyuso at ICM Local Church in 1973. They have two daughters and two sons. In the year 1977, he entered politics and joined Congress party. He was elected as MDC uncontested in Lakher District Council. In 1979 – 1982, he was re-elected and was appointed as Executive Member and took the charge of Forest, Village Administration and Development departments. In 1983, he was again re-elected and took the charge of Development, Land & Revenue department. In 1991 bye-election, he was elected as M.L.A. from Tuipang constituency.

Pu B.Tevo was an active social worker. During 1970-1974, he was appointed as Secretary of Games & Sports Association, MTP (Mara Thyutlia Py). He was also one of the leaders of Mara Cultural Club.

Pu B.Tevo suffered from cancer. While receiving treatment at Aizawl Civil Hospital, he died on 15th October, 2010 at 11:35 P.M. His funeral took place at Zawngling on 17th October, 2010 at 2:30 P.M.

Pu Speaker, Pu B.Tevo was a humble man. He took active part in this very House too. My prayers are for the family he left behind. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else? Pu S.Hiato.

Pu S. HIATO : Pu Speaker, it is sad to state that
MINISTER my friend, Pu B.Tevo will not be
mentioned in the House from now on. Pu
Speaker, as he died at midnight hour, I
could inform you instantly as I am deeply regretted.

Pu B.Tevo was the son of Chief of Zawngling. Since his father died when he was only two months, he had to go through many hardships. As the hon'ble Chief Minister has mentioned, he was Ex-MLA as well as ex-EM of Mara District Council. Pu B. Tevo was a generous and kind person who has lots of friends in different parts of the state. He treated everyone equally. During his tenure as MLA and E.M. he has in house guest up to hundred, people were fond of him. His Queen mother too was known for her kindness towards her people and family as she always served them with love and dignity.

Pu Speaker, on 16th December, 2009 he was dignosed with cancer and died on 18th January, 2010. I visited him and asked him what he would like to do once he is back on his feet, he told me I would request the people of Mizoram to have healthy diet habit and say no to tobacco. Pu Speaker these were his last words.

On the night of his dismissal there was heavy shower in Saiha, thereby which, all roads leading to Saiha was blocked. I would like to thank the government for the non stop work which it carried out for the clearance of the road. Pu Speaker, the funeral was attented by all those who claim themselves as leaders of Maraland. Infact it was a funeral most attented. I am dishearten that we lost such lovable and humble human being. Thank you.

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

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, I would first of all like to thank MNF legislature party leader for giving the time to speak in this very special moment. Pu B.Tevo was the son of Zawngling King who the British government could not subdue to surrender for many years. Pu Speaker, we were best of friends who studied in the same school from primary school to matric. He was athlete, a goal keeper in hockey A-team, I was his team member, everyone wished to be in his team. We have heard his achievement in politics from members before me. Pu Speaker, if I am not mistaken he was the first Deputy Gov't. Chief Whip. As for his personal life he was God fearing person, though he may not actively participate in church activities. He was loved dearly by the people of his constituency as he was an out-going and friendly person who cared deeply for his fellow human beings. It was unfortunate that I was not around when he breath his last breath. Pu Speaker, a grand funeral was held at Zawngling, with all the people of Zawngling and Maraland paying their respect. I thank all the people who showed their love and respect. Pu Speaker, thank you.

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

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. What I would like to highlight in regard to Pu Tevo is, he was a man who sacrifice his life for the people and the ones who are in need.

I feel he followed the foot step of great leaders of this country. He dedicated his life to the people with utmost sincerity that the people of the village had to build his house. I,

on behalf of UDA members would like to state that we sincerely are disheartened on the dismissal of a devoted leader, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Due to time constraint, we will end here. But what we should know is the British conquered Lunglei district and Aizawl district in 1890 whereas Zawngling was conquered only in 1925. Pu Tevo was the son of this great King. Let us all stand silently for 1 minute to mark respect for our departed leader. We will move on to the next list of business question and answer. Let us call Pu C.Ramhluna to ask Starred Question No.1.

We will 1 minute silence was observed.

Pu C.RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble minister for Education department be pleased to state –

- (a) If there is any proposal to give pensioner benefits to Mizoram government Aided school teachers?
- (b) If so, when will it be implemented?
- (c) If not, what is the reason?

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

Pu LALSAWTA
MINISTER : The answer to the hon'ble member's questions are as follows :-

- (a) There is no proposal as of now.
- (b) I cannot give specific time and period.
- (c) There is no provision in the present rule.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, state like Karnataka stated that 'The staff shall be given of Pension, provident fund, insurance, gratuity and other benefits which may be sanctioned

by the government'. From time to time and as per Education Reform Commission, 'the state government should make adequate provision in the budget of the department of Education for the payment of pension or contributory provident fund. Thus, I would like to ask if the hon'ble minister could give assurance in some way to take step?

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government will take necessary step as required for the benefit of the teachers.

S P E A K E R : To ask Starred Question No.2 let us call Pu Lalduhoma.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble minister for Education department be pleased to state:-

- (a) The total number of Adhoc Grant-in-Aid school under RMSA?
- (b) Will the service and pay of headmaster, teacher and Grade-IV be safeguard?

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

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member's questions are :-

- (a) There are 7 schools.
- (b) The government is in the process of reviewing the welfare of the employees.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, from the information I have, out of the 7 schools 5 schools already have High schools. I believe RMSA is to be implemented where there is no school. Further the headmasters and teachers of these 5 schools are asked to re-appear for selection, while they were appointed through DPC as per Adhoc Aided Rules 1997. I, would therefore like to request if the government could protect their service and pay, as they already have service book and pay increment.

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

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, as I have answered earlier, the government is in the process of reviewing the welfare of the employees. Also RMSA is implemented as per national pattern.

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, during 1980's non-matriculate teachers were given appointment. In the previous Congress ministry change were given to those teachers for matriculation. However, due to change of ministry the process was stand still. I would like to ask if there is any proposal to re-take step in this regard.

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

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the government is viewing the situation and will take action according to what it feels best for the people and its employees.

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

Pu P.P.THAWLA : Pu Speaker, supplementary question. I would like to ask if the government could appoint clerk at Zawngling High school from RMSA fund. The lone clerk died in 2001, since then, they are without any clerk in the school. Also, at Serkawr government high school, one peon died and the other pensioned. Pu Speaker, they are left without peon. Thus, I would like to ask if the government could appoint new peon.

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

Pu LALSAWTA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we understand the circumstance, but as of now we are unable to fill up the gap. However, we are finding a solution through RMSA fund.

S P E A K E R : We will move on to Starred Question No.3. Let us call Pu B.Lalthlengliana to ask the question.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No.3. Will the hon'ble minister for Revenue department be pleased to state :-

Is there any proposal to give periodic patta within 304/1976 to other person against the norms and rules.

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

Pu J.H. ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to Starred Question No.3 is – 'No'.

S P E A K E R : Supplementary Question Pu B.Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, Pu Lalnunnema's periodic patta No.304/1976 is reported as cleared, but there seems to be in justice as there is an intension of supercurry of the cleared patta of 304/1976 by periodic patta No.276/1981. If the office does not have the detailed document here I will submit these documents. I would like to ask if the minister could look into this matter and cleared the dispute?

S P E A K E R : If the minister has anything to say?

Pu J.H.ROTHUAMA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, from the information I received, periodic patta No.304/1976 belongs to C.Lalnunnema and patta No.207/1981 belongs to P.C.Zofakawma. It is under dispute case, we will try and speed up the case, I will request the hon'ble member to come to my office with whatever document he has.

Pu B.LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, as the minister have mentioned we will meet the minister at his office with our documents. I mentioned this to the hon'ble House Leader on Saturday 12.2.2011 at around 2 to 3 P.M. the House Leader visited the dispute land site.

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

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, by the grace of God I don't need a land site. I visited the site because surveyors liquefied thirty years old LSC. Revenue department has functioned in such manner for quite some time. In fact I intend to let CBI or ACB to enquire the surveyor who committed such an act. Pu Speaker, I visited the site to see my 30 years

old LSC which had been liquefied. Also to visit the World Bank Road, which I plied for the first time. PuSpeaker, that is all I know.

S P E A K E R : Now let us call upon Pu Lalduhawma to ask Starred Question No.4.

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

Is there any intention to install high mast in sports complex?
Also is there any proposal to install street lights at Tuivamit?

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : The answer to the hon'ble member's questions are –

- a) There is no proposal to install high mast at Sport Complex.
- b) There is a request from Tuivamit Local Council to install street lights. Verification has been done and it will be installed as required.

S P E A K E R : PuLalduhoma

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Chawnpui Sports Complex is one of the best Indoor Stadium that we have. Pu Speaker, there is no high mast which makes traffic management difficult when huge events take place. Thus I would like to ask if high mast could be installed?

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

Pu P.C. LALTHANLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is a proposal to install sodium light. Two high masts will be installed at hon'ble member's constituency i.e. Zonuam and Tuivamit.

S P E A K E R : We have come to the end of question hour. Members absent are Brig T.Sailo, Pu Zodintluanga and Pu K.S.Thanga. I will now announce the panel of chairmen, they are – Pu B.Lalthlengliana, Pu NirupamChakma, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu K.Lianzuala. We will now call upon Pu H.Liansailova, minister to lay on the Table of the House “The 19th Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission 2009 – 2010”.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House I lay ‘The 19th Annual Report of Mizoram Public Service Commission 2009 – 2010’ on the Table of the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now call upon Pu H.Rohluna, minister to lay ‘The Mizoram Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) Rules, 2010’.

Pu H. ROHLUNA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay ‘The Mizoram Forest (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills and other Wood Based Industries) Rules, 2010’ on the Table of the House.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed.

Pu LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, you mentioned as Mizoram Public Service Commission 2009 – 2010, but according to the copy distributed it is 2008 – 2009. Which is the correct one?

- S P E A K E R : It is written as for the year 2008 – 2009 respectively. It seems to be two copies, anyway we shall move on to the next report.
- Pu H. LIANSILOVA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it seems that the wrong copy has been distributed. Please take back the present copy and re-distribute the correct copy.
- Pu B. LALTHLEGLIANA : For the dignity of the House, the correct copy should be distributed as it has already been laid on the Table of the House.
- S P E A K E R : It is a mistake made by our office. You will definitely get the right copy.
- Pu P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA
MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is 2009 – 2010, therefore it is not correct.
- S P E A K E R : It shall be done as the minister suggested.
- Pu LALDUHOMA : As per the business list, 2008 – 2009 is not on the list of papers that is to be laid today.
- S P E A K E R : Alright, 2008 – 2009 will be laid tomorrow and 2009 – 2010 has been laid today. Now I present BAC report on the Table of the House. Let the copy be

distributed. We will now move onto the next list of business. Let the copy of 2009 – 2010 be distributed. We shall now start the discussion on the motion of thanks of His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram. Each member will be given 5 minutes.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, 5 minutes will be too less. Make it at least 10 minutes.

S P E A K E R : Alright, do we all agree with 10 minutes? Group leaders will be given 15 minutes. Let us call Pu John Siamkunga the mover of the motion.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. From the Governor's speech, it is evident that all the departments have to go hand in hand for overall development of the state.

Thus, the Governor highlighted the proposal and various steps that would be taken up by various departments. The Governor highlighted how it had taken steps to make the government for the people and that it was trustworthy for the people in law and order and criminal tracking and network system. The Governor also mentioned the launching of NLUP on 14th January which will be instrumental in the growth of economy in the state.

Pu Speaker, in Horticulture the Government had set up wineries, which not only helped the grape growers but also increased the state's revenue.

In Vety department, with the introduction of liquid nitrogen plant, we expect great improvement in the quality of meat products.

It is pleasing to note various developmental programmes which the government is taking in Fisheries department. Likewise, under NLUP broom cultivation is booming and so also is tea and coffee plantation. Pu Speaker, under Industry department, Preferential Stock Purchase Rule will prove to be crucial for Small Scale Industries of the state.

Now that Geology and Mineral resources is a full fledged department it has turned out to be a huge earning department with 3.9 crores income last financial year.

It is worth mentioning that Education Reforms Commission has been set up. Further, CCE has also been implemented which will prove great benefit

for our children. Four colleges infrastructure development is also in progress. Overall there is huge development taking place in Education.

Pu Speaker, Sports department is taking active step to promote the youth of our state by setting up infrastructure like laying of artificial turf at various fields.

The government is taking various steps in development in various departments like Labour and Employment, Revenue department, Transport and Power and Electricity. Pu Speaker the Governor's speech is worth giving praise. The Governor mentioned the development of various projects that the Government has taken and which are under progress. Therefore it is worth giving praise. Thank you.

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

Pu R.LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker the mover of the motion has highlighted various developmental programmes of the government. What I would like to point out is how the present government has been able to bring peace and harmony in the state. The crime rate has dropped and there is hardly any major incident like the ones which used to occur during the previous ministry like smuggling of arms and activities of insurgents in the city, therefore the government is worth giving praise in bringing peace and harmony.

I would like to thank for NLUP which was launched on 14th January, and the full fledged directorate of Geology & Mineral Resource department. I would also like to thank for improvisation of quality education by implementing continuous and comprehensive evaluation system. The laying of Artificial Turf at AR ground and hockey ground at Thenzawl and for terminating the contract of the contractor who was reluctant to complete the project are commendable. Now that the department has taken up the project, 86% of the work has been completed. I thank for the various developmental work in my constituency by PHE department.

Pu Speaker, there is so much to be highlighted like improvement in Food & Civil Supply and setting up of infrastructure for strong and independent judiciary and also for being able to hold clean and fair election of Aizawl Municipal Council Election for the first time. What I would like to point out is that Municipal Councilors do have privileges like MLA's and MP's. Thus they should stay within their rights or else they may have to face court case or privilege motion. I therefore give my support to this motion. Thank you.

Lt.Col.Z.S. ZUALA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all we should give thanks to the House Leader for fair and just administration at all levels of governance, for peace and tranquility, for making Mizoram free from arms and ammunition smuggling route free and making it the most peaceful state.

From my experience I would like to thank for the provision of quality seeds and saplings. I would also like to thank for the modern slaughtering house.

In regard to handloom, I would like to request the department if looms could be given in subsidized rate so as to eradicate imported looms.

The future of education seems to have brightened up with the guidance of Education Commission, House Leader and Education minister. Beside academic subjects, manners and etiquettes should also be taught in schools.

The Sports department is growing. Pu Speaker, it was noteworthy like the football match we MLA's had between the Chief Minister's team and Speaker's team. It is pleasing to note the progress of Rajiv Gandhi Sports Stadium. I expect Youth Commission to take steps to open doors for our youth to join Defence Services.

I would like to thank the Home minister for giving us temporary fire station at Mualpui as we demanded. Pu Speaker, there is so much to mention, the Governor's speech is only a few percent of the government's achievements. Anyway, I give my full support to this motion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else? PuLalthansanga

Pu LALTHANSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. If we look at the Governor's speech, I feel it is a bit too short. Or is it because the government does not have much achievements to highlight during these two years. Thus there seems to be wide room for development to take place.

NLUP has been launched on 14th January. Pu Speaker, NLUP has been adopted as Mizoram government's policy. Thus I would like to request if 70% is for party workers at least 30% should be given outside party. I make this request on behalf of the people of Mizoram.

Under the flagship programme of the Prime Minister, Bharat Nirman in Minor Irrigation, I would suggest that the government should go as per the guidelines.

Few words in fishery, to increase production, the department should make use of Co-operative society. Same is the case in midday meal.

In connectivity various achievements have been highlighted in the speech. I regret to state that nothing is written about Tuichang bridge. The Governor spoke about Serlui B Hydel Project which will soon be commissioned. What I would like to point out is, we the PC Party still feel that the development is still too less. The present government still has to take huge steps in development. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C.Ramhluna

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Thank you. The Governor touched various points but it seems there is less facts and figures. Anyway, there are certain points I would like to point out.

First of all I would like to speak about para 24 of the Governor's speech, that is – The first election to the Aizawl Municipal Council was conducted successfully. As we know State Election Commission has been constituted as per Constitution provision. The duties of the Commission as per provision is to conduct election of various local bodies in the state. Model rules for all the State Commissions was made during the tenure of Mani Shanker Ayer. It is unfortunate that Mizoram State Commission has not followed the model rules in terms of pay and tenure. I would, therefore, like to ask if the government could look into this matter i.e. the pay and tenure. Further as per the rules, the State Election Commission is to conduct election to various local bodies. Thus, as per this provision the Village Council and MDC seems to be conducted by State Election Commission. Therefore, since it is also the recommendation of 15th report of Administration Reform Commission, I would like to ask if the State Election Commission could function in District Council as well. Thank you.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is fortunate that today we are able to discuss the Governor's speech. We can imagine who drafted the speech. There are less figures and facts in the speech. If studied carefully, there are no beneficial projects that could solve the problems of the farmers inspite of the Governor speaking

about cash crops, brooms etc. Likewise, the Governor spoke about MIZOFED and PIGFED, but did not mention about the financial crises that these Co-operatives are facing. The speech is quite vague.

In regard to the directorate of Geology and Mineral Resources, till now they are without a Director and their budget is 70 lakhs. If the government strengthens this department, it could be a high revenue earning department of ₹.600-700 lakhs.

Para 9 SSA and RMSA, the Governor did not mention details of CCE. Though the Governor did not mention about the curriculum, I am grateful that curriculum has been introduced as part of CCE.

In regard to the laying of artificial turf at AR ground, it is praiseworthy. Whereas in Para-2 the Governor mentioned about the constitution of Youth Commission, but did not mention about the aims and objectives of the Commission. The departments should be careful in feeding the Governor's speech. Pu Deputy Speaker, like in the Governor's speech it is mentioned that 86% of the ongoing work of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme Phase – II has been completed whereas the answer to my Starred Question No.78 in September was- no fund has been allotted for the years 2010-2011. Likewise in regard to Mega Food Processing department and para No.18 in regard to Mizoram Revision of Pay Rules it is stated as the pay have been implemented with effect from 1-1-2006 whereas there are around 48 groups who still have pay anomaly. Therefore, the department should take adequate measure in what it feeds for the Governor's speech.

I would like to thank for Mizoram State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission in Para-20.

Lastly, I would like to speak about Autonomous District Council Grant-in Aid. I would like to request the government to release the Autonomous District Councils' fund in time to avoid/solve the issue of direct funding. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take a break for lunch.
Meeting will resume at 2:00 PM.

2:00 p.m.

S P E A K E R : Six members have participated in the discussion. Anyone else.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to speak about para-27 Autonomous District Council . The Plan Fund allocation according to the speech is ₹15388 lakhs. According to my calculation it is 2%. Pu Speaker, the fund allocation is too less. The government should try and increase the fund allocation at least by 6%.

Para-25 of the speech stated about BRGF centrally sponsored scheme. This scheme proved to be of great benefit for the rural people. The scheme is meant for generating employment in rural areas. Recently a JCB was bought with this fund. I would like to know if approval is taken from central government for the said purchase and also if the implementation of the work is as per guidelines. Pu Speaker, the government should check if the achievement is in tally with the fund sanctioned.

Coming to NLUP, the people have high expectations. In the rural areas there is a tendency of trying to acquire easy money without hard work. Pu Speaker, since NLUP is the top priority of the government programme, I feel the government should speed up in the sanctioning of funds.

Para-5 of the speech stated about Veterinary Department. Pu Speaker, the previous government introduced Piggery Village for rural areas, it proved to be beneficial for the people. However the present ministry dissolved the Piggery Village due to lack of fund. The government should take careful steps in whatever programme it impliments and not hurt the morale of the people. Pu Speaker, thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Zothangliana.

Pu H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. There are certain points I would like to clarify as I assist the hon'ble Industry minister. Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to state that PSU (Public Sector Unit), MIZOFED, ZIDCO and KVI Board employees received their pay accordingly. The member's information might not have been up to date. Then in regard to teak being exported by Bamboo Industry, it is true, but it is done under rules and regulations with the knowledge of the Board of Directors. Among the Board of Directors, Conservator of Forest, Forest Department is also included.

As for Mega Food Park, it is not highlighted in the Governor's speech because we are unable to complete DPR in time. Industries minister, Government of India gave assurance that the fund would be sanctioned. We are expecting the fund shortly.

Pu Speaker, I'll just move out of the subject. Our bureaucrats are supposed to attend the session whole day but they have the habit of attending only the question hour.

Hon'ble members mentioned that the Governor's speech was vague. However we should bear in mind that it could be time consuming.

It is felt that there is the need to improve Industry Policy and make more realistic. Thus Industrial Policy 2010 has been drafted and completed. We now have Directorate of Geology and Mineral Resource. There may be plenty of room for development since the department has just been incepted.

I would like to thank the hon'ble minister for Lawngtlai to Sangau bus service.

There is one point I would like to mention in regard to Power and Electricity. Electric line of Chhimituipui gets spoiled every year. I would like to request the authorities to please take note of this.

Knowing the urgency of Silchar to Aizawl and to Lawngtlai, two lane roads have been converted to departmental work. We are very grateful.

Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for Sangau Water Supply Scheme, Bualpui, Lungzartum Combine Solar Energy. Pu Speaker, since there is no more time I will end my speech here. Thank you.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, there is nothing new in the Governor's speech. It is the repetition of the previous year.

First of all I would like to speak about Para-2. It is stated that, 'I would like to reiterate before this August Assembly House, my Government's commitment to provide efficient, responsive, fair and just administration at all levels of governance'. Pu Speaker, I cannot term the ministry as an efficient Government after ₹70 crores lapse last financial year. The flagship programme of the government 'NLUP' is also turning into a party programme. When the final list of beneficiaries is out, only party workers are found in the list. The government should try and cover the people from whatever fund NLUP is sanctioned. Further, in the newspaper of RamhlunVeng YMA, Dated: 19/3/2011, it is stated that we thank Dr. Robert Rualthankhuma, 'C' Section, for financing Branch YMA election from NLUP fund with ₹5000/-. Pu Speaker, I can never say this government is fair and efficient. (Speaker: Please give me the newspaper.) Pu Speaker I will give it to you.

Pu Speaker, with the initiative of the minister, Education Commission has been constituted and expert committee as well. Both have submitted their reports. However, to practically function, how can Hindi High School function

without syllabus and text books? If you read 'Vanglaini' Newspaper, you will find the lack of teachers in 17 villages. There are 105, 50/40 students in these various villages with just one teacher on the whole. The Government should pay attention to these problems. UGC has been implemented but 80% of the fund which is to help in functioning have not reached. Pu Speaker, the giving of contract work amounting to ₹230 lakhs at Falkawn Nursing College without calling of tender and giving canteen without quotation is not fair and it is not efficiency. I cannot term the government as fair and efficient.

Lastly, I would like to ask if we can utilize the 13th Finance Commission General Performance Grant of ₹102.30 crores as there is a provision that state Finance Commission's recommendation is required. It seems the present government is in a dilemma in administration and functioning. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu V.L.Robiaka

Pu V.L. ROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to thank for having a discussion on the Governor's speech. It is pleasing to note that there is peace in the state as per the Governor's speech. It is especially rewarding for a constituency like mine for we have experienced disturbance in the previous ministry from Naga rebels and other disturbances. It is comforting to hear that the police are well equipped through modernization.

Pu Speaker, there are various points worth mentioning in sports, NLUP, Horticulture, Industrial Policy and Directorate of Geology and Mining etc. We are able to have all these developments because of the fact that there is peace and harmony in the state. The Education System which had gone down immensely has been resurrected. The performance of the government is worth giving praise.

In regard to Power and Electricity, with the active guidance of the Chief Minister, we are able to have sufficient power supply. We are now in the computer age thus we require power. I would like to thank for the Governor's speech and give my support to the motion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Pu Nirupam Chakma

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all we can proudly say that the government is moving ahead. MNF ministry was in back gear. What Pu B.Thlenga stated about NLUP is correct, but why does he complain about the 1st instalment beneficiaries, there are still 2nd and 3rd instalments to come. In my constituency all the families were given. The government has been mandated to bring revolutionary changes towards economic self-sufficiency. The opposition should not criticize. I will say for fact that, some of the departments are too slow. The MNF ministry had not achieved major projects within 10 years. Due to change of mandate Lengpui Airport could not be completed during our ministry. Pu Speaker I have so much to say, anyway I will spare time for other members. Thank you.

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

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful for the Governor's speech. Leaders from opposition mentioned that it was too short. But they should imagine as Preamble.

First of all in regard to NLUP, last session the cry was when NLUP will be distributed. Now the cry has changed to the scheme should cover the people. What we should remember is that even in YMA gatherings, the ones inside the hall receive tea earlier than the ones sitting outside the hall.

The answer to Pu Chatea's question is that 55 tractors and 413 tillers have been given to farmers on subsidy.

In Horticulture with the help of our officers and technical staff, we have two new wineries.

In education to restore education and give quality education, Education Commission has been constituted which is a great sign of progress.

In Power and Electricity all possible options are being explored to increase the generation of power under the able leadership of the hon'ble Chief Minister.

There are so many points to mention in the Governor's speech which deserve to be praised. As the Governor stated, more details will be spelt out in deliberation. I, therefore, give praise to the Governor's speech and give my support. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, the principle and spirit of discussion of the Governor's speech is – the ruling party try to highlight the achievements of the government whereas the opposition points out the failure of the government.

We have spoken about Police modernization several times. In the Governor's speech PTC Thenzawl has not been mentioned. Anyway it is not worth mentioning. I cannot understand why the staff from PTC Lungverh have been shifted to Thenzawl before the project is completed. They were well settled at PTC Lungverh. I was delighted to know the achievements of the ongoing project. Will it tally with the actual project? It seems we are too eager to open projects even before they have been completed. Recently the hon'ble Home Minister inaugurated the jail at Saiha. But the condition of the jail was such that, not even one prisoner was kept.

In regard to peace and harmony, it is true there is peace compared to the past years. But we are aware that HPC 'D' are collecting donation and the government has the list of donors. It would be very welcoming if the government could highlight the steps taken in this regard. Last July, 114 commandos had passing out parade. It would be delightful to know where these commandos are deployed. If deployed in the correct station they are able to bring peace in the state. We should be careful in the deployment of trained police.

One point which is not in the address but which I would like to mention is – our brothers and sisters from Burma. If they are willing to settle down here in Mizoram, they should be welcomed; otherwise they are a political and social problem in every sense. All political parties and NGOs should join hands and solve this problem.

In regard to Transport, as far as my knowledge is concerned, in other states, city bus stops at bus stands to collect passengers and drop whoever is getting down at the stop without further delay. But in our city, even after the passengers get down from the bus and passengers get in the bus it still halts for few minutes causing traffic jam. The government and bus owner's association should discuss about the matter.

Pu Speaker, the Governor stated that 33 has been completed in RGGVY. But I have seen it with my own eyes that it has not been completed. In actual case not even half out of the 33 will be completed. The government should look into the matter. The contract should be terminated. P&E Department would be able to implement the project in lesser duration.

Though the Governor did not mention about LAD, I would like to request the government to increase the enumeration of the VCs.

Lastly, it is pleasing that Geology and Mineral Resources department has now become a full-fledged Directorate. But Pu Speaker, it seems it is only in paper, whereas the functioning is same as before. I would request the

government to take necessary steps to upgrade this department as they are the highest earning department in the state. Lastly I would like to thank for the Governor's speech though it was not up to expectation. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. From what I have read in the newspaper the hon'ble Chief Minister went to Delhi for Plan Discussion. Further it was stated that the plan size had gone down from the ongoing financial year. I would request the hon'ble Chief Minister to clarify in his wind up speech.

Pu Speaker, we are never against NLUP from this side. However, I would like to point out from the information I received from Hnahthial. The day NLUP was distributed in Hnahthial, by 3:30 p.m the mobile shops were empty and there were drunkards to be seen everywhere.

In regard to what Pu Duha mentioned about PTC Lungverh, it is very true. Even I got phone calls in this regard. I would request the hon'ble Home minister to please take note that the people of Chhimtuipui District are constantly questioning about DIG range which has not been deployed till date.

Pu Speaker, I received the copy of Education Reform Commission, I am grateful. However the hon'ble minister should be careful in regard to RMSA grant in aided schools which was mentioned in question hour. Pu Speaker, as we mentioned earlier, till now UGC pay scale has not been given. The government should look into the difficulties faced by the teaching staff. If the problems of the teaching staff is neglected it affects the students.

Pu Speaker, I have requested PWD officials several times on telephone, but I am given a deaf ear. The officials should give priority as we speak not for ourselves but on behalf of the people of our constituency. I request the hon'ble Chief Minister to advice the officials in this matter.

Lastly Pu Speaker, it could have been more appropriate if the Governor's speech had highlighted the completion of the House's Annexe Building. Anyway the government may have several achievements but from our side we have to speak on behalf of the people and point out certain factors. I plead for your understanding. Thank you.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today we are discussing the Governor's speech. I did not intend to participate but am since there are certain points to be clarified concerning my department I am standing now.

Hon'ble member Pu P.P.Thawla mentioned about BRGF. The JCB that was bought through BRGF fund was purchased with the knowledge of the government as per guidelines.

As for DIG range, there is a delay due to some technical problems as per government rules and regulations. However we are expecting to solve the problem soon.

In regard to Saiha jail, the hon'ble member misunderstood. I did not open Saiha jail, but Parliamentary Secretary for Home inaugurated Lawngtlai jail. It was opened in order to get funds for its completion in spite of the condition not being up to the mark.

Coming to NLUP, it is pleasing to note that even opposition leaders are pleased with the project. NLUP will bring economic stability in rural areas. We cannot expect cent per cent success, but overall it will prove stability.

Recently, 253 policemen have been recruited. It is worth mentioning because around ₹53 lakhs will enter into Mizo families.

Regarding shifting of PTC Thenzawl, widowers and few staff approached me and requested that they were reluctant to shift. I agreed with them but told them that we would have to shift the unit and they would be transferred to Lungverh Battalion. Pu Speaker, there were none who chose to be transferred. There are 115 quarters and several barracks.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, before public meeting during AMC campaign they rang you up.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Yes they did. We decided that it is best to shift them as fast as possible.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, you assured them that they would not be shifted. They announced that they need not worry.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Election is over and they have been shifted.

As for insurgent groups, hon'ble Chief Minister had discussion with Home Minister recently in Delhi. The commandos are deployed in the right station. There is a plan to hold joint operation with Assam government. It is the desire of the Central Government to stop collection of donation. The insurgents are mostly in designation camp. We trust our police force and are doing the best they can and will continue doing.

S P E A K E R : We will now end the discussion and call upon our hon'ble House Leader.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to note that we could have a clean and healthy discussion on the Governor's speech. Constructive criticism comes from responsible thinking. I thank the House.

The law and order situation in the state is improving immensely under the able leadership of our Home Minister. In regard to insurgent groups, there are few secessionist groups under Kuki Liberation Organization. There are in suspension of operation and are in designated camp. Then we have United People's Front, ZRA & HPC(D) are included in the group. They are under suspension of operation and are in designated camp. Once under suspension of operation it is against the law to collect donation. It is classified as criminal. There isn't much to clarify what the hon'ble members mentioned. In fact they understand the situation very well.

Hon'ble member Pu Zothansanga mentioned about Venus Bamboo fund. They requested working capital of 1 crore 50 lakhs which has been sanctioned. Thus we expect that they will resume work shortly. It is bamboo plant and not wood plant.

NLUP has been mentioned by everyone. If it is the talk of the town it implies that it will be a rewarding project. The government is working out every details for the success of the project. But it is beyond our control at ground level.

S P E A K E R : The time is up, shall we continue? Alright continue please.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA
CHIEF MINISTER : The authorities are very careful in selection at Village/District level with baseline survey.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in Nalzawl village, a family selected fishery but have been kept under sericulture. Likewise in Ratu village a person chose carpentry and was given broom cultivation, likewise a taxi driver was also given broom cultivation. Proper supervision is required in selection.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, that person is not worth receiving NLUP. I saw it on TV. His mentality is not correct. Whatever maybe given to him, he'll never be self-sufficient. For the success in implementation, the concerned officers give training to the beneficiaries. There cannot be cent per-cent success unless there is commitment. There are several beneficiaries who the officials have to check time and again. We expect there will be loopholes here and there. As for the coverage, it is not Congress policy, but the government's flagship programme. We expect to cover all, since there is enough component. In the present fiscal we have ₹240 crores for NLUP in plan fund. Pu Speaker, NLUP special package will be provided in the coming financial year as well.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, if the hon'ble Chief Minister could clarify if it is special package, what does it mean? Will it be extracted from the original plan size or there will be provision of additional fund for NLUP? Also it is appropriate to have joint operation, but I would like to ask if there could be an agreement to have the permission to cross state boundary?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, there is reciprocal arrangement.

As for Mega Food Park, the government is unable to complete DPR. Therefore the government is now of the opinion that consultancy firm should be hired to complete DPR.

There is NLUP component in the plan fund. The original plan fund is never utilized for NLUP. There is a separate component.

Pu Thlenga, hon'ble member mentioned about the 13th Finance Commission. The constitution of state Finance Commission is not the only condition to utilize the fund. There are other criteria that AG and CAG have to go through and give its approval.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Pu Speaker, is State Finance Commission recommendation is just one of its norms?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Yes it is. The constitution of State Finance Commission is one condition and the recommendation another. Then there is the approval of AG and CAG. The constitution of State Finance Commission require experts in different field such as Public Finance, Public Administration etc and huge fund is involved.

S P E A K E R : Is State Finance Commission a permanent body?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Central Finance body is a constitutional body.

S P E A K E R : State Finance Commission should also be the same.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : I supposed it is a statutory body as only seven states in the country have State Finance Commission.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As per Municipal Act, it is for two years. If so, whether required amendment can be made?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Suggestion made by Pu Lalduhawma is quite good. Let the authorities study the matter.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Pu Speaker, State Finance Commission does not seem to be constituted as a permanent body for five years. Could this be explained?

S P E A K E R : I have questioned whether State Finance Commission is a permanent body.

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the Acts underlines that State Finance Commission is a constitutional body of experts on Public Finance and Public Administration appointed by each State Government at regular intervals of 5 years under Article 243(1) of the Constitution of India to review and revise the financial position of Panchayati Raj, Institutions and Urban Local Governments.

Article 243(1) of the Constitutions prescribes that the Governor of the state shall, as soon as may be within one year from the commencement of the Constitution 73rd amendment Act, 1992 and thereafter at the expiration of 5th year constitute a Finance Commission to review the financial position of Panchayats and to make recommendations to the Governor as distribution between the state and the Panchayats and such and such.

The hon'ble Education minister constituted Reform Commission. For the implementation, Planning Commission has been approached and we are expecting ₹52/72 crores net of the ₹500 crores. In regard to student/teacher ratio, the average is 1:40. The present ratio in our state is 1:11. Therefore, it is shameful that there is still shortage of teachers in rural areas. We should make a provision that every teacher should stay in rural areas for 2 years.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, what is the procedure of Reform Commission? Will the recommendation be submitted for approval of the Government?

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, Reform Commission have been accepted by the government in principle. Expert Committee have submitted the report too.

As for Ethics Committee, terms and reference have been finalized. It will soon be gazetted. Arrangements have been finalized.

The authority will take necessary steps to solve the welfare of Muster Roll employees.

In regard to pay of the government employees, we may question ourselves as to whether our pay tallies with the work load. This will clarify grievances which may arise in the process. What bother me at present is the point raised by the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma of foreigner issue. The number of foreigners have increased in recent years. They are leaving Mizoram with our resources as various employments has been done by them. It is time for the sons of the soil to wake up and fight back the problem. The government, as soon as the new ministry was formed, is in the opinion to send back foreigners no matter what problem it may cause. As there are number of problems to be solved, the government have to make appropriate plan.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that today we are able to have a healthy discussion as every member participated in the discussion with a sense of responsibility. I thank all the members as I make an appeal to them to support that this Motion be passed. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now, let us call the mover of the Motion, Pu John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to clarify the point made by the hon'ble member from Lunglei West. I am proud to mention that my constituency is the first to complete the work of distribution of NLUP fund. Pu Speaker, some beneficiaries have completed the work of their trade even before receiving the fund. On the contrary, it is a shame to learn that there are some beneficiaries in our state who spent fund they received for purchase of luxurious items such as mobile phone as certain shop-keepers clearly indicates that they have sold mobile phones the most when fund of NLUP was distributed.

I thank the members for actively participating in the discussion as I make a request to them to vote in favor of passing this motion. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Alright. Now we have completed discussion on the motion of the Governor's speech. All those who agree to pass may say, 'Yes'. The House has unanimously passed the motion on the Governor's speech. Our business for today is done. Meeting will be resumed on 24/3/2011 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned.