

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**EIGHT SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 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 H. Vanlalauva, former Minister, Government of Mizoram.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

3. **Pu H. LIANSILOVA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
  - (a) Report of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts on the Accountsof the Local Bodies for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.
  - (b) Statement of six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the second half of 2009-2010 (October 2009 – March, 2010).

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2011-2012.**

4. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2011-2012 (to commence).

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

S P E A K E R : For judgement is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgement.  
Jacob 2:13)

We will now take up obituary references. Unfortunately, 3 ex-MLAs left us within the last and this session. We will start from Pu H. Vanlalauva, former minister. I call upon the hon'ble Chief Minister to have his time

Pu LAL THANHAWLA CHIEF MINISTER : It is indeed sad that this moment calls for the obituary of our esteemed former minister, Mr.H. Vanlalauva. I would just like to speak a few words about him first. Pu H. Vanlalauva, ex-minister, passed away on the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at 11:50 AM due to lung cancer. He was 72. His parents were Elder Sangkhuma (L) and Mrs. Lalthangi (L) and he was the second of eight children. He was born on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1939, in Phulpui and moved to Aizawl in 1960 and residing in Chhingaveng up to his death. He married C. Lalthamingmawii in 1976, and they have 6 sons and 4 daughters. He studied till middle school and made his livelihood as a businessman. He joined the MNF upon its formation and became one of its accomplished leaders. He was arrested in 1966 during the insurgency and imprisoned in several prisons. He was released from Varanasi jail, U.P., in 1970. He had served as Public Relation Officer for MNF, emissary for peace, minister of state, cabinet minister and held different posts in different departments as well as in the society.

Pu Auva was also active in the church ministry, having served as Sunday school teacher, church secretary, music committee chairman and KTP leader.

He had received treatment for his diabetes since 2006, and in May 2009 his left flank swelled up. Upon examination at the AMRI Hospital in Kolkatta, it was diagnosed as lung cancer. After receiving several treatments, it coupled into more ailments due to his diabetes and asthma and ultimately led to his passing on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

Mr.Speaker, I am truly sad to say that Mizoram has lost a great man. I knew him personally as well and I have seen his many great acts and services for the state. I have also had the privilege of working with him. I do pray that the Lord bless and comfort the bereaved family. Thank you.

Pu LALDUHOMA : As we have just heard Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu H.Vanlalauva was a religious man and was one of the first synod preachers.

He was sincere and trustworthy and gave his all in whatever he did. He was also a good diplomat and an honest emissary. He started from the grass-root level in politics and served as minister for 10 years. In spite of his lack of education, he performed better than

anyone could have ever expected. He always delivered his duties well. And I sincerely condoles his family at this time of bereave. Thank you.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is truly sad that we have lost three of our esteemed members this year, including Pu Auva recently. He had held two terms as minister and had important posts in different departments. He gave his all for the state and community and served the church as much as he could. He truly was an inspiration.

We held the funeral day before yesterday and it is not very often that we lose a member during our sessions. We had a good attendance at the funeral both from the ruling party and the opposition which proves what a remarkable man Pu Auva was.

We just heard details about his life and how much he had suffered from his ailments. But whenever we paid him a visit during those times, he always showed strength and endurance.

During the insurgency in 1966, he was caught by the Assam Rifles who tortured him miserably in every way possible; but even then he never showed weakness.

As LAD minister, he initiated the checkered tiles on footpath in the cities of Mizoram. He served the state like he was serving God. He made sure not to indulge in dishonesty and corruption. He was a religious and godly man. Though he may not have been the most highly educated man, he was a man of quality, surpassing many others. He has left behind many good examples for us to follow in serving the state, the community and God. I sincerely condoles the bereaved family. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We shall take this time to stand one minute in silence to mourn the loss of our former minister, Mr.H.Vanlalauva.

To proceed to our session, i call upon Pu K. Lalrinthanga to ask Question No.71.

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the honourable UD & PA minister to answer this: – Is there a master plan for Vairengte?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Mr. Zodintluanga, minister for Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation department to give the answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : The answer, Mr.Speaker, is – making a master plan is an ongoing plan, depending on the Mizoram Urban Development and Regional Development Act, 1990 for the development of Vairengte.

S P E A K E R : Any further questions?

Pu K. LALRINTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, I would first like to mention the fact that the population of Vairengte is growing rapidly. It is also the gateway of the state and thus, a very important place. The question is: - Even though the VCs are doing their level best in uplifting the people and giving them lands, most of them do not have skills and cannot take the desired steps towards development. So, how can the department help in bringing out a better solution for upliftment?

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

Pu ZODINTLUANGA MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, we have to undertake a lot of steps within the Zoram Urban and Regional Development Act, 1990 and its rules first. We have to make a detailed project report form and schedule of the boundary map as well as physical survey. All these are being implemented.

S P E A K E R : I now call Mr. Lalduhoma to ask question No.72.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, these questions are for the minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs: -

- a) The rate per kg of BPL and APL rice as procured by the Mizoram government from the FCI.
- b) The rate per kg of the BPL and APL rice given to the retailers.
- c) The retailers' rate per kg to the public.
- d) The amount purchased and rate per kg of rice from other sources between the years 2010-2011.

S P E A K E R : I call the hon'ble minister Mr. H. Rohluna to answer.

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Mr.Speaker, the answers are –  
MINISTER

- a) BPL @ ₹5.65 per kg, APL @ ₹8.30 per kg, APL Economic cost @ ₹22.13 per kg.
- b) APL including economic cost ₹9.30 and BPL ₹6.00 per kg.
- c) APL including economic cost ₹9.50 per kg BPL ₹6.15 per kg.
- d) We do not purchase rice from any other source.

Pu LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker, I'd like to add more questions. Could you please clarify what the APL including economic rate actually is, as there is a vast difference between the rates? The retailer's profits seem quite low, so I would like to suggest a better means for them to honestly gain more profit. Is the government planning to initiate local procurement system to reduce travel expenses? Lastly, the number of ration cards in our state is said to be 248804 where as in the statistic of Mizoram, the number of families is 217405. So, the number of ration cards exceeds the number of families. My question is, is the government going to investigate the reason for this situation?

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, I would also like the hon'ble minister to answer my question. As we know, the manual labourers have been putting in tremendous hard work, but the ration given to them is only 2 kgs per head in a week which is quite insufficient. So, is the minister planning on increase it for the labourers?

Pu H. ROHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, I would first like to answer  
MINISTER Mr. Duhoma's question. We purchase normal APL rice from FCI for ₹8.30 and economic cost for ₹22.13. This is because the central government has given us the normal allocation on the basis of 2011 census. Due to the insufficiency, we had to purchase it at a higher price and subsidized it to ₹12.83 per kg. This was initiated so as to help out the poorer section of the society. About 80,000 quintals is purchased every month from the economic cost. So, the government spends about 10 crore without any expectation of returns.

It is true that the retailers' profit is less. But if we were to increase the rate of rice, the public would grumble and be burdened as well. We are doing our best to adjust the costs with cargo prices.

With regard to local procurement, the rate is not much lesser and the quality differs, which calls for treatment. As the rice received from the FCI requires no further treatment and because it is easily accessible so we still have to rely on them.

With regard to ration cards, it is rather difficult to make corrections, but we have deducted about 10 thousand since 2009. When compared to the NREGS workers and job-cards, the number is not reliable either. We think the best solution would be to get the family data of 2011 census figure and make ration cards in accordance. We have been working with the census directorate to solve this issue.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : The number of ration cards of APL, BPL and AAY being issued is 6,94,884. The hon'ble minister had declared that about 10 thousands have been deducted. So, does the figure still stands? Plus, as the ration cards were issued by the previous government, one would have to apologise to the public to take responsibility.

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, there seems to have been a mistake here as the figure for number of BPL ration card should be 42,000 instead of 4,20,000. So, there are about 3,16,884 Nos. of APL, AAY and BPL ration cards and the APL is 2,48,884. As the economic cost is high, it would be difficult to increase the ration quota. If we have to increase the ration quota to 1kg, the stocks will be finished immediately. We should also acknowledge that the civil supply from the central government is insufficient, but we give out more than we receive.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr.Speaker, I would like to ask if at least 1kg could be added for lunch as government of congress ministry has declared this year to be a year of good harvest. If one eats only breakfast and dinner, they might not be able to harvest more. Could increase be made in July as has been done in previous years?

Pu H. ROHLUNA MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, I understand the concern made by our esteemed member. However, if the stock gets depleted, the public would face more problems. So, it is better that they take the ration quota at the appointed time. And if there is any family whose quota has exhausted, they get scoops with the ration card, and they pay the amount.

Mr.Speaker, I would also like to apologise for the mistake pointed out by our hon'ble member, Mr. Nirupam. If permitted, we shall try to present the correction during the session.

S P E A K E R : Printing mistake may occur anytime. We had announced it a few days ago, but the minister has to seek permission. (Mr.Nirupam Chakma : Mr. Speaker, I disagree. If the mistake had not been pointed out, they wouldn't have made the correction. They have produced wrong information at the House.) The hon'ble minister may seek permission in writing and addressed to the Speaker, and the correction may be laid tomorrow.

Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to add more to that. In the unstarred question No. 14, the estimated expenditure for the Aizawl road north division for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 is ₹3278.38 lakhs. If we add it, the total comes to ₹3268.38 lakhs. Shouldn't the esteemed House Leader correct this? This, too, is wrong information.

S P E A K E R : Let us not be concerned. Corrections will be made and given. Now I call Mr. C. Ramhluna to proceed with another question.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, this starred question No.73 is for the minister of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation department. When are the Aizawl city local council elections taking place?

S P E A K E R : I call upon Mr. Zodintluanga to answer.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA : Mr.Speaker, the answer is – As has been mentioned in section 350 of the Mizoram Municipalities Act, 2007, the state Election Commission with the council of the state government will appoint the time and date. The time for the local council election has not been scheduled.

S P E A K E R : Any further question?

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation as per Rule 30 of the Mizoram Municipalities Rules 2010 on 24.11.2010 (released on 4.11.2010) released an order that the

V.C. of the Aizawl municipal area would function during the transition period before the local council election. Another order was released on 8.12.2010 in which the VCP would act as local council chairman. Then as permitted by Rule 15 of the Mizoram municipalities Rules 2010, the board of councils of the AMC on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, declared that elections be held as soon as possible. On that basis, the Chief Executive Officers on 10.2.2011 submitted a request to the Election Commission. Is the state government aware of this? If so, the transition period having been quite long, I would like to ask if the government is planning to hold the election soon.

Pu ZODINTLUANGA  
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, the village councils held elections in February 2009 and their term will get over in February, 2012. As we have released the order as per Rule 30, the village councils are functioning as local councils. So, it is accepted that this is not an opportune time to hold elections. We held the Aizawl municipal council election on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 and the government is giving them their posts and duties. The sanitation duties were undertaken by the village council and the government with PPP mode, but such duties are being set aside for the Aizawl municipal council. We want the local councils to remain so that a good co-relation is there between the old and the new.

S P E A K E R : Now, I call upon Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala for another question.

Lt.Col. ZS ZUALA : Mr. Speaker, if the home minister could answer these questions please: –

- 1) Has the Indo-Bangladesh border fencing within Mizoram been completed?
- 2) How deep is the fencing within the state?
- 3) Has a path for animals been paved?

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA,  
MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, the answers are: -

- 1) It has not been completed.
- 2) As prepared by the ministry of Home Affairs, fencing of 150 yards from the international boundary zero line has been planned. Fencing line of 500 yards may also occur in uneven areas. I would also like to add that 3 kms have been crossed in



Pukzing and a meeting has been called to this concern. The NBCC has been notified to move the fencing farther.

3) A path for animals of 1-2 kms has already been paved.

S P E A K E R : Any further question?

Lt.Col. Z.S. ZUALA : Is the path paved accessible for animals from both sides of the boundary?

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

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : It is common practice of most of the states to have 3 kms from the zero line. What I want to mention is Silongsora, within the constituency of our CEM Mr. Kalikuma has been claimed as Bangladesh territory as it has also been reported to the central home ministry. I just want to declare that it cannot be a part of Bangladesh. It is in Mizoram.

S P E A K E R : We will close the question hour. I now call the hon'ble minister to answer the question about the animals.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA MINISTER : Mr.Speaker, it is quite difficult to give a definite answer as we cannot speak to the animals. But the fact remains that a path has been paved for them.

S P E A K E R : The question hour is now over.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, the question we asked of Mr. K. Liantlinga was an unstarred question. I asked about the final budget in the PWD Division but it covers only of Aizawl South and Road North Division and the rest is excluded. Even if they do not have it ready, is there a way for the department to present the completed one?

S P E A K E R : We will look into that later. The minister has requested and is granted to give a statement as per Rule 60. I now call Mr. R. Lalzirliana, minister-in-charge for Home to make the statement.

Pu R. LALZIRLIANA  
MINISTER : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM, Bilburam 35 of Thinglian village was called out of his house by 4 UDLA members, who shot him dead. They killed him on suspicion of being a police informant. Bilburam had moved from Haticherra, Assam and had resided in Thinglian for about a year. The Kolasib OC and police went there for investigation and the body was taken to Kolasib. PME will be done today.

Yesterday morning at 7, the owner of Bairabi maxi-cab counter Mr. Remsiana received two shocking SMS. It was in English, where as Mr. M.R. Chhorki, who claimed himself as a member of UDLA threatened to bomb the entire town of Bairabi. He also claimed that 35 UDLA members have settled around Bairabi with arms and ammunition. This threatening SMS had perplexed the people, but the government immediately took action to calm down the situation with police patrolling and protection. The SMS was investigated by the CID as the sender was arrested last night at 9:30 at Falkland, Zemaabaw. The arrested is not of UDLA member. In fact, his name is Ramluai, 28 years, who once resided in Bairabi for 5/6 years. He has also confessed to the crime.

S P E A K E R : The members absent today are: - Pu J.H. Rothuama, Minister who has gone to attend the meeting of empower committee of state finance and taxation ministers in New Delhi, Pu S. Laldingliana, Parliamentary Secretary due to illness. Now we shall have the laying of paper. I call upon Mr. H. Liansailova, hon'ble minister to lay the following papers on the table of the House: -

- 1) Report of the examiner of local fund accounts on the account of the local bodies for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.
- 2) Statement of six monthly review of the finance minister on the fiscal/position of the government of Mizoram for the second half of 2009-2010, October to March, 2010.

Pu H. LIANSILOVA  
MINISTER : With your permission, Mr. Speaker Sir, I lay these papers on the table of the House: -

- 1) Report of the examiner of the local funds account on the accounts of the local bodies for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011.
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S P E A K E R : We shall now start the general discussion for the

budget, 2011-2012. Do we all agree on 10 minutes for each person to speak?

- Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : I suggest we may allot 15 minutes as sessions do not take place too often.
- S P E A K E R : I believe we will not be able to fit in each member if we give 15 minutes as we will have to wind up at 4 PM and the ministers and House leader would want to add few points tomorrow. Do we agree to give each member 10 minutes and group leaders 15?
- Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, this discussion is our only chance and so we may extend the time beyond 4 PM too. We have also practiced 15 minutes in previous years too.
- S P E A K E R : Alright. We are all educated individuals here, so 15 minutes shall be given in which warning will ring at the 13<sup>th</sup> minute. I call Pu K. Liantlinga to start.
- Pu K. LIANTLINGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We moved with Vote on Account and plan fund from the central was ready in March. However, we waited for the end of Vote on Accounts and it appears that the standard allocation could not be prepared by the finance department/planning department. Now that we have our budget, we have a lot of pending expenditure before us.

I just want to say that performance budget is meant for one year only. This present performance budget is quite unsatisfactory as for instance, MAMCO has given annual reports of 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. But what will we do with that report? I feel it is embarrassing for the minister as the departments are able to submit work programmes and schedules but not performance report. The responsibility lies with the senior ministers and also of the negligence of the assembly. The junior ministers and some departments, on the other hand, have submitted on time. Making budget estimates by simply classifying major works and minor works is not enough. It will be good that the minister bear witness to the expenditures so that neither side can have easy access. I suggest that departments who have not submitted the performance should do immediately. As the House leader has stated, 'corruption should be pulled out from its roots and exposed', I believe the performance budget is the best tool to do so.

We have frequently mentioned regarding delegation of financial power in the previous years. Expenditure sanctions get clumped at the year end and we try to convince the finance department to pass it as 70 crores lapsed last year. The House leader mentioned that the system has to be improved as on proceeding page 892 and to give financial power to the secretary of different departments as on page 890. If we follow the process, our state will surely be developed. It is also noticed that most of the minor departments have given importance to submit their performance budget in which Chakma Autonomous District Council has done it best. However, the major departments having larger plan funds neglected to do so. It is, therefore, necessary to instruct each department that they should submit the same immediately.

For instance, portfolio of leader of the House comprises General Administration Department, Power & Electricity, Minor Irrigation, Fisheries and Soil Conservation etc. out of which only minor departments submitted the said in details. In order to study the departments, nothing can be done without the detailed performance budget. So, each department should submit the requirement as soon as it is ready. Thank you.

Pu CHAWNGTINTHANGA : Pu Speaker, our views on this General Discussion of the budget may differ from member to member. As for me, my view starts from the fiscal management of the government of Mizoram.

Fiscal responsibility on budget management of the government of Mizoram is indicated in budget management, 2006 as this is important for debt relief as well as debt write-off. The Mizoram government faced a lot of pressures from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission as the resource we received from the central government is not sufficient and our revenue on excise duties increased by a margin of only 15% each year. The BE for the financial year 2011-2012 is estimated at ₹709.73 crores where as Grant-in-aid as well as non-tax revenue recollections have also improved. The figures given here show our improvement with our fiscal deficit.

The state government has given much thought towards fiscal control and has taken up finance management at it level best which might have been the reason that we are able to stand at the present situation. Yet, the finance department has to face a lot of challenges including closing-off public sector undertakings. There are many other things to re-examine such as pay revision, master roll employee, supply of commodities, electric supply expenses, water supply, road constructions, health etc. Our budget, is, thus prepared by taking all these into account so as to improve our financial financial situation.

The government reflected the fiscal policy in order to improve the state finance such as 21.75 crores for consolidated sinking fund, 100 lakhs for guarantee redemption fund and collection of revenue stamp, increase water supply, transport department, compulsory registration of revenue, registration of casual labours, increase of bamboo tariff and cess in the PWD project.

According to our performances, we receive fund revolution from the central government. A central finance expert once said, 'the central should not be expected to

compensate lack of efforts.' So, we should toil hard. I also support the opinion of Mr. K. Liantlinga on negligence of government officials.

The PHE has completed the water supply project in my constituency Vanbawng but it has not been included in the performance budget. The fund transfer for the Sinlung Hills Development is inadequate as frequently complained by concerned people that the area as being neglected and so adequate financial help has not been provided. Thus, the government should determine a special package development fund. I give my support on general discussion of the budget and its budget plans.

S P E A K E R : Anyone else to speak? Lt. Col. ZS. Zuala.

Lt. Col. ZS ZUALA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do not think we should lose anything due to late submission of performance budget as we present the budget with regard to the grant received from the Planning Commission. I believe simplifying the financial sanctions is good as it curtail the process.

Pu Speaker, 30% has been kept for wages of MR. In this connection; I wonder if there is a rule to change MR in every 90 days as once an MR stays on for too long, it is somewhat difficult to terminate the post. So, each department should strongly control over any MR employees so as not to form associations to threaten the government.

I believe that pension payment problem can be solved by introduction of the defined contributory pension scheme. Here, share of urban area is not shown in the allocation. Opportunity should also be given to rural community as for rural development schemes is spent mostly within the city of Aizawl. Pu Speaker, fund provision of 25 lakhs allotted for local area development is spent accordingly. However, I opine this should be increased. In the mean time, i opine proper maintenance should be given to World Bank road as it is highly benefitted as it also brings us a change for good.

As we see, huge amount of 34% of the budget is allotment for NLUP and BPL. Yet, it is important for the government to execute the programmes accordingly so as to obtain the best achievement out of it. I support proposal for tax collection which each of us should make our contribution willingly. I also strongly support the labour welfare scheme as it is good idea to shift the police training centre at Thenzawl for it has spacious area for extension as necessary. Even if there is a complaint from the affected local people, we must know that it is the decision of the government and not of certain NGOs.

I would like to appland the MPSC on acquiring a good exam hall. We have an efficient MPSC Chairman. Selection of officers must be done carefully and honestly. The fiscal reform central finance commission has recommended 79 crores to be contributed, which we should be able to cover. If we are mobilized we can certainly attain it. The price of petrol and diesel should be increased, which could sort out heavy traffic jams. I also support the

stamp reform registration prices taken and the registration of casual labour. This could control the ILP. I also support the labour welfare scheme.

Thus, this budget is for the needy and poorer public and it truly is quite comforting.

S P E A K E R : Now Mr. John Siamkunga.

Pu JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Our budget today is highly commendable, as it is for Rs.4367.3429 crore. On the other hand, our fiscal deficit with regard to gross state domestic product is only 2.4% and our outstanding debt is 49.6%. According to the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission which declared below 85% as safe we still are safe.

Our GSDP project for 2011-2012 is ₹7260.75 crores. 59.47% will be provided by the service sector, 21.97% by the Industrial sector and 18.56% by the Agriculture sector. If we utilize and give more attention to the private players, they can increase contributions from the Industrial sector.

We have Rs.173 crores for the states own tax revenue, which is quite inadequate. So we need to take necessary measures for improvement. We then have Rs.237 crores for the states own non-tax revenue, on which we can still improve. We'll have Rs.709 crores from central taxes and duties, Rs.2627.29 crores from central government grants-in-aid and Rs.493 crores from loans and advances.

With regard to the expenditure, salary for government workers comes to ₹1447.72 crores, which is 33%, pension ₹219 crores, loan interest ₹270 crores, ₹707 crores for executive cost. Let us hope we can meet our estimated expenditure.

There is ₹186 crores for "supplement to budget" which is commendable. It shows that AMCs and VCs will be taken care of. It shows that this government gives importance to decentralization of power.

Another important point is ₹234 crores for NLUP. I hope this brings about great economic upliftment, especially of the poor. I also commend the "Administrative Initiatives" which will furnish the Taxation department. We received 79.88% as taxes during 2009-2010, but that quickly sank. Our Finance minister has indeed done a commendable job.

It is also estimated that about ₹135 crores would come in from VAT, which will be a huge improvement. But we also need to make changes in taking VAT, as the money goes into the pockets of individuals and not the government. The way-bill is also used inappropriately, which needs to be changed.

The changes made with regard to water supply, compulsory registration of revenue related documents and compulsory registration of labours, seem to show promise of progress. The labourers need training as many do not understand the labourer's way of life.

Just as we contribute to the church, we should also contribute to the state which will prove that we are true citizens of the state. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Mr. B.Lalthlengliana.

Pu B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am sorry to be that the budget estimate has decreased with a difference of ₹50 crore in comparison to the previous year. We have many projects at hand, which might not be met with such a difference. As the NLUP is the government's Flagship policy, I suggest ₹234 crore sanctioned for it.

I would also like to suggest ₹30 to ₹35 lakhs for the MLA instead of ₹25 lakhs. We have to take into account the situation of the different constituencies, especially rural areas.

I support the estimate for Lunglei High Power Committee of ₹7 crores where as ₹15 crores estimate for Rajiv Gandhi stadium could also be increased to ₹25 crores. The estimate of ₹4 crores for Thuamluaia Mual is again too much. And I also do not comprehend the LSC and Periodic patta from the compulsory registration. It would be extra expenditure and a burden for the poor. I suggest that land lease compulsory registration be done from the different central departments.

Mr. Speaker, we seem to have estimated ₹13 crores for the completion of the Aizawl indoor stadium. So, is this sufficient and when can it be utilized? And when will the Champhai indoor stadium which has almost been completed be inaugurated? ₹34 crores were received from the estimated budget of ₹37 crores for the construction of the Mizoram sports academy in Zobawk in 2008. However, no work has been done. So, what will become of the money invested in it?

It does not mean that Agriculture or Horticulture is not productive, but it is to be noted that Fisheries too is beneficial for concerned farmers as it can produce 10 to 20 quintals a year just from one bigha of fish pond. More efforts may be given to fish production in order to meet our needs as there is potentiality if enough provision is made available.

On Sericulture, It is regretted to learn that the budget is decreases comparing to last year. I cannot imagine how the department will manage itself with this minimum budget provision allotted this time. It is to be noted that among all the departments under the state government, only Sericulture and Fisheries could bring immediate self-sufficiency through their products as it is not necessary to sign MoU in order to sell the products since it is always in demand.

On PWD, demand for repairing works amounting to crore. During the Financial year 2010-11, there is a friction between the PWD and Finance Department as PWD claims the fund being diverted while Finance stands that no fund is received from the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. It would be appreciated if the concerned Minister clarified the situation. According to the guideline of the Finance Commission, if the government failed produce utilization certificate of Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure (NPRES) which is ₹32.56 crore, the ₹19 crore fund reserve for Mizoram cannot be released. The question is whether we received ₹32.56 crore last year. If not, it is important to determine means to obtain the ₹19 crore reserved for Mizoram. If the department spends 4.05 from non-plan and 1.27 from plan only, how are we going to prepare the utilization certificate? Here in Annexure I & II, we see our fund amount is ₹34,373,842. Are we going to lose all this? It will be of a great loss for our state if we cannot procure the sanction. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Nirupam Chakma to resume the discussion.

Pu NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to thank the hon'ble Finance Minister Pu H. Liansailova for giving us a well-equipped finance document which consists of eleven documents. During all my years as a member of this House, I never receive this kind of financial document which is so well-equipped. It truly is an achievement. From this document, we can see details of the Mizoram State Budget. I, therefore, would like to convey my thanks to the Finance Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and Department officials.

If we look into the Budget, the Revenue Receipt for 2010-11 is ₹3716.32 and in 2011-12, it will be increased at ₹3748.30 and the capital receipt for 2011-12 will become ₹573.39 crore with the total expenditure of ₹4216.09 crore. My concern lies in salaries of government employees for which larger portion of our budget will be spent. Pu Speaker, my point is that only budget allotted for purchase of food grain is directly benefitted by the people of Mizoram. In the previous Ministry, only 20 to 30 crore was put aside for the people while ₹234 crore is allotted for the same in this Ministry. That is the difference between the previous Ministry and the current Ministry.

Regarding the budget contribution, most of the contributions are coming from Non-Revenue Tax, Central Government and Land Tax contributed by every family but the largest beneficiaries are government servants. So, we have to determine the fact that the amount of professional tax contributed by government servants remains the same even though they receive all kinds of benefits as the poor. We also have to determine subsidy on supply of food



grain. If we do not want to surrender our ration card and still need the supply of electricity, we have to determine solution for the problems of our economic growth. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu H. Zothangliana.

Pu H.ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. First I would like to thank the Finance Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and Officials for preparing a good Budget as we are on the verge of financial crisis. As my fellow member pointed out, larger portion of our budget goes to the government servants for their salary, medical expenses, office expenses and pension. In this regard, we have to give more thoughts and find an alternative measure. If not, we will soon face financial crisis as the situation is not good. If we look into the current budget, we will see that 34.33% goes to government servants while 272.89 crore is for pension. It means that about 40.81% of our budget goes to government services. While this is the case, about 8958 posts including in the District Councils are lying vacant. This indicates that the government is strong enough without filling up the said vacant posts. Many departments prepare their budget by inclusion of such vacant posts which result in excess expenditure by the year end. We have to stop this practice and determine means to cancel unwanted post. If not, our financial situation will doom into crisis in the end. Besides, we have to increase our revenue taxes whether on Guest Houses, supply of electricity or on food grains. As stated by Pu Nirupama, subsidy in food grain is collectively benefitted by the rich and poor and we have to stop the system immediately. With all this in mind, I congratulate our Finance Minister for preparing a good budget as i give my support to pass it. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. RAMHLUNA : Pu Speaker, I must say that we have a good budget presentation with the new Finance Minister and I am very thankful for that. In examining our budget, there are few points which i cannot understand and so may be clarified by concerned minister when winding up his speech.

At the out set, i have to mention regarding the detail of fund transfer to local bodies as shown in Supplementary Budget. While allotting fund to Aizawl Municipal Council, the detail distribution is not highlighted. Obviously partiality is existed in the allotment of fund towards the ruling and opposition members. If this is true, we have to think once again so that equal share is given in all municipal areas.

Secondly, if we look into Demand for Grants, NLUP is shown as ACA in our Annual Plan Budget not in the sense we expected. Since it is a flagship scheme of the ruling party, the government will concentrate on the programme for the success by any means which consequently effected budget allotment of all departments as the budget of 18/19 departments

decreases this year for that reason. While the salary component is higher, the work component is very low. So, it is difficult to expect this ministry to make a good performance. Besides, PWD Department claimed that Finance Department pulls their fund from Finance Commission while the later denied. With your permission Pu Speaker, I would like to read this paragraph – ‘We had decided to provide grant-in-aid for roads maintenance to the extent of 50% of the requirement assess for non PMGSY roads and 90% of the requirement assess for PMGSY roads for 4 years starting from 2011-2012’ and it also said that ‘the total amount of grant work out to ₹19.30 crores and the State year wise break-up of this is given at annexure 12.16’. This shows that there is a fund of 32.56 from which 19.04 come as grant-in-aid. Hence, it would be appreciated if this matter be clarified by the concerned minister.

Thirdly, our leaders mentioned that even though Lengpui is a choice of the expert team for the site of NIT, it has to be cancelled due to compensation. But if we look into today’s newspapers, the Joint Action Committee of Lengpui claimed they are ready to hand over their land freely to NIT and without compensation. This contradicted what the government claimed as their reason for abandoning Lengpui. If that is the case, why not open NIT at Lengpui as it is convenient in every aspect as it is accessible by road and air? In this regard, may concerned minister clarify the situation?

Fourthly, I am very happy that this year, we have a performance budget and work programme as well. But the work programme is incomplete as many departments failed to submit their performances. It would be appreciated if all the departments submitted their respective complete work programme in the future. Pu Speaker, it is learned that out of investment of ₹90.75 crores of Sinking Fund for Reserved Fund, ₹21.75 crores is proposed this year. What is the purpose and how it will to be executed? Not long ago, rules for Guarantee Redemption Fund were drafted and this year, ₹100 crore is proposed. If we look into the Annual Financial Statement, it was clubbed with others under the General and Other Reserved Funds indicating its purposes. Comparing to last year, the difference in the Budget Estimates is ₹27.75 crores and for Disbursement, ₹800. I want to know why large amount of investment is made in plan allocation of every department.

Regarding revenue receipt, the proposed target for Forest & Wildlife is ₹660 lakh as it was only ₹380 lakh last year. We have to determine whether the target could be achieved? Likewise, revenue receipt from Non-Ferrous Mining & Quarrying Industries last year was ₹485 lakh but the proposed target for this year amounting to ₹886 lakh which doubled last year’s receipt. It would be appreciated if the case is re-examined. Besides, Pu Speaker, I opine it is time to revise fund allotted to MLA as it is of the previous ministry of MNF as all the members are bound to utilize their fund accordingly. If not possible, fund may be allotted to us in a department-wise as practiced also in Meghalaya. Thank you.

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

Pu LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is our tradition from the past that the

Group leader and Opposition Leader were given a chance to speak in the last part of the discussion but it has not been practiced on many occasions. So, i think we have to continue the practice from the next discussion.

S P E A K E R : What the hon'ble member has said was true and I must call upon the minister or the House leader to conclude our discussion if there are none to speak. Yes, Pu P.P. Thawla.

Pu P.P. THAWLA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is truly appreciative as our Finance Minister presents the budget for this year with the detail documents and plans allocated to each department. We have a handsome amount of plan budget for the year 2011-2012 i.e. ₹1,700 crores. So, i want to remind the government of the importance of southern region and its people for their remoteness in every way. I visited Kawlchaw recently and found out that the link road to Phura, one of the most potential areas of the district is blocked. Unless the blockade is cleared immediately, many people will starve for foods. So, special attention may please be given by the government.

Regarding MLA Fund, it was increased from ₹5 to ₹10 lakhs in 2005 and again to ₹15.20 lakh. The present ministry in 2009 again increased the amount to ₹25 lakh and no revision had yet been made since then. What is the reason whereas every member knows its usefulness as no misuse of fund is never heard of?

NLUP, as known to us all is the flagship programme of this ministry as ₹1,700 is put aside for this financial year. I wonder if this is the main reason for the existing financial problem of our state. Some people might have benefited from the huge fund allotted, but some suffers as it has not been equally distributed. This further causes a problem to departmental development works.

Regarding Kaladan multi-project, i want to say that construction of road is proposed from Lawngtlai to Zochachhuah the soil in this region which is found as weak and so the alignment may be diverted to Phura where approach road is constructed with befitted soils available for the project. Besides Pu Speaker, construction of double lane road from Tuipang to Lungpuk via Laki taken up by the BRTF has not been continued. Attention may be give in this regard as this will affect the progress of Kaladan multi-project. This project is expected to produce 450 Mega Watts and if there are two or more dams constructed between Kawlchaw-Kai to Lawngmasu, it will be much beneficial for the people of Saiha District.

Regarding supply of Power, I am happy to see newly constructed Tower Line between Lawngtlai and Saiha which is very essential for this part as landslide and felling trees destroyed number of posts. Besides, ZEDA introduced power supply from solar which was

very useful for rural people but the new Ministry stopped the supply in 2009. Can this be renewed?

Regarding supply department, it will be much appreciated if the government expedited stocking of foodgrains in rural areas before monsoon season. In the meantime, i have to say that the practice of corruption is commonly known in supply department particularly among the Storekeepers by doing carrying contract work without the knowledge of the government while many assigned Carrying Contractors are deprives of their contract works. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, rice purchased on special permit are often resold at the market at the rate of 1000/- and above which i opined as of the filthiest trade. It will be much grateful if concerned authority looked into the matter so that the system is stopped immediately.

On Medical, I am a regular visitor of Civil Hospital and i have come to learn that a just single nurse is assigned to attend quite a large ward with many patients. Is it possible to assign more nurses in such a larger ward? In this connection Pu Speaker, we have number of nurses recruited on contract basis. If there is no chance for their regularization yet, I opine their salary should be raised as some has already been working for a couple of years. That is all I have to say. Thank you Pu Speaker.

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

Pu T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Obviously many of us hardly had chance to study our budget since we were given only 2 days. So, it will be much appreciated if at least 3 days is allotted to study the budget. I supposed for this reason, many of us are unable to make an active participation in the discussion of our budget. Nevertheless, I am happy to see that our Finance Minister introduces a good budget in the House.

It is to be noted that we are in the middle of world re-session as the world economy deteriorated and so we all are suffering the effect. Besides, with the vision of India to become one of the third world powers in the year 2020, the 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission made a guideline as the State budget too was prepared according to this guideline. Hopefully, debt of the country amounting to more than ₹3400 crore may be cleared off gradually. Since we are heading for recovery, it is first necessary to make correction of the formula. As we are in a period of transition, I beg the people to understand our financial position and give us time to improve our economy.

It is known to us all that our state remains at the mercy of the central government due to lack of resources. While this is the case, it is kind of difficult to take for granted incorrect bills or other related documents introduced in the House as it is the result of negligence of the officials. So, concerned officials may be instructed to give more dedication and determination in dealing with their works. We have witnessed this kind of error especially in the Law passed by the house which were vetted by the Law Department despite number of printing mistake or else as it degrade the status of the House. Besides, it is obvious that cases referred to certain departments by the Committees of Assembly were not given enough importance. Hence,

I think it is necessary to organize training of concerned officers and staff at ATI with matters relating to the Assembly.

As we see here in the budget, contribution made by the government servants in our state is quite small in compare to employees under the central government. So, I opine it is important for the government to determine means to increase contribution of tax by the government servants so as to improve our economy. For the same reason, the previous ministry also determined increase of tax collection on Land Revenue. Now, wine manufacturing at Hnahlan has become an important source of income for the state. But the future as to whether to continue with the project is blurred as various churches objected the project which discourages many growers of grapes.

Pu Speaker, regarding increase of LPG rate, I opine only luxury items such as Petrol and Diesel should be increased. In order to narrow down the gap between rich and poor in our state, collection of tax on wealth and building may also be determined so that the poor may benefit wealth from the rich.

Above all, Pu Speaker, it is truly appreciative as the government, with a view of solution of employment problem of the youths today, concentrates in construction of sports stadium as some has already been completed and some under construction.

Priority of this ministry is to alleviate condition of the poor knowing that we cannot always depend on the central. So, we have to determine resources on our own for which the youths should be encouraged accordingly. So, I give my support to this budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

Pu R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, I am happy that we are having another budget session with a good budget presented by hon'ble Finance Minister. It is truly appreciative as the government determines to combine various courses of trainings on one occasion to minimize expenditure of the government. Pu Speaker, we have a department which needs upgradation intensively i.e. the department of Weight & Measures. Despite its extensive coverage to pursue the departmental works such as checking of the quality of various oil products and foodstuffs, insufficiency of staff impedes the progress of works. Therefore, it is highly necessary for the government to give priority to upgradation of this department.

Regarding AH & Vety department Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that no step has yet been taken in regard to my request to construct check gate at New Vervek to verify imported domestic animals and illegal traders from Manipur. Besides, I made a request to the House for setting up of Rural Health-care Centre at Zohmun, situated in the boundary yet, it is sad to learn that the project cannot be accomadated in this budget. Again, we obviously have to wait for another time for construction of SDO (Civil) quarter at Sakawrdai and

creation of the post of SDPO both proposed at Sakawrdai. The need for strengthening of Police forces at Darlawn, New Vervek, Sakawrdai, Vaitin and Zohmun is mentioned in the House repeatedly but to no avail. Presently, BOP building at Zohmun is in need of renovation as it may not endure another monsoon season due to leakage of the roof. Is there a way to supply roofing materials from RD department?

For upliftment of rural areas, we received fund for Social Education from R.D. department. From this budget, only ₹300 lakhs is allotted which, as I opine as insufficient. Since MLA fund could not be made cover the whole area of our respective constituency, fund for development of rural areas is very useful for development of many villages. Hence, the amount may be increased. Besides, it is important for concerned authority to determine appointments of only of teachers who are willing to work in rural areas. If possible, it may wise to favor applicant from the concerned local area as most of the appointed teachers from outside applied transfer of their post barely after a year which often causes problem for concerned students. Within Sinlung Development Council, there are number of school which need upgradation especially Sakawrdai, the headquarters as the educational standard of such schools are quite low due to shortage of teachers. Is it possible to construct the school buildings and upgrade them at the same time? If possible, it will be much appreciated if grant fund for construction of such schools is increased considering escalation of cost of housing materials. With the hope for the future of my constituency, I give my support to this budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Next, Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte.

Pu LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, I would like to thank for giving me the opportunity to participate in the discussion of our budget 2011-2012. Many viewers from TV particularly from rural areas complain about excessive use of English language in the house. However, it may, as well be understood that there are certain matters which needs to be explained in English. As the hon'ble member Pu T.T. Zothansanga has pointed out, time to study the budget is very limited whereas there are members who are having problems to deal within our constituency at the same time.

First, it is well-understood that bearing of debt is indispensable practice of any government, yet, we have to determine means to reduce it. Accordingly, we have seen from this budget presentation that our debt is decreasing every year. In compare to the previous Ministry also, the decreasing rate determined from our GDP is 49%. We have to erase the idea that the government keeps the key and we may ask for it when needed without holding our hands to work. We have to abolish this kind of thought and try to give our best support to the policy of the government. If not, we will soon face financial crisis. We have to participate in reducing our debt by contributing taxes and by determining source of production increase our GDP. By the next financial year, we are expected to produce ₹7216.75 crore whereas our debt will become ₹3580.72 crore and it may as well be reduced further if our production is improved. If we can meet his, our debt percentage will come to 49.62% from the 90% debt leave behind by the

previous ministry. The state economy this year is expected to be increased by 9.57% whereas the country economy by 8.6%.

Regarding NLUP, the flagship programme of this ministry is quite successful at present. Many of us may tire of hearing this word but, for rural people, it is a word of blessings. This year alone, ₹234 crore is allotted for NLUP which concerned mostly of farmers covering 60% of the population of Mizoram. It is to be noted that in some other states, number of farmers committed suicide every year due to financial problem as the state government could not cover the whole population of farmers. Hence, we should count ourselves lucky to have a government which prioritizes interest of the farmers. While this is the case, It is truly appreciated as the government implemented NLUP project to alleviate poor section of our society. I, therefore, whole-heartedly support this budget. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Our business for today is finished. We will resume the discussion tomorrow, the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.