

**EVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(TWELFTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 15th MARCH, 2017
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - 1) **PU ZOSIAMA PACHUAU**, Former Minister of Mizoram.
 - 2) **PU C. LALRUATA**, Former Member of Legislative Assembly.
 - 3) **Smt. JAYALALITHA JAYARAM**, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPER

3. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, Chairman to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Statement of Actions taken by the Government against Subject Committee-III further recommendations contained in the Sixth Report, 2016 relating to Computerised Hospital Management Information System and Tertiary Cancer Care Centre under Health & Family Welfare Department.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA** to present to the House the Third Report of Committee on Local Fund Accounts on Action taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the First Report of Committee on Local Fund Accounts on Annual Technical Inspection Report on Urban Local Body and Rural Local Bodies for the year 2013-2014 relating to Local Administration Department.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

5. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

SPEAKER : “Do not show partiality in judging; hear both small and great alike. Do not be afraid of anyone, for judgment belongs to God. Bring me any case too hard for you, and I will hear it”

Deuteronomy 1:17

Pu J.H. Rothuama, Pu R. Lalrinawma and Pu Z.S. Zuala are granted leave of absence. We will now take up Obituary Reference from the Hon. House Leader on the demise of PU Zosiama Pachuau, Pu C. Lalruata and Shmti. Jayalalitha Jayaram.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have to refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of some of our former members and Shmti. Jayalalitha Jayaram, a renowned woman politician in the country. I would like to start with Pu Zosiama Pachuau.

Pu Zosiama Pachuau, the former Minister was an exceptional man who was amazing to work with. He was 72 when he died on 24th Jan. 2017 at 7:15 am at New Life Hospital after suffering from a heart disease. He was born in Tualcheng village on the 15th August, 1944 and was the second eldest among the 9 children of Pu Hauchhawna and Pi Lalhnehi. He was married to Pi Lalhmingliani of Kolasib on the 26th June, 1974 and had 4 daughters, 2 sons and 11 grandchildren. He completed his high school from Sialmat Kristian High School, Churachandpur in 1963, BA from D.M. College, Imphal in 1967, MA from Gwuahati University in 1972 and B. Ed from Delhi University in 1975. He established Vairengte High School in 1969 and sat as the first Headmaster. He held the post of Asst. Academic Officer of MBSE in 1977 and was promoted to Sr. Academic officer and worked there till 23rd March, 1984.

He joined People’s Conference (PC) Party in 1984 and was elected as an MLA for the first time from Ngopa Constituency in the same year. He was elected thrice in a row (1984, 1987 and 1989) from Ngopa constituency and was again elected in 1993 from kolasib Constituency. He was a Cabinet Minister and was allotted Higher & Technical Education Department, Soil & Water Conservation Department and Environment & Forest Department.

Pu Zosiama Pachuau was a determined, honest and brave man who used to be a member in the Assembly Committees such as, Committee of Privileges, Committee on Govt. Assurances, Rules Committee, Public Accounts Committee (as its chairman for 2 terms) from 1989-1993. He contributed a lot as PAC Chairman and his reports were always interesting.

Though he was healthy and hardworking, he was bedridden from 20th Dec, 2016 and was admitted to New Life Hospital on 28th Dec, 2016. After several investigations, he was referred outside the state on 16th Jan, 2017. As his condition

deteriorated, he was compelled to use ventilator from the 14th Jan, 2017. It became known that he was suffering from Chronic Heart Attack for a very long time after he was admitted to ICU. His fever worsened his heart and died on the 24th Jan, 2017 despite the best efforts of the doctors. It is quite unfortunate to loss him and my prayers are with his family.

Pu C. Lalruata, Ex-MLA died from stomachache on 6th Jan, 2017 1:15 pm at Greenwood Hospital. He was 72 years old. He was the eldest among the 8 children of Pu C. Lalthanga and Pi Lalkaii and was born on the 5th Jan, 1945 at Kelkang. He married Pi Tlangthawmi on 21st Oct, 1966 and had 1 daughter, a son and 2 grandchildren.

He held the 3rd position in Middle School Scholarship Examination, 1966 and even received a merit scholarship. He finished his High School from Gandhi Memorial High School, Champhai and BA from Pachhunga Memorial College while being a Govt. employee. He was involved in several students' movements while he was a student and became a teacher in his early years. He worked as Lower Division Assistant (LDA) under Mizo District Council from 1966-1970 and got involved in politics from 1970 where he joined Mizo Union Party (MUP). He became the first Secretary of MPCC when MUP merged with Congress on 4th Feb, 1974. He was elected for the first time as MLA of Mizoram UT from Lungpho Constituency in 1972 while he was only 27 years of age.

He contributed his best for the society even before he was involved in politics and also was a Sunday school teacher of children section without even being on Senior Department. He became a Sunday school teacher for adults section in 1970 and received a diploma award for being a regular teacher for 25 years. This year is his 47th year as a Sunday school teacher.

He was a healthy man but was admitted to Green Wood Hospital on 1st Jan, 2017 for stomachache and was discharged on 4th Jan. However, the pain recurred the next day and was re-admitted the very same night. He had difficulty with breathing the next morning and was supported with oxygen. Unfortunately, he died on the 6th Jan. despite the efforts of the doctors and nurses to save his life.

I knew him even before the merger of our two parties and he was quite helpful when I was a candidate for Champhai Constituency. Our party benefitted his services as he always performed his duties fully. Our party usually assigned him with drafting the Resolution in every General Assembly and our leaders trusted him a lot. He was never greedy and was always patient for his needs. He had a similar personality with Pu Zosiamu Pachuau and they both were very generous and down to earth. Losing Pu C. Lalruata is a great loss for his family, our party and the state and my prayers are

with his family.

The famous Indian, Pi Jayalalitha Jayaram, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu died of heart disease on 5th Dec, 2016 at Apollo Hospital, Chennai. She was 68. She was born on the 24th Feb, 1948 in Mulukote, Pandava Pura Taluka, Mandhya District, Karnataka and she was the daughter of Pu Jayaram and Pi Veda Valli. She had a brother who died in 1990 and her father died when she was only 2.

She entered the film industry at a very young age and was quite successful. She starred in more than 140 films before entering politics and she was called 'The First Female Superstar' at Tamil Nadu Cinema. She was well-educated and even held the 1st position in matriculation exam of her state. She was also well-versed in English, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu, Hindi and Malayalam. She joined AIADMK on 18th June, 1982 and was elected as AIADMK party propaganda Secretary in 1983. She was elected as a Rajya Sabha member in 1984 and occupied the seat till 1989; she was elected as a member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly the very next year.

She was even the first female Leader of the Opposition and was again elected after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. She was the second female and the youngest Chief Minister and held the position from 24th June, 1991 to 12th May, 1996. She could not contest in 2001 Tamil Nadu election for having a case but her party AIADMK still won the election and she was appointed as the Chief Minister on the 23rd May, 2016 for the sixth time. She published an order to grant amnesty on several power units from every household and she offered 8 grams of gold to every bride to be.

She was well liked by Tamil Nadu state and called her 'Amma' and many products are named after her. However, despite her valuable efforts for the state, she was admitted for Infection acute dehydration on 22nd Sept, 2016 in Chennai for 75 days and died on 5th Dec. She was well praised by her fellow Ministers and she provided cheap food canteens, free computers to students and populist scheme where food mixers and grinders were also supplied for free. Losing her is a great loss for the people of Tamil Nadu and the country.

I met her several times and she was fluent in English. Her party and Tamil Nadu are in commotion after she died and this shows how extraordinary she was as a leader.

Pu Speaker, we have lost three great leaders and it is sad to observe obituary here today. My prayers are with their families and I pray that this will lead them to blessings. Thank you.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Jayalalitha was admired by her people and she was regarded as a mother figure. The people are drawn towards her and she was a great leader who surpassed many male leaders and the country also highly admired her.

As mentioned by our House Leader, she had a successful career in film industry and she was a beautiful young woman in her early years. The country adored her and her movies were constantly watched. God doesn't make many women like her in one country and she was among the extraordinary people in India. So, losing her is a great loss for her people, the state and the country and we need to pray for her families so that God will guide them throughout.

The Revolt in Mizoram made living difficult in villages so Pu Ruata and I both left our homes and followed our President, Pu Ch. Chhunga in Aizawl. Pu Ruata was the General Secretary, Secretary etc and I was the Youth Treasurer in Mizo Union. We opened a Middle School together at Ramhlun Veng in 1970 and while working as a teacher, he was given a ticket for election. He was only 27 years when he was elected from the constituency now called Tuikum. Despite being a very young man, Mizo Union was proud to have him and his performances were always praised.

After the merger of Mizo Union Ministry, we started following our House Leader for more than a decade and Pu Ruata held an important status in Congress Party till today and was the General Secretary till his last breathes. He was also the General Secretary of CYMA in 1971 and 1973, YMA Branch President for 13 years and a Joint YMA President for 2 years.

He was an exceptional man and the party also made great use of him. A man like him will not be forgotten and we send our deepest condolences to his family; we pray that God be with them.

I will not mention Pu Zosiama as Pu Lalthanliana had prepared himself particularly for this.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you for the time Pu Speaker. Pu Zosiama Pachuau and Pu C. Lalruata were both from my constituency. Pu Zosiama Pachuau had a good reputation even after his days as an MLA and Minister and as mentioned by our House Leader, he was born on the 15th August, 1944. He completed his MA from Guwahati University in 1972 when he was only 28 years of age; he was 40 when he was a Sr. Academic Officer. He left his stable job and entered politics which showed how much he dedicated himself for his state and I sincerely admire his

dedication. He had a strong confidence in himself and he was fearless, generous, determined and always gave importance to his responsibilities.

One thing I admire about him is that he succeeded in everything he did whether be it politics, education, job or family. He was involved in several organizations and he always held high positions. So, losing him is a great loss for Mizoram and our party grieves his passing and I pray that God be with his family and loved ones.

Pu C. Lalruata was from my constituency and we were from the same locality. He had a great commanding voice and was a spectacular orator. He had a great leadership quality and he lived his life to the fullest. He is no ordinary man and losing him is a great loss for the state. I pray that God be with his family and dear ones. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, Pu Zosiama Pachuau was fond of labor works and he made a cabbage farm at Vairengte with his brother where they produced 50 quintals.

When Mizoram became a state, we were the members of PAC and he would cooperate a lot during his legislative years. He contributed as much as he could during the famine and helped the poor while being the Chairman. He was very concerned about Agriculture Link-roads and it is appreciating that they are now achieved.

He was often seen in the House of the bereft family even after his years as an MLA and he would always recognized his distant families and friends. He is not with us anymore and he is truly missed. I pray that God be with his family.

I visited Pu C. Lalruata the day before he died and wished him a happy birthday. The memories of me wishing him and talking about politics flash back in my mind today and he had a lot to say. He knew when to differentiate politics from denominational activities and he was a devout man for the church and society. He was an MLA when he was only 27 years of age and I love reading the proceedings of Pu Zosiama Pachuau and Pu C. Lalruata in our library. He was MIFCO Chairman and I feel unworthy to take his place and continue where he left off.

They both are no longer with us and I truly believe that we will meet again eternally. I pray that God be with their families and loved ones.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Pu Zosiama Pachuau was friendly and socially liked by the poor. I was a Block President when he was the Education Minister and he paved a way for us in having an educational school at Chhanchhuahna-khawpui. Moreover, there were many people who suffered from Malaria at Sunhluchhip and he being the Health Minister supplied medicines at every house and there were no deaths from Malaria that year. So, he contributed a lot when he was needed and his demise is indeed a great loss.

When he was allotted Forest Department, RO and DFO had all the works and left ACF with nothing. So, he made ACF to be a very important position and this is a remarkable action for the state. He trusted and favored me a lot and he handed me all the responsibilities of Education Department at Tuirini and beyond. He would always fulfill the needs of our constituency and that is why he will not be forgotten by our constituency. He is the reason behind our constituency's development and I pray that God be with his family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I request hon. Members to rise in their seats and observe silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed Leaders.

We will take the question; I request Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No.1.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Law & Judicial Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If the Govt. received a fund for construction of High Court building;
- b) If so, from which source;
- c) When the work will be started.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: The answer is: -

- a) Yes and the 1st installment of ₹1471.9 lakhs had been received in May last year.
- b) From Non lapsable central pool of resources (NLCPR) under DoNER Ministry, Govt. of India.
- c) The work will soon be started. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to Presentation of papers and I request Pu R. Vanlalvena to lay the Papers.

PUR. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Paper I am about to lay is regarding ‘Computerized Hospital Management Information System’ and ‘Tertiary Cancer Care Centre’ and the main paper was presented on 22.3.2016. Pu Speaker, I lay on the Table of the House, “The Statement of Action taken by the Govt. against Subject Committee-III further recommendations contained in the 6th Report, 2016 relating to Computerized Hospital Management Information System and Tertiary Cancer Care Center”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed and I now request Pu John Siamkunga to have Presentation of Reports.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Report I am about to present is ‘Annual Technical Inspection Report on Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies, 2013-2014’. The main Report was presented on 6th Dec, 2016 and 4 recommendations were made out of which 3 were approved. The Report to be presented today is among the 3 approved recommendations and 1 recommendation will be followed again since the department is not yet ready.

Pu Speaker, with you permission and of the House, I present on the Table of the House, “The 3rd Report on Action taken by the Govt. on the recommendations contained in the 1st report of Committee on Local Fund Accounts on Annual Technical Inspection Report and Urban Local Body and Rural Local Bodies for the year 2013-2014 relating to the Local Administration Department”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copied be distributed. We will proceed to motion of thanks on the address of the Governor and each member will be given 10 minutes. I request Pu Robiaka to move motion of thanks on the Address of the Governor of Mizoram.

PU LALROBIAKA : It is a privilege to stand before you and move this motion of thanks. God has blessed this Ministry and the state achieves many developments under the leadership of our Ministers especially our Chief Minister.

The Govt. has prepared a better solution for farmers through NLUP and NEDP and Agriculture link roads are undertaken. The Govt. gives importance to farmers and spent a lot of fund for them. Rubber plantation is also carried out through Soil Department for 84 families at Chungtlang and the people are excited that vehicles can now pass through Chungtlang to Tui Lui. Their vegetables are now sold at Aizawl market and we can see several progresses in different constituencies.

We also see a lot of progress from Sericulture and plenty of silkworms are reared. I believe that Mizoram will soon be a good potential for silk. We received a

project worth ₹1,352.09 lakh from NERTPS on Dec, 2016 and muga rearing is introduced at South Sabual where the people are also extremely excited. Silk is quite popular in China, India, Japan etc and we are quite aware that exportation will not be an issue. So, we need to make more efforts in order to raise our economy.

A lot of progress are also made on roads and with your permission, the Governor's Speech states 'The Govt. of India has assured that Rih-tidim road of about 80 kms will be developed to improve the connectivity with Zokhawthar' (*SPEAKER: Your time is almost up*) I will try to make it short. The Multi-Modal transport is spectacular and it will serve a great purpose for the people. However, developments can also bring misfortunes and we need to prepare ourselves. For example, the roads to Burma are under construction and there will come a time when criminal tribes will pass through. So, as the owner, we need to prepare ourselves.

Several progresses are also made on Sport & Youth Services and I-League is not functional without a Mizo player. We also see many developments on roads, livelihoods, productions etc and afforestation is also becoming wider.

We see progress on Food & Civil Supply and cooking gases are now in abundance. We also make progress on water, power supply and taxes. It is impressive that we will soon be opening Tuirial Hydel Project which was abandoned by the previous Ministry. In regard to Health sector, a private hospital with 50 beds was inaugurated at Thenzawl on Oct, 2016 and this is a great achievement being a very young state.

The Govt. is also taking measures on recruiting the youths in army through Youth Commission and it is remarkable to have a Sainik School which will soon be inaugurated. Aizawl City Surveillance Project is also undertaken and it is impressive to have an excellent Forensic Science Laboratory.

We are making progress on collecting taxes and the Govt. is providing aid through NEDP which will help the laborers towards development. So, the progresses and developments we have achieved can be clearly seen and I thus request every member to unanimously pass Motion of Thanks on our Governor's Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is appreciating to discuss the Governor's Speech and it is much more impressive than last year.

Firstly, it is impressive that Minor Irrigation is carrying out the work on 14

new projects and progresses are also made. On Sports, progress is made undoubtedly. Food & Civil Supply makes a website which is also a way of viewing our development and I hope that the people will also make great use of it.

Section 16 mentioned that the classes of Sainik School will start next year and I would like the opportunity to say that the community of Chhingchhip donated the land without expecting any compensation. So, it would be appreciated if a courtesy is shown towards them in turn by employing Grade IV or any of its kind.

It is also impressive that State Level Committee and District Council Level Monitoring and review Committee are established in regard to District Council and I hope that this will pave a way in developing districts.

There are many Central Schemes on our Governor's Speech and we need to pursue and follow the guideline monitoring as much as we could. On the other hand, the Governor's Speech was about half an hour but there are several departments whose works were not mentioned. The Mizoram Finance Commission Report was mentioned but the works and status of Finance Department were not mentioned. Not only that, we conducted till section 56 last year while we stopped at section 44 this year. So, it would be appreciated if the works of all the departments are also mentioned for the betterment of the departments.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, section 15 states, "The FCS & CA Department is also in the final stage of constructing 17 new go-downs and will be commissioned shortly" which is the same as last year's Governor's Speech, section 53, and this makes me think if any works are carried out. Apart from this, our Chief Minister had also said the same on 2015's Independence Day. (*Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma in the Chair*).

Section 27 mentioned about the ongoing construction of Polytechnic Schools at Lawngtlai, Saiha, Mamit while this was already mentioned on the Governor's Speech of 2014 stating "Construction of new Polytechnic Schools are being completed at Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip". So, this is confusing as it was said to be completed in 2014 and the officials need to be more careful.

Section 38 underlines the 1st Mizoram Finance Commission Report, but it does not mention if excise duty is included. It would also be appreciated to know what population census is applied in disbursing funds by VCs in accordance to the 1st Finance Commission Report.

The Governor had mentioned about Youth Commission on Republic Day,

2017 stating that progress is made on livelihood and out of more than 3,000 youths, the majority of them got placements outside Mizoram. However, this is not mentioned here though several progresses are included.

Next is, all the 40 MLAs chose a model village within their respective constituency but the measures taken are not at all mentioned. NLUP is also hardly mentioned and it would be appreciated to know if the impacts are economic or social since our products are becoming costlier. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Pu K.S. Thanga.

PU K.S. THANGA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. First of all, I support the motion of thanks by Pu Robiaka and I would like to point out a few that I find important. Er. Lalrinawma mentioned how the works of some departments were not mentioned and yet, they deserve to be honored; but they do not complain even if they are not mentioned.

It is appreciating that Horticulture efforts are on construction of horticulture link roads to connect potential areas of horticulture importance as mentioned here and we will continue to make effort.

In regard to Sericulture, the Governor addressed that Mizoram is now among the only potential place in India to produce muga silk and do the department needs to put more effort in this regard. Rubber plantation would also be more benefitting for the laborers if family effort is given. The connectivity for Rih-Tidim road at Zokhawthar is also mentioned and this is important because Mizoram will approach Myanmar for business when it will be a full democracy country.

The Govt. is working on Sports infrastructure and we have a great football stadium thanks to the effort of the hon. Chief Minister and Sports Minister. We now have top players in I-League from Mizoram and we are lucky to have a Ministry that cared the interest of the youths.

The Speech also mentions LPG for it the essential needs. Our problem on supply of LPG is fading even at villages and there is also a proposal to upgrade Gas Bottling Plant to increase the supply.

Point 17 states, "I am proud to state that Aizawl, Champhai and Lunglei towns have been declared Open Defecation Free. Aizawl City has also been declared as 'Littering-free city' and this will require cooperation from the public for it to be successful". The reason I point this out is because it is impressive that the towns have good public latrines which will certainly decrease viral diseases. Mizoram is a very

young state and is developing quickly in cleanliness compared to other states of India.

Point 23 mentions the progress made on State Referral Hospital, Falkawn and the preparation of the Govt. to upgrade it by establishing MIMER is also mentioned. It is impressive that Referral Hospital which has been abandoned for 10 years by the previous Ministry is resumed and a machine worth ₹28 lakhs is also provided through NEDP. This will reduce the burden of Aizawl Civil Hospital to a great extent as the majority of the sick people will approach this Hospital. I am also thankful as being the representative of this constituency and I support this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. It is a privilege to have a discussion on our Governor's Speech. I would like to start by saying that the Assembly's time differed from the Governor's by 4 minutes and it is necessary that we give importance to this. His preparation is much better than last year and I would like to point out a few that I find necessary.

Firstly, the speech emphasized how important it is to have well constructed roadways and this is very true because developments could not happen without it. However, despite measures taken by the Govt., the people know best about the condition our roads and we therefore need to expedite our works.

Secondly, it is appreciating that the speech mentioned how necessary it is for Agriculture to take measures on crop production. Mizoram is a dependent state and a co-operation between the people and the Govt. is necessary. Govt. funds are hardly available in our districts and that is why the laborers are compelled to engage themselves on rice cultivation.

Horticulture is also mentioned and I believe this can alleviate the main problem our state. So, co-operation is also needed regardless of which party assumed the Ministry.

We are fortunate to receive a lot of central schemes and the majority of the developments we achieved are of the central schemes. However, the people of MADC relate RKVY with corruption and this is very unfortunate.

Everyone gives importance to Power & Electricity and that is why we all need to work together and cooperate keeping our parties aside.

Some members had mentioned the progresses made on Sports and we will continue to do so. However, it would be appreciated if the developments are equal in all the districts so that the talented youth from rural villages can also be discovered.

Tourism Department needs to be promoted as other states receive high revenues from Tourism. However, as we have learned from the speech that 7 Nos. Tourist Lodges as being opened within Saiha District, I was wondering how such newly opened lodges will be maintained when some in other areas were privatized as the department cannot afford to put into function. In the stead, it may be more impressive if we turn to the natural beauty of our mountain ranges and our culture for tourists' attraction.

The Speech mentioned that we have 2 model villages under PMGY and Haulawng as the 3rd phase; I believe this is of the Hon. MPs as the MLAs have their own model village in their respective constituency. Though this is of PM policy, we could not remodel a village despite having excellent guidelines.

It mentioned that 182 people were recruited in Armed Force and it would be appreciated if such recruitment is also held at every district capitals as there are many youths who are interested in this field.

Pu Speaker, it is the decision of the Govt. to upgrade any District Hospital. So, it would be appreciated if attention is given in this regard as many people are dying due to unavailability of medical equipments.

It is impressive that the revenue has increased from ₹118.73 crore to ₹278.11 crore this year. However, the highest tax we collected is from liquor and I am afraid if the number of widows and orphans increases at the same time.

Pu Speaker, if the Autonomous District Councils spent 92% of the plan and non-plan fund for the salary of employees, it is obvious that the people have no share from it as the rest is for office expenditures. So, it would be appreciated if the Governor gives it concern for financial management of the 3 Autonomous District Councils. At the same time, we are all aware of the situation of Lai District Council situation and would be much appreciated if initiatives are taken. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is the Assembly's time which should be taken into account but not the Governor's time. Anyway, it would be much appreciated if the Governor is not late anymore.

There are many things to be grateful for where as the speech starts with NLUP. It is reiterated that NLUP is successful but there is hardly any from the economic point of view as the rates do not decrease either. Anyway, most of the developments through Agriculture are of the central scheme and cooperation is

important in order to attain self-sufficiency.

We excavated several link roads and the maintenance is equally important especially for Agriculture and Horticulture.

Pu Speaker, during the launching of Integrated Mega Silk Development Project last year, one of our members was not allowed to enter the gate because for being unrecognized by the receptionists. This is embarrassing for the MLAs and the receptionists/securities should know their MLAs.

The progress of border trade project at Rih - Tidim road is quite slow and would be appreciated if the work is expedited so that we may have much better and cheaper products. At the same time, it would also be appreciated if Kawrpuichhuah is upgraded.

It is important to educate ourselves on prevention from wildfire for we have lost many forests which further affect our environment.

Many progresses are made on Sports Department and it is impressive that Multipurpose Sports Complex at YMA Field of Aizawl West-I in undertaken from NEC fund. It is also impressive that Miss Lalrintluangi of NECC Cadet from my constituency recently climbed Mt. Everest which certainly is a remarkable achievement for the Mizo people.

Regarding Tourism, it is learned that 7 Nos. Tourist lodges are inaugurated this year while we privatized several of the existing ones. We should be more concern on how to attract tourists rather than worrying about their accommodations.

Pu Speaker, the State Institute of Hotel Management at Bung Bangla which is of initiation of the MNF Ministry may be utilized for the best purpose.

It is confusing to learn from the Speech that several go-downs as due for commission last year and the same report being given again this year. While this is the case, our Ministers should concerns for some go-downs which had been constructed below-standard. Besides, we should be more careful in processing our ration card which includes wrong details of the family and printing mistakes.

Pu Speaker, it is a fact that development is slow when the roads are in bad condition. We therefore should put more efforts as it can ruin our image.

PHE has a new system of water supply but SIPMIU is rather slow in the works and should be expedited.

Pu Speaker, it is learned that Tlawva Hydel Project which was reported as a small hydel project has now been shown as a major hydel project and Kawlbem Hydel Project which was reported as 3.5 megawatts last year is now shown as 4 megawatts. So, we need to be very careful if this is a printing mistake.

Pu Speaker, despite the Governor's speech emphasizing many developments as being occurred in the Autonomous District, it is obvious that one is not making much progress as stated.

It is impressive that roads are constructed in the area of HPC (D) for wants of agreement; I am afraid that another of Sixth Scheduled Autonomous District Council is born out of it. We need to be very careful and I hope this will unite all the Mizo people.

State own tax revenue has increased as we even exceeds our target. However, it is unfortunate that it is due of MLPC Act.

It is appreciated that NEDP is implemented and I believe we will make great progress if this project is infrastructure development generated.

Pu Speaker, out of the 3 Public Undertakings that were abolished, MAMCO is remain functioning and taking new employees on contract basis despite the service of several employees being terminated.

It is impressive that minimum rate of wages was revised on 1st April 2011 and the laborers and MRs should be given more important. There are still some departments which do not follow the minimum wages and the Govt. is responsible for it.

I am sharing my opinion not because we are from different parties but for the development of our state and I am afraid we will not accomplish our Governor's Speech if we do not give our best. Thank you.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Firstly, I would like to point out that no MLA receives ₹700/- per day as fixed for attending the sessions.

There are many things to be grateful for and I would like to start with Rih - Tidim road. The Mizos in different parts of the world watches the performance of this Ministry with high expectation for our reunification and see that powers supply has even been shared to Zokhawthar with the approval of the hon. Chief Minister. The historical background of Khampat Bung and Rihdil for the mizos should not be ignored and that we always have our role to play on Myanmar's Govt. Our bonds with

our fellow mizos on Myanmar side will be much stronger had not the MNF Ministry suggested a border fencing in 2007. We had accomplished a wide road from Champhai to Zokhawthar and we will be able to reach Tahan from Champhai in no time if the road is linked with the mainland of Myanmar.

Pu Speaker, it is also impressive that the abandoned Tuirial Hydel Project is now being resumed continued and will soon be inaugurated. While this is the case, the negative result of corruption in the process of compensation on Tuirial project is that Tuivai of 210 megawatts and Tuirini could not be completed. Even though Tuirial is completed, Mizoram will receive only 12% from it for we need to pay huge amount on compensation claims.

In the previous term, Pu Speaker, ₹76.06 crore was spent on the proposed 500 bedded Referral Hospital in which only 1 x-ray machine was there and 17 people were hired as patients during the investigation. Anyway, it is impressive that the abandoned hospital will be upgraded by establishing Medical College.

Pu Ruatkima said that he had not seen any progress on NLUP but as a representative of one of the constituencies of rural area, I have seen a lot of achievements. Thus, I support the Governor Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will take a break and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte is granted a leave of absence from the House. To continue with our discussion, I invite Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is appreciating that the Governor Speech highlighted the achievements of the Govt. for the development of our state. It is quite obvious that measures taken by the Govt. are true which further indicate the efforts our leaders.

Some Members could not differentiate the effectiveness and ineffectiveness of NLUP. My constituency is poor and all the beneficiaries were asked to choose broom cultivation trade as a starter which was quite a successful. For example, this year, North Tinghmun collects ₹25 lakhs within its village through broom cultivation and Vaitin collects ₹43 lakhs which should not to be ignored.

It is appreciating that measures are taken on link roads and the future works are also mentioned on the Governor's Speech. However, there are several ongoing

works that are not mentioned and it would have been impressive if they were all included.

The supply of cooking gas and water are now sufficient and a lot of progresses are also made on education. My constituency has 5 High Schools of RMSA including one at Mauchar. It is also appreciating that several Govt. buildings are constructed.

It is also impressive that Kelkang Water Supply Scheme has been achieved with solar energy as the same for Sawleng is in the process which I think should also be included in the Governor's Speech.

It is appreciating that we now have State Drug Testing Laboratory for Quality Control Drugs at Zemabawk since our health centers is incomplete without it. It is also appreciating that there is an agreement with HPCD which is much a relief especially for the concerned constituency as we are always under a threat. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Governor's Speech highlighted only a few achievements for it is not possible to include the entire achievement of the government.

It is impressive that we are under the Govt. that abides by excellent Law & Order. Pu Speaker, the Members on your left claimed that achievements under NLUP as hardly seen. However, there are beneficiaries who are successful the very next day, months or even years after NLUP was implemented and this is why we could not issue the exact statistic. The success made with petty trade is also remarkable as there are numbers of successful trades like beauty parlor, tyres retreading, hair salon etc. within Aizawl. The people in rural areas as well are successful in their own respective trades whether it is on orange farms or pineapple farms as there are many progresses on WRC-1, WRC-2 and WRC-3. It is important to know that the Governor's Speech mentioned the measures taken on permanent farming and with the ongoing works for increase of rice productions across the 8 districts.

The government gives priority to the interests of the youth but all the achievements could not be included. Yet, it is necessary to include that the Govt. is undertaking extreme measures on sports as many talented players are promoted. We have even organized craftsmen training and examination centre for UPSC.

The Govt. is also giving importance to farmers and we should remember that muga silk rearing, rubber plantation, coffee etc are all taken up under NLUP. These

are of long term trades and will take times to be successful. The government takes measures in every directions and it is impressive that Aizawl, Champhai and Lunglei Districts are declared as Open Defecation Free.

We have sufficient supply of rice under this Ministry where as 5 kgs per head at the rate of ₹3 is provided under Food Security Act and another 3 kgs on subsidized rate. This are all mentioned in the Governor's Speech and is quite impressive. The Govt. is also doing its best on supply of cooking gas and there is a proposal to upgrade Mualkhang bottling plan with a capacity of 5 mega tons.

Power & electricity is the essential needs and the speech mentioned that we produce 29.5 mw till March. Tuirial Hydel Project of 60 megawatts will be commissioned next year and we could make the most of it if we had carefully looked after it from the start. The Govt. is taking intensive measure to make it functional and we should remember that Tuivai hydro-electric of 210 megawatts and Tuirini of 24 megawatts are also in progress. Some members asked why the mini-Hydel Project had not been mentioned and this is because it is known its capacity by the name min-hydel project.

Considering the important of safe drinking water, it must be noted that the Govt. is taking intensive measures. The Governor's Speech included the finished, the ongoing works as well as future works for the development which are all well-appreciated.

Developments cannot be attained unless proper roads are available and that is why the Govt. gives concentration on 1326 kms of road being constructed despite Mizoram being a sloppy and in monsoon area. Several roads had also been black-topped as some are in progress and we will continue to do so.

The Govt. is also taking measures on health as Medical College will soon be established; cancer hospital will be upgraded and 2 regular Radiologists are also employed here for the benefit of the people. While this is the case, the Speech only mentioned a brief achievement on nurses, doctors, hospitals since the entire achievements cannot be included.

The Govt. is also giving importance to Local Self Govt. and according to the Mizoram Finance Commission Reports approved by the Govt., the Village Councils, Local Councils will be given 15% of state own tax revenue.

Many have claimed a detail statistic is necessary to indicate the actual progress and the Economic & Statistic Department thus doing its best to get the exact figure of BPL and other figures as well.

Pu Speaker, I would like to conclude by saying that the government increases DA of its employees from 113% to 119% with effect from 1st April, 2016, from 119% to 125% with effect from 1st Sept, 2016 and then again from 125% to 132% with effect from January. This indicates the government is giving enough important to the well-being of the Govt. servants; yet, there are many other things to be grateful for on our Governor's Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pi Lalawmpuii Chawngthu.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Some Members have criticized the measures taken on NLUP but I would like to point out that it is quite successful as many link roads are achieved.

In regard to PWD, expedite works are carried out on Kaladan Multi Modal Transport Project as intensive measures are also taken on roads. In this connection, it may be noted that roads in Delhi are not entirely of well-constructed as some portions are much worse than ours. It is a difficult task to resurface every road and is unseemly to think that all our roads should be smooth as always. We are all aware of our budget and our roads are well-off considering our limited budgets.

Pu Speaker, Biate Water Supply Scheme is now in progress and I believe there are also several water supply schemes being carried out in several constituencies. We also witness the works achieved by PHE in rural areas and this is also appreciated.

Sports Department has been making a lot of achievements and we are almost getting used to it. It is worth-mentioning that Miss Emily Lalruatkimi from my constituency is qualified for French Open Tennis which certainly is due to the effort of our Minister. The project of Mini Sports Complex of Rural Development at East Lungdar and North Vanlaiphai are in progress thanks to the efforts of the hon. Minister which further indicates our leaders concentrate not only in Aizawl but also at rural areas to discover talented players.

It is appreciating that agreement is achieved with HPCD and we are fortunate to have a powerful Home Minister. However, it would also be appreciated if women are also recruited for Police.

We have heard that power supply will be given from next year and I would like to share my appreciation to the hon. Chief Minister.

There are many achievements worth-mentioning but could not be done so due to limit of time. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is a privilege for the chance to have discussion on our Governor's Speech though our points of view differs according to the side we are on. The Govt. of India announced demonetization of ₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes on Nov, 2016 and I believe Mizoram is the state that faced the least problem.

It is appreciating that there are many centrally sponsored projects for our state; yet, the monitoring works are not good enough like Buichali Concrete Bridge of the central project which remains unserviceable till today due to poor monitoring. We hardly have enough petrol and diesel at our pumps since the tanker could not pass that bridge. It is unfortunate that we are facing many problems as a consequence of poor monitoring.

It is impressive that railways enter out state but it is of the central project and we have no authority in it; and, there is a road project which is at 100 kms from Mizoram and no contractor to that effect remains not appointed due to appeal of the Indian Ambassador to the Burma Govt. to not proceed with the project. It would be appreciated if the Govt. takes measure in this regard.

Pu Speaker, I would like to point our progresses on Sports are not only through the Govt. but Pu Robert Romawia Royte too deserves the credit for his dedication to sports.

Again on railways, there is a proposal to construct railway station at Tlabung. So, it will be much appreciated if the work is expedited so that the people of Tlabung may benefit the outcome for trades. At the same time, it is necessary to give importance to the projects at Zokhawthar and Chhimtuipei as well.

It is true that we are more sufficient with the supply of cooking gas, but I believe we are over-praising ourselves in the achievements we have made so far. Anyway, I appreciate that we are able to freely share our thoughts under your leadership, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to wind up the discussion and clarify the point which is deemed necessary.

PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: From you past experiences, Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if you had ever come across a situation at the Parliament and the State Assembly when Question Hour is almost disregarded because of Obituary Reference. (SPEAKER: The Obituary Reference of the 3 departed leaders.)

It is appreciating to have a peaceful discussion on the Governor's Speech and we done our best despite shortage of funds and power. It is impressive that the reactions of the oppositions are quite positive and this is a great example for other states.

As mentioned by the Opposition Group Leader, India faced severe hardship due to demonetization and so is remarkable that Mizoram is free from this problem. The old banknotes were accepted everywhere in Mizoram till the last date and this makes me think how wonderful it is to be a Mizo and a Christian.

On the other hand, there are people always looking for the chance to claim compensation which is quite a burden for the Govt. JAIKA has now undertakes construction of NH4 from Aizawl to Tuipang and I am afraid we will put ourselves a shame before the Japan Govt. Pu Speaker, we will always grateful to the people of Chhingchhip for donating their land for Sainik School without expecting anything in return. The only request they have made is to absorb as much as the local people even as Grade-IV of the institution and step is being taken to fulfill their request. The school is now completed and the academic session will soon be started. Many students had face the interview but only 47-50 students will be admitted at the start. Measure has also been taken for admission and hostel for female students. It may be noted that Sainik school not only help enrolling the concerned students in the army, it is also important for the state's development as well.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention that more than 1,000 persons are recruited in the army during this Ministry alone and the Assam Rifles help us a lot by providing training in several districts. Apart from maintaining disciplines, the salary of the army is good enough while receiving everything for free. So, the Govt. is doing its best to recruit more and more youths and many are currently being trained for Commissioned Officer.

It is the aim of our leaders to build up strong relationship with the Govt. of Burma to pave the way for unity of all the Mizo tribes on Burma side. As such is the case, we need to use 'Duhlian' language so as to build a strong bond between all the Mizo Ethnic tribes around the globe. Pu Speaker, the project of Zokhawthar - Tidim road and Zokhawthar - Falam road had often been mentioned in the UPA Ministry but we disagreed to handover the works to Burma Govt. which to a certain extent hampers the process. However, with tranformation of Burma into a democracy country, we agree to handover the works though we are not certain of how the work will be carried out. A bridge between Burma and Mizoram is now being processed to enable Bus service to and fro and the Burma Govt. also gives it concern to Rih Dil which I believe may be made as a tourist spot.

The 7 Nos. tourists' lodges which had been opened recently were of the previous term's initiation with the idea of placing it in every village. However, the departments fail to put all in function due to lack of fund and were compelled for privatization. Tourist's attraction is quite an important idea and I often wonder if we have ruined our tourist spots due to renovation as most of the tourists are attracted to the natural beauty of our land and our original cultures. Thus, the department of Tourism, LAD and Art & Culture need to be more strategic.

Regarding setting up a model village to each constituency as directed by the Central Govt., it is unfortunate that no additional fund is allocated. However, we need to achieve this from our respective MLA funds.

Regarding cleanliness, we have started the programme with 'Clean Aizawl' and 'Clean Champhai' by declaring the two districts as 'Open Defecation Free' for an example to other districts.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to point out that Burma has 25 MPs who can communicate in Duhlian language. We need to strengthen our relationship by improving our road communication, our social and culture. It is learned that most of the private hospitals in Burma are quite independent on oxygen, water etc. and I am glad that the Govt. even suggested exchanging our Doctors.

When the Central Govt. suggested border fencing in Manipur last year, our fellow Mizos mostly of Kukis in the area of Mawreh and asked the help from the Govt. of Mizoram. So, I wrote to the Prime Minister but I believe no measure is taken since I do not hear from them anymore.

NLUP is greatly benefitted by many beneficiaries in Mizoram where as the per capita income in 2000-2011 was `50,956 and then `90,015 after 5 years and this is all figured by Economic & Statistic and Planning Department. Mizoram GSDP in 2010-2011 was ₹6,38,788 while and it increased to ₹12,49,869 in 2015-2016 with percentage of 8.46%. The success depends on the person concerned. Our leaders recommended the continuation of NLUP with NEDP. So, even if NLUP term has ended, we will continue to those who still need it.

The Agriculture and allied sector have the most NLUP trade and has grown by 7.21% in 2014-2015, 0.10% in Forestry sector, 5.83% in Fishery sector and 11.82% in manufacturing industry. Everyone like the operators, Govt., party and the beneficiaries benefitted from NLUP and the overall percentage of petty trade is also high. There are also beneficiaries at Saiha District who earned more than lakh rupees from strawberry trade.

Dr. K. Beichhua mentioned that RKVY is hopeless in his constituency and we could work on it unless we know the reason for the failure.

Electricity is important for development and we are currently working on Tuirial and Tuivai. Unfortunately, one dam at Tuirial is damaged recently due to heavy rainfall but we still hope to produce 60 megawatts. We arranged NEPCO to work on Tuivai and it is now in progress.

Tuirini is planned to generate 42 megawatts but since the limited state power is only 25 megawatts, it is unavoidable to work on the smaller projects and we also need to look for funds if we are to work on bigger projects. So, Tuirini is carried out with 25 megawatts and we hoped to receive the borrowed fund soon. We are on the verge of being independent and we could have own all the 60 megawatts had not fund provisions for Tuirial was corrupted.

Pu Speaker, Mizoram has the highest cancer rate and it is among the states with the highest AIDS +ve victims. Being a Christian state, this is embarrassing as number of underage molestation case increases at the same time.

We almost lost the Jungle Welfare Training School at Vairengte due to compensations but we fortunately won the case and we hope there will be no negative consequences.

We need to put more efforts on Health Care and we therefore proposed purchase of MRI and CT scan for every district hospitals. As mentioned by Dr. K. Beichhua, we could have saved some lives had there been any of these equipments.

We also need to concentrate on muga rearing and cooperation between Govt. and the people is needed for the success.

The Institute of Hotel Management was started in the MNF Ministry but we could continue with it due to lack of funding source. Our leaders are aware that we spent a lot on healthcare and referring cases and the best effort is so given in this regard.

In pursuance of trade agreement Bangladesh, intensive measure has been taken by the Govt. I want all the members to know that the railways project was initiated in 2017 but since it took years to resolve compensation case, it is not possible to assure its completion within 2019. The main problem faced by the Govt. on major projects is corruption; and, being a Christian, we all need to reassure ourselves to be true and honest.

Pu Speaker, it is appreciating that we are able to discuss the Governor's Speech; it is true that the majority of our achievements are of centrally sponsored schemes. We are a dependent state and that is why our leaders came up with NLUP and NEDP so that we may be more independent.

Like us, India, Burma, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar are all eager for the Kolodyne Multi Modal Project for it is expected for our mutual benefits. We will exchange trades which may also be an opportunity for spreading the Gospels.

Unity among the Mizo tribes is also becoming stronger as there are more communities who are willing to join our brotherhoods. So, we are destined to be a great state and we need to give the best possible effort to make this come true. Mizoram is regarded as Jerusalem to other Mizos across the globe and we need to play the role of parent to them even if we are not worthy of it.

Pu Speaker, it is impressive that the oppositions are quite decent and I would like to thank all the members especially the oppositions.

SPEAKER : I request Pu Lalrobiaka to wind up the discussion on his Motion and beg the House to adopt it.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, we all seem to have positive visions regarding this Motion. It is impressive that the House Leader too has mentioned his great vision for our state. I thank the Members especially the Oppositions for their cooperation.

So, with your permission, Pu Speaker, I beg leave of the House to pass the Motion.

SPEAKER : Is there any objection? If so, the House has unanimously passed the Motion.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you all.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is over and we will continue tomorrow at 10:30 am.

The sitting is adjourned (3:50 pm)