

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 20th MARCH, 2017
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

2. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to move motion for Election of Member to Committee on Public Undertakings for the remaining period of the term.

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the Economic Survey 2016-2017.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

4. **PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Committee on Estimates :
 - i) Sixth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to Bamboo Development Agency under Commerce & Industries Department.
 - ii) Seventh Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of Committee on Estimates of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to Kaladan Multi Modal

Transit Transport Project under Public Works Department.

5. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
- i) Nineteenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Para 5.5 of C&AG's Report of 2011-2012 Relating to Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department.
 - ii) Twentieth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Sixteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Para 3.1.8.8, 3.1.8.9, 3.1.9.2, 3.1.11.1, 3.1.11.2, 3.1.11.3 of C&AG's Report of 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
6. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to present to the House the following Reports :
- i) Seventh Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) under Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - ii) Eighth Report of Subject Committee-III relating to Mizoram Health Care Scheme (MHCS) under Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - iii) Fourth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2017).
 - iv) Fifth Report of Committee on Government Assurances (2017) relating to Action Taken Report by the Government against the recommendation of the Committee on Government Assurances in its First and Third Report.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

7. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram (Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) (Amendment) Bill, 2017". Assembly Bill No. 40 of 2017 and "The Mizoram (Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement) (Amendment) Bill, 2017". Assembly Bill No. 41

of 2017.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

8. **GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018.**

General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2017-2018 (to commence).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in.”

Isaiah 26:2.

We will start with Question Hour and Pu Lalruatkima may ask his question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of DP & AR be pleased to state –

- a) If there are any Govt. servant who are engaged on substitute basis. If so, how many are there?
- b) How many are there in different departments and what is the reason of such engagement?
- c) If it is against the rules to engage a substitute employee and what step has been taken to terminate such employees?

SPEAKER : Pu Lal Thanhawla, the concerned Minister and the hon. House Leader to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am glad to have such an important question from the hon. member, but at the same time it is quite complicated. Anyway, the answer is –

- a) Yes, there are 28 Nos. Govt. servants who have been engaged on substitute and 6 Nos. on MR basis.
- b) There are 34 Nos. of substitute Govt. servants in four different departments and are engaged for different reasons.
- c) Engaging a substitute is against the rules and, in order to end such practice, office memorandum and letters had been issued 9 times.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. After a notice being issued to different departments, if the government satisfied with the Action Taken Report submitted by the each concerned Department? If not, what actions are taken in this regard? What are the qualifications and criteria for engagement of a substitute Govt. employee?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the following are the present status of different departments: -

4 persons are engaged on substitute under the School Education Department; 2

persons on health issue and 1 for lack of a convenient house to live.

2 persons engaged are on substitutes under Home Department on health issue.

6 persons are engaged on substitute under Home Department; 5 persons on health issues and 1 on family problems.

22 persons are engaged under Land Revenue & Settlement Department; 11 on health issues, 3 on maternity leave. 5 persons are engaged on unknown reasons.

I do not think it is appropriate to mention the reasons for it may harm their family's reputations but the Government has to make arrangement for such staffs. Pu Speaker, there are instances where the engaged substitutes are more efficient than the regular employees and there are of health and family problems in which the government needs to be more considerate. Anyway, this is a matter which needs to be dealt carefully. I thank the hon. member for raising a question which is very important for all the members.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.29, Dr K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Finance Department be pleased to state:-

- a) Whether the State government has in mind to implement the 7th Pay for its employees?
- b) If so, when?
- c) If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:-

- a) There is no question as to whether it will be implemented or not.
- b) It is unknown when the 7th Pay will be implemented.
- c) There is no question not to implement the 7th Pay either.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, is it that the government have not the slightest thought of implementing the 7th pay to its employees?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is not that the government is not concern for this matter, but there is no plan as yet whether to consider the case or not.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. How many times had the pay commission been implemented since 2000 and in which Ministry? What is the

estimate amount of salaries for the government employees in this year's budget? May the percentage be given?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Central Pay Commission was declared during the MNF Ministry in 2006 and was implemented in 2009 during the Congress Ministry. As seen in the budget, the salary and wages of government employees in this year's budget is 36%.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 30, Er.Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Sericulture be pleased to State:-

- a) If there is any on-going work of centrally sponsored scheme being taken up under the Sericulture Department? If so, what is the project?
- b) How much is received so far during the year 2016 - 2017? How much is generated so far under each scheme?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) At present, Sericulture Department undertakes North Eastern Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) under Ministry of Textile such as: -
 - i) Integrated Sericulture Development Project (ISDP)
 - ii) Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Department Project (IBSDP)
 - iii) Integrated Muga Silk Development Project (IMS DP)
- b) The amount generated during the year 2016 - 2017 under CSS are as follows:
 - i) Under the Integrated Sericulture Development Project - ₹13.68 crores.
 - ii) Under the Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Department Project - ₹10.20 crores.
 - iii) Under the Integrated Muga Silk Development - ₹6.22 crores.

TOTAL - ₹30.10 crores.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Whether the sanction has already been released to the concerned department and how much had been spent so far? May the hon. Minister clarify the reason that NLUP beneficiaries of Cherhlun

are no longer receiving their NLUP installments?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question, Integrated Sericulture Development Project Scheme and the Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Department Project are of the 3rd Installment Schemes and Integrated Muga Silk Development Project is of 1st Installment Schemes.

Pu Speaker, regarding NLUP installment for Cherhlun, I have not received such information and we will enquire about it.

SPEAKER : Question No.31, Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Whether there is a separate authority assigned to recommend withdrawal of GP Fund?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister of Finance may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: The answer is: -

Large number of applications for recommendation of GP Fund withdrawal is received by the Chief Minister, Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and MLAs. Thus, w.e.f 1.4.2016, an arrangement was made so that in one quarter, an amount of ₹40 lakhs may be granted by the aforementioned dignitaries and the concerned Under Secretaries. On the 1.10.2016, the amount is increased to ₹90 lakhs but no ceiling is fixed for the Chief Minister, Finance Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. These reserved funds are not granted as Office Memorandum or Notifications. Apart from these, an amount of ₹35 crores is granted as GPF LOC in every Departments.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, a few days ago, one GPF subscriber came to me that he had a problem with withdrawal of his GPF which was recommended by the Parliamentary Secretary but the dealing staff sent back his application with a small yellow chit that no recommendation being attached for his withdrawal. As such is the case, may the government simplify the process of withdrawal of GPF?

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it is such a problem for the applicants from a remote district like us to approach high level dignitaries for recommendation of their application. May the Govt. authorize all head of the departments for recommendation of GPF withdrawal? As a year of consolidation had been declared for two years, is it possible that we may go back to the same procedure for withdrawal of GPF? Besides, there are some who applied GPF withdrawal on urgent medical cases. May priority be given to such cases?

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, in the recent bye-election of the Local Council, withdrawal of GPF was very popular, and from what we heard, all the applicants within that Local Council area were successful in their applications for withdrawal of their GPF. Is that true?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as mentioned earlier, we have a proper procedure for withdrawal of GPF as we have even faced many problems in the process. As far as possible, we have tried to fulfill the needs of all the applicants especially those who are in critical health condition.

The concerned officials are authorized because they are liable to check the status of our fund and we have fewer crises in our LOC (Letter of Credit). As per the status of our funds, withdrawal of GPF has now been closed. I apologize to the applicant whose application recommended by the Parliamentary Secretary had been rejected.

Regarding the suggestion for authorizing the Head of Departments, we do trust them and place an amount of ₹35 crores for each quarter. But as mentioned earlier, there are instances when we have to be mindful of our financial status and at the same time, there are cases which need to be prioritized.

The point relating to bye-election period, it is a fact that withdrawal of GPF was opened w.e.f. July to December. In this connection, it is our wish to give all the applicants the amount being but we need to have in mind our financial status on the other hand.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.32, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the hon. Minister of Sericulture Department be pleased to state: -

- a) The NLUP fund received for a period of 2011-2016; and, the amount in year-

- wise.
- b) In which trade initiatives are made and number of beneficiaries in such trades respectively;
 - c) The amount given in cash to the beneficiaries; and, any other benefit being provided;
 - d) How many phases have been implemented so far and how many left to be done?

SPEAKER : The concerned minister may answer the question.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) The amount received for development funds are as follows:

2011 - 2012	-	₹120 lakhs
2012 - 2013	-	₹856 lakhs
2013 - 2014	-	₹285 lakhs

For infrastructure: -

2011- 2012	-	₹12.87 lakhs
2012, 213 & 2014	-	₹11.26 lakhs
2014, 2015 & 2016	-	₹10 lakhs

For training expenses and Contingency Funds:

2012 - 2013	-	₹25 lakhs
2013 - 2014	-	₹20 lakhs
2014 - 2015	-	₹10 lakhs
2015 - 2016	-	₹15 lakhs.

- b) Initiative has been made under Mulberry Silkworm Rearing trade with 2194 Nos. beneficiaries.
- c) ₹17,32,38,240/- is given in cash and additional benefit of rearing appliances and GCI roofing for rearing house have also been provided.
- d) We have completed the 4th Phase and we do not have a future prospect at present.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question for the hon. Minister is: –

- i) In the Session of 29th March, 2006, the hon. Minister stated that ₹250,00,000/- of NLUP fund as being placed under K-Deposit but it is not mentioned as of now. Where are those funds being allotted?
- ii) As per the Economic Survey of 2015-2016, the total number of NLUP beneficiaries is 2206 but the hon. Minister stated the same as 2,194. May this be clarified and how many beneficiaries have discontinued rearing of silkworms and,

what are their reasons? What is the quantity of cocoons harvested during 2015-2016 and what is the total value? Is the government aware of the fact that on 2nd December, 2016, one MLA was not permitted to enter the area? Whether action is taken in this regard?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the hon. Member's question, during 2014 - 2015, 100 - 150 lakh rupees had already been withdrawn from NLUP fund and the remaining ₹150 lakh is kept under K-Deposit. Regarding 2194, it is the finalized numbers of NLUP beneficiary.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, according to the Economic Survey, it is 2206 but the number stated by the hon. Minister is 2194. Can we resolve the discrepancy so that we may be more careful in the future?

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, 2194 is the finalized number.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how many have discontinued with their trade and what are their reasons?

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: There are 10 from Saiha, 9 from Khawhai and 2 from Darlung who have abandoned and the total number of unsuccessful beneficiary is determined as 0.95% only. An enquiry had been prevailed by the department yet no action is taken. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.33, Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Horticulture Department be pleased to state: –

- a) If there is any Green House material being purchased during 2015-2016? If so, how many and at what rate?
- b) To how many, the material is being issued in District-wise?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the hon. Member's question is: –

- a) Purchase of Green House materials during 2015-2016 is as follows: -

- i) Under MIDH - 48 Nos. at the rate of 865/- per sq. meter;
 - ii) Under RKVY - 44 Nos. at the rate of 1,100/- per sq. meter.
- b) Within Aizawl District, 6 Nos. were issued under MIDH and 16 Nos. under RKVY; in Lunglei District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and 6 Nos. under RKVY; in Serchhip District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and 6 Nos. under RKVY; in Kolasib District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and 6 Nos. under RKVY; in Mamit District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and 4 Nos. under RKVY; in Lawngtlai District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and NIL under RKVY; in Saiha District, 6 Nos. under MIDH and NIL under RKVY.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question is - How many square meters are there in a Green House and what is the cost per square meter? Why is the rate of MIDH and RKVY not the same?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, RKVY included the installation charge but not under MIDH. So, the rate cannot be the same.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what is the reason of NIL beneficiaries within Saiha District under RKVY?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, any fund from RKVY allocated to the District Council is handed over the District Council itself. Hence, the Department does not interfere in the utilization of such funds.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, at what subsidized rate the material is issued to the beneficiary?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the beneficiary purchase the material at 10% of the actual rate.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 34, Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Will the hon. Minister of Art & Culture Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether there is any Mizo youth receiving Financial Assistance for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art & Culture from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India;
- b) If so, names of the recipient;
- c) If not, whether there is a plan to take the step in this regard;
- d) Whether there is any among our youth who is receiving scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) There are number of Mizo youth who received Award from NEZCC under the Scheme, Guru Shishya Parampara and Young Talented Artistes.
- b) The following are the recipients during 2016-2017: –
Young Talented Artistes Awards (Painting) :
 - i) Ms. Zonunchami
 - ii) Ms. Lalhruaitluangi.
 GURU Shishya Parampara:
 - i) Mr. Laltlanthanga,
 - ii) Mrs. K.C. Runremsangi,
 - iii) Mr. Vanlalhuma and
 - iv) Mr. Lalchhuankima. Apart from this, we also have many other recipients during 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.
- c) Yes, initiative is made in this regard.
- d) There is none among the Mizos receiving a scholarship from the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.3, Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of AH & Veterinary Department be pleased to state: –

- a) Whether there is any modern meat shop at Aizawl. If so, how many are there and in which locality?
- b) If necessary equipment is provided to the proprietor of such shop? If so, what kind of equipments is provided?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU P.C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: –

- a) There are 11 Nos. Modern Meat Shops at Aizawl; and, the location and its proprietors are as follows: –
1. Modern Meat Shop, Bawngkawn – Prop. K. Lallawmzuali,
 2. Modern Meat Shop, Ramhlun Venglai – Prop. Lalhlupuii Ralte,
 3. Modern Meat Shop/BD Meat House , Chaltlang Dawrkawn – Prop. R.L. Rengkunga,
 4. Modern Meat Shop, Chandmari – Prop. Vanlalpeki,
 5. Modern Meat Shop, Zarkawt – Prop. Lalhmangaiha,
 6. Modern Meat Shop, Dawrpui – Prop. Chhuani,
 7. Modern Meat Shop, Treasury Square – Prop. Jire Lalawmpuia Sailo,
 8. Modern Meat Shop, Sikulpuikawn – Prop. Lalnunmawii/Lalremsiami,
 9. Modern Meat Shop, Dinthar – Prop. Vanlalchhanchhuaha,
 10. Modern Meat Shop, Vaivakawn – Prop. Lil Shiny Store,
 11. Modern Meat Shop, Khatla – Prop. Dengrikhumi.
- b) Equipments such as meat tray and deep freezer are not given but were rented out to such Modern Meat Shops.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The hon. Minister informed the House that Modern Meat Shops as being opened in various localities, but we hardly seen such shops opened. Is it due to unavailability of healthy meat? If so, how did the department deals with equipments being provided since the said shops are no longer functioning?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Modern Slaughter House was established at Bung Bangla in 2012 and is now handed over to the individuals. It is a fact that fresh and hygienic meat could not be made available on regular basis due to the spread of PRRS which further affected the business of such shops. Deep freezers which were rented out at the rate of ₹100 per month are now being returned and kept at Mualpui Slaughter House.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No. 36, Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Will the hon. Minister of Finance Department be pleased to state: –

- a) The amount of Corpus Fund under Mizoram Health Care Scheme at present.
- b) At what rate of interest the Corpus Fund is deposited?

c) What is the amount of interest during 2016 – 2017?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) The amount of Corpus Funds under Mizoram Health Care Scheme at present amounting to ₹1,55,56,71,000/-
- b) The amount of interest in different banks are as the following: -

Sl. Nos.	Name of Bank	Corpus Amount (₹)	RoI %
1	Apex Bank, Tresury Square	20,00,00,000.00	9.55
2	Apex Bank, Tresury Square	7,00,00,000.00	9.55
3	Apex Bank, New Sectt.	18,33,40,000.00	8.33
4	MRB, Khatla	40,00,00,000.00	9.25
5	MRB, Khatla	55,00,75,000.00	9.25
6	MRB, Chanmari	2,00,00,000.00	9.25
7	MUCO, Zarkawt	5,00,00,000.00	9.75
8	SBI, New Market	90,00,00,000.00	8.25
9	IDI Bank, Chandmari	90,00,00,000.00	8.00
10	IDI Bank, Chandmari	90,00,00,000.00	8.00
11	IDI Bank, Chandmari	90,00,00,000.00	8.00
TOTAL		₹1,55,56,71,000.00	

c) The amount of interest on the 3rd quarter (Dec.2016) during 2016-2017 is ₹9,65,54,252.00/-

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Corpus Fund is very important as it in which the majority of rural people rely on it on when it come to healthcare. So, is it possible to put some more on Corpus Fund for the demand is increasing? Secondly, we have seen the difference in the interest rate depending on the Banks. Is not is possible to deposit such funds in the Bank with highest interest rate considering that even 1 percent is worthwhile for the concerned people?

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T.ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of Finance be pleased to state: –

If funds under Healthcare scheme which had been deposited at Bajaj Alliance by the names of some individuals with the interest amounting to ₹120 lakh have been withdrawn?

If any of the account holders cause problem on withdrawal of the amount?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Why did some portions of the amount being deposited in the Nationalized Banks at the interest of 8% where as there are number of states own Banks such as Cooperative Apex Bank and Rural Bank with interest rate of 9.25%? Is it possible to deposit the entire amount at the same Bank?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the Corpus Fund, a committee has been set up which deals with maintenance of the account as per the agenda. Regarding choice of the Bank, many things needs to be considered like the financial positions, liquidity etc. So, after considering all these, the committee decided what is best for us.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Does it mean that we have no trust issues on locally established Banks?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we do have it as any Bank within our state is of local staff majority but we have to determine which bank has reliability most for our financial investment and we needs to take extreme precautions in this regard.

Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Pu T.T Zothansanga, I may provide the answer later in the session.

SPEAKER : Question hour has come to an end; I will now call upon Pu R. Romawia, the hon. Minister to move a Motion regarding the Financial Election.

PU R.ROMAWIA, MINISTER: With your permission, Pu Speaker, I move the motion in regard to the Election to Financial Committee, "that the members of this House do proceed to elect in the manner require sub-rule 1 of rule 202 read with Rule 254 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly for the remaining period of the time". Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Laying of Papers. I call upon Pu Lalsawta, the hon. Minister to lay the Papers.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the

House, I hereby lay the Economic Survey, 2016-2017.

Pu Speaker, to add a few points which I believe to be necessary for economic policy formulation, the average growth rate of Mizoram during 2015-2016 is 9.18% and the estimated growth rate for the this year 2016-2017 is 9.06% whereas the growth rate of the nation is 7.6%. It means the growth rate of our State is a bit higher than that of the national. The State per capita income during 2016 - 2017 is ₹ 95,317/- while the national is ₹ 93,293/- which means Mizoram is a bit higher than that of the national.

Under the ongoing flagship programme NLUP, the area covered by jhum cultivation decreased from 28,562 hectares during 2010-2011 to 19,854 hectares during 2015-2016 which means we have made improvement in the preservation of forest and environment. I am sure this will also help a great deal in the New Economic Development Policy formulation. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed.

PU P.C. ZORAMSANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all would like to stress on the Action Taken Report relating to Bamboo Development Agency.

Unfortunately, initiatives of the concerned department are less satisfactory though improvement is seen in Handicrafts cluster, Bamboo plantation in rural market. Particularly in Bamboo chipping units, I request that initiatives may be made by Commerce and Industry department for the growth of this section.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and on authorization of the Estimates Committee, I hereby present the 6th and 7th Report of the Committee on Estimates on Bamboo Development Agency and Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project on the Table of the House. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the Department of Environment Forest & Climate Change for implementing the recommendations and

I also express my gratitude to PHE for implementing the recommendations based on PAC Report page 16.

Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “The 19th report on Action Taken Report on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Department and 20th Report on Action Taken Report on Public Health Engineering Department” on the Table of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay, the 8th Report relating to Health Care Scheme and 7th Report relating to Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Sidha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) under Health & Family Welfare Department and 4th and 5th Report of the Committee on Government Assurance on the Table of the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Financial Business and the hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta may move the Supplementary Demand for Grant 2016 & 2017 for discussion.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with the recommendation of His Excellency, the Governor and with your permission, Sir, I introduce “The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017” in the House. This Appropriation No.1 Bill is a Supplementary Demands.

SPEAKER : Since the Supplementary Demands had already been utilized, I do not think there is much to be discussed; so, the hon. Minister may now move to pass this particular Demand.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and on recommendation of the Governor, I move the additional grant for the following Demands of the following Departments, such as: -

Demand Nos.	Department	Amount in lakhs (₹)
1	Legislative Assembly	72.47
2	Governor	9.00
3	Council of Ministers	37.50
4	Law & Judicial	1467.10
5	Vigilance	36.60
6	Land Revenue & Reforms	261.66
7	Excise & Narcotics	219.68
8	Taxation	156.46
9	Finance	802.80
10	Mizoram Public Service Commission	10
11	Secretariat Administration Department	735.03
12	Parliamentary Affairs Department	16.00
13	Personnel & Administrative Reforms	45.59
14	Planning & Programme Implementation	861.84
15	General Administration Department	1975.35

16	Home	7378.70
17	Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	2290.83
18	Printing & Stationery	462.40
19	Local Administration Department	3336.34
20	School Education Department	7871.52
21	Higher & Technical Education	1974.70
22	Sports & Youth Services	1180.43
23	Art & Culture	332.92
24	Medical & Public Health	15935.04
25	Water Supply & Sanitation	12706.11
26	Information & Public Relations	252.68
27	District Councils & Minority Affairs	1314.14
28	Labour, Employment & Industrial Training	536.50
29	Social Welfare Department	6125.22
30	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	66.08
31	Agriculture	7043.68
32	Horticulture	1095.75
33	Soil & Water Conservation	565.98
34	Animal Husbandry & Vety	1181.21
35	Fisheries	2210.87
36	Environment, Forests & Climate Change	6591.51
37	Co-operation	45.00
38	Rural Development	13076.82
39	Power & Electricity	21331.19
40	Commerce & Industries	3727.96
41	Sericulture	332.38
42	Transport	192.80
43	Tourism	2192.27
44	Trade & Commerce	759.87
45	Public Works Department	24208.95
46	Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	9488.68
47	Minor Irrigation	438.00
48	Information & Communication Technology	634.80
49	Public Debt	744.96
	GRAND TOTAL	164538.03

Thus, I appeal to this august House to pass these Supplementary Demands.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has moved the House to pass the Demands; those who are in favor to pass may say, 'Aye' and those who oppose may say, "Nay".

Since there is no objection, the Supplementary Demand for 2016 & 2017 is unanimously passed by the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I now call upon the hon. Minister to introduce, "The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017" for discussion in the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I move "The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017" for discussion in the House.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has introduced the Bill which means he also has to move the House to pass the Bill. So, he may now move to pass "The Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017".

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and on the recommendation of the Governor, I appeal this august House to pass, "The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017."

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister had appeal to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017" and those who favor to pass this Bill may say 'Aye' and those who oppose may say 'No'. Since there is no objection, I declare that "The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 Bill, 2017" is unanimously passed by the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to another business. May I call upon Pu R. Romawia, the hon. Minister to introduce, "The Mizoram Land Acquisition Bill No. 40, 2017" and "The Mizoram land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Amendment Bill, 2017".

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: With your permission, Pu Speaker, I introduce, "The Mizoram Land Acquisition Bill No. 40 of 2017" and "The Mizoram land Acquisition Rehabilitation and Resettlement Amendment Bill, 2017" in this august House.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree to do so? If so, the hon. Minister may now move the two Bills.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I would like to explain in few points on Bill No. 41 which is a bit complicated since session is not held very often. So, ‘Competent Authority’ needs to be inserted under (i) (i-a). Under Bill No. 40, Section 3, clause (f) three Nos. of proviso needs to be added. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Two Amendment Bills are introduced by the hon. Minister; we will start our discussion and each member will be have 5 minutes. Pu Lalruatkima will speak first..

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The Mizoram Land Acquisition & Rehabilitation & Resettlement Bill was introduced last year on 31st March, 2016. It was referred to the Select Committee and was passed by the House.

Pu Speaker, the contents of the two Bills No. 40 and 41 are almost the same and so difficult to differentiate. Anyway, this Bill has been passed only on the 21st April and so is questionable of the needs for amendment within such a short span of time and, why we need to rush since we the Legislators have authority to enact Bills which we believe to be beneficial for our State. (*Dy. Speaker in the Chair*)

Pu Deputy Speaker, the term ‘provided that’ in No. 40, section 3 of the Principle Act with all the details and flexibility of the proposed amendment which I opine is only inviting criticism. Whereas it seems that the proviso ‘under this section shall not be necessary for registration under the Registration Act, 1908’ is intended to simplify the process of registration especially for anyone who may have problem with payment of taxes. So, it will be appreciated if the hon. Minister explain all the details. We should also determine if this amendment is really safe for us as it seems to be prepared without prior consultation of the affected areas. Being a member of this committee in the previous years, I find this proposed amendment bill inconsistent for I opine it is unsafe to be amended as ‘competent authority’ and is unnecessary to amend ‘approval of the Parliament’ as ‘approval of the Legislative Assembly’. Thus, I do not think it is good to pass this Bill as it is. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua is next.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Last year, as known to us all, we had been carried on with ordinance but I may not go to such extents due to limit of time. As mentioned by the hon. member, the Select Committee pondered upon the issue with utmost care and in consultation with many experts made a conclusion and hence this Bill was compiled. But it was only in April that this Bill

was passed and so is unbecoming that it needs to be amended before it became an Act.

To mention the weakness of this proposed Bill, I first of all would like to point out that may be due to lack of proper care there is inconsistency of the time span since the Republic of India as stated in Bill No. 40 and 41 and again in the Short title 'extent and Commencement' in which Bill No.40 reads, 'it shall have the extent as the Act' where as No. 41 reads "It shall have the like extend as the principle Act" which I also think is confusing.

Despite the statement that the Select Committee, after taking utmost care concluded that is it best to place 'Legislative Assembly' taking into consideration the advantages it could provide for the people and for the coming generations, I do not understand why amendment of this Bill is again proposed by inserting 'competent authority'. So, taking all these points into consideration, I do not support to pass this Bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Nihar Kanti.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to stress only on the Indo-Bangladesh border which has an immense impact on the social condition of the people in my area.

As a result of border fencing project, many livelihoods have been devastated including houses, farms etc. So, unless exemption of the social impact assessment is included, I believe sooner or later the government will face problem regarding this issue. So, I request the hon. Minister to explain the condition under section 9 more clearly.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will call upon the hon. Minister to present a clear explanation of the question raised by the hon. members and to appeal to the House for passing this Bill. I want to say that the Select Committee is authorized only by the Legislative Assembly and is able to implement and dissolve laws concerning our State. The hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia may now take his time.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding the Ordinance in this Bill, it is to be taken care of by the Law Department and not Revenue Department and since the process cannot be completed within February or March, session had already begun. So, all the Ordinances were withdrawn and were converted into a Bill. Regarding Bill No. 40, especially on the exemption rules section 9, we must know that we are merely adding a little extension to the standing rules which does not clash with the previous rules. So, No. 40, 'Competent Authority'

means that the authority established by the government by notification in the official gazette for the purpose of section 40 which are for emergency cases. I understand your concern regarding 'competent authority' which I believe especially in our State, the Central Government does not exercise much power regarding acquiring land but there can be cases which may be called for emergency. As of years mentioned, it will be corrected.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, under Short title 'Accent and Commencement', No. 2, used the term 'Principal Act' and the other one used 'The Act' are both seen. So, which portion should be omitted?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Deputy Speaker, 'the Act' should be changed as 'Principal Act' and, I supposed 'The' should be omitted.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, these are patent errors and I think there are many more. So, I do not think this Bill is fit for passing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : There are bills which had also been passed with necessary correction being made afterwards.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have seen in the first line, "to amend the Mizoram Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2016'. If the Act mentioned here is of the same with Act No.5 of 2016?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: In such cases, Pu Dy. Speaker, any figure such as act and year which may be amended is usually put as reference; hence, I do not think there is a problem in this regard.

Lt. Col. Z.S.ZUALA : Pu Dy. Speaker, whether a constant Competent Authority Board or a competent authority should be formed in dealing with the case of land acquisition?

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: It will be appointed by the government and will also be published in the official gazette. The terms and conditions will be decided by the government.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Land acquisition does not happen very often. So, I suggest it is best that the Legislative Assembly be give the authority instead of forming a competent authority and it is obvious that the decision of the House is more reliable in dealing with this matter. So, I suggest this Bill is reviewed.

PU R. ROMAIWA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, it does not mean that the

competent authority excluded the hon. Members or Ministers particularly in such case which may affect the entire state. It may also be considered that the case could rather complicate when calling emergency session yet, less important to cause an emergency meeting.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, compensation case cannot be completed in two or three days and needs to be considered very carefully. So, I think it is best that such case is considered by the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I think the explanation given by the hon. Minister is very clear enough. I also believe that the concerned MLA's of the affected areas should be among the members of the select committee. No bill is perfect but from our discussions, I opine this Bill should be passed.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we have some instances regarding border fencing even before. Now, to clear off the problem, the Central government took the initiatives to fence the border with barbed wire.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, how about the case of exemption of social impact study whereas many people in our state are suffering the negative outcome?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has explained it already. The Central Govt. takes initiative to safeguard our borders.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Pu Dy. Speaker, the whole State will be covered by the scheme as JICA has taken up construction of the National Highway 54 up to Tuipang. I believe those effected families have also been identified.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I believe it is best to pass these Bills and, if it is not practicable or does not meet our expectation, the House may dissolve both if deem necessary. So, I appeal to this august House to pass these two Bills.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, after going through the Select Committee and members of the House, a special Session was called for this issue. Before it became an Act, it should be amended. So, I believe it is best to have a review of the Bills before they are passed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As mentioned earlier, the referred Act

No.5, 2016 is correct which means we are going to amend Act No.5 by these two Bills. The hon. Minister has made an appeal to pass these two Bills. Hence, those in favor may say, 'aye' and those who don't may say, 'nay'.

PU VANLALZAWMA : The opposition members will not be present if these Bills have to be passed.
(*The Opposition Members have left the House.*)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Alright. "The Mizoram Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Amendment Bill, 2017," Bill No. 40 and 41 are now passed by the House.

PU R.ROMAWIA, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will have a short break and our discussion will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

SPEAKER : We will now take up Budget Discussion; each member will be allotted 10 minutes and Pu R.L. Pianmawia will start.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude to the hon. Minister and to PWD for construction of highways within my constituency. Our main problem is that there is no bidder for the work tender despite availability of funds for the construction where as blacktopping of Zohmun - Palsang road, Darlawn - North Serzawl road, Sakawrdai - Vaitin - North Tinghmun road has also been carried out. Going through our budget and the initiatives of the government, I am glad that construction of highways is planned up to the remote corners of our state. I am glad that construction of connecting road to Chhanchhuahna Khawnpui, Sunhluchhip, Zokhawthiang and North Khawdungsei also are included in the work schedule. (*SPEAKER: Your time is up.*) One minute please, Speaker.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful to the hon. Minister for implementation of NEDP and even in water supply as immense of development is seen and I thank the concerned department for that.

In Sports, I believe funds provision for completion of Sakawrdai field could also be sanctioned from NLCPR and Ratu Community Hall from NEDP. With that, I will conclude by supporting to pass the Demands of the hon. Minister. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that the

estimate amount for our budget is ₹8,803 crore. So, I will stress on a few points which I believe is worth mentioning.

If we go examine the whole Budget, an amount of ₹897.14 is allotted for construction, renovation and maintenance of our roads, and if we have to include ₹80.15 crore which may be received from NABARD, the total becomes ₹ 977 crore.

Pu Speaker, as seen in para 25, ₹140 crore of CSS is allotted where as in para 26, ₹98.77 crore is allotted under NLCPR for various schemes. We have also seen in para 40 regarding Food Security under Food & Civil Supplies and is much appreciated. While this is the case, it is unfortunate to learn that a huge amount of ₹80 crore is utilized for medical reimbursement. I believe it is wise to organize health awareness programe and at the same time, I suggest we should equip our hospitals of urban and rural areas with more advanced equipments and technologies, we should also try to post more medical staff in rural areas to improve health services in rural areas so that one is not compelled to go to Aizawl for medical treatment which often increases the medical reimbursement Bill.

Pu Speaker, considering our budget of the previous year, it has now increased by a margin of 35.57% which is truly gratifying. I am sure we will achieve overall development by leaps and bounds. With that, I conclude by stating I give my full support in passing this Budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the hon. Minister for the budget and for having 2 years consolidation period which is expected to help us stabilize our financial status. The hon. Minister also takes initiatives for income generation to our State and I am glad that ₹750 crore is allotted under NEDP which means any successful NLUP beneficiary may have a better opportunity.

Pu Speaker, as the hon. members have mentioned, it is gratifying that an amount of ₹60 crore is allotted for construction of Serchhip-Buarpui road and a plan for blacktopping of Thuampui-Sertlangpui road. With that, I conclude by saying my support in passing of this Bill. Thank you.

SEPAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is gratifying that our fiscal deficit decreases with the increase of our budget funds. I believe Home Department could be equipped with more vehicles with more staffs for more efficiency. It is also fortunate that income generated from Revenue Department had

also been increased and with the new procedure of merging plan and non-plan funds, we are able to enter a new phase.

Pu Speaker, under Agriculture Sector, our GSDP during 2010-2011 is 20.16 % and 2011-2012 was 19.41% and 2015-2016 was 18.75% which indicates we are backsliding and the initiatives under NLUP are in vain. Pu Speaker, if we have to follow the demand-wise medium term expenditure framework statement as per the Central Draft Guidance on plan and non-plan, the estimate expenditure and the actual expenditure should clearly be stated for it may also have a positive impact on the supplementary demand for grants.

In page 5 of the budget summary, plan and non-plan amount is shown and I asked myself if this is a mistake. I suggest this should be reviewed carefully. As mentioned by the hon. member, ₹80 crore is allocated for medical reimbursement but the amount allotted for corpus fund is only ₹155 crore. So, I suggest this should also be increased.

Pu Speaker, under the Health Care Scheme, enrollment fee is ₹500/- which means ₹1,00,000/- can be reimbursed; if enrollment fee is ₹750/-, the amount reimbursable is ₹2,00,000/- and if it is ₹1,000/-, the amount reimbursable is ₹3,00,000/-. However, in the case of billing MR at private hospital, the amount cannot be specified. Pu Speaker, I suggest the rate should be revised and that corpus fund should also be increased for we have to prioritize health concern and this will a great impact especially on rural people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad that funds allocated for police department have increased as income generated from oil pumps has also become a good source of income for our State. The estimate GSDP during 2017-2018 is 13.505% which is quite notable. Regarding loans, it will be utilized for the development of our State but I suggest we should also alert on recovery of such loans. Considering our plans for various development works, I believe this budget is reliable. Thus, I give my support to pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalvena.

PUR. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I thank the hon. Minister for his efforts in preparing a full budget for two consecutive years which indicates his relentless dedication.

Going through our budget, we have seen the capital expenditure increasing

year by year while our debt on the other hand decreases every year which truly is gratifying. I am also happy that funds for construction of houses for the under privileged in rural areas has been allotted. To control mounting expenditure on medical reimbursement of the Govt. employees, it is appreciated that a separate Committee is established to control the expenditure. At the same time, it is truly appreciative that Health Care Scheme is implemented to enable any unemployed family enjoying reimbursement of medical expenses.

In order to protect our environment and at the same time to uplift the economic status of the people, the government introduced a flagship programme, NLUP not only for the benefit of the people but to reduce the practice of jhuming to strengthen preservation of our forest and environment. (*Power failure..*) It is, as well appreciated that ₹750 crore is allotted under NEDP for the benefit of our farmers. Thus, I support passing of this budget. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pi Lalawmpuii.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Going through our budget, I am happy to see that it is increasing immensely. It indicates our plans concern development in every spheres including Police Department. Funds allocated under NEDP are no doubt being created for the benefit of the farmers by which the economic status of our state is determined.

Regarding medical reimbursement, it is fortunate that a committee to control such expenditures has also been established. Going through our budget, it is hopeful that overall progress in our social and economic status will be achieved. With that, I conclude by saying I give my support in passing this Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Anyone to speak?

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, it seems that we had enough and you may close the discussion.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, since we still have time, may you please spare me 30 minutes to speak?

SPEAKER : I do not think we have that much to speak for 10 hours.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : At the outset, Pu Speaker, I would like to thank the hon. Minister for Finance for being able to lay a regular budget for 2 continuous years. Considering our population and the economic status, our budget is gradually

increasing with the coming of years. Since our budget funds should be utilized as per the guideline of the Fourteen Finance Commission, I opine it is essential for the government to give importance to good financial management much more than the previous years.

As we discuss our budget, it is sad to think of our GSDP and the economic status of our state as The India Today underlines Mizoram as the lowest GSDP in the country. Pu Speaker, it is important that we asked ourselves who is responsible for the slow increase of our GSDP contribution and the immediate solution to that effect. I would like to point out that our GSDP contribution clearly indicates the success or failure of NLUP. In the present situation, our GSDP contribution from service sector is 58% which further indicate that salary of the Govt. servants is the main source in which our state depends upon. This is our economic status, Pu Speaker, and we have no reason to be happy. As such, it is time for the majority population to accept the fact and work for improvement our GSDP contribution.

While this is our economic condition, it is regretted that there is hardly any plan of GSDP improvement oriented but in the stead, we seems to concentrate more on pleasing our people only. It has been 30 years since our statehood but we still are in a condition to call ourselves as a tribe obsessed with compensation and poverty as the hon. House Leader has often does. It may be noted that Sikkim which many of us regarded as inferior to us now able to declare their state as Poverty Free just within 20 years. We must therefore take this as a challenge that we are also able to do the same.

Secondly, as we observe this year as a Year of Consolidation, we have learned from the recommendation of C & AG Report No.2 of 2016 that the distributors of State lottery had submitted only ₹25 lakh for the states revenue from the total sale proceeds of ₹1,11,834 crore and ₹23 crore during 2013-2015 where as the whereabouts of ₹11,808.77 crore is unknown. Since this happened to be the main concern of the people today, I ask the hon. Minister if the Govt. is just ignoring this huge loss.

Thirdly, it is learned that out of the total of Labour Cess received by the Board of Building & Other Construction as on 26 September, 2016 amounting to ₹43,39,33,490/- crore, only ₹5,61,120 has reached the labors. It is deeply regretted that funds for the benefit of the labors is diverted by this Govt. for other purposes.

Many have pointed out regarding the problem of road communication in our state. I would also like to stress the need of meaningful use of funds since having lots of funds in hand does not necessarily means having a good road communication unless it is used purposely. What I am concern most and regarded as shameful is many well-to-dos driving on our road with their highly branded vehicles covered with

dust or mud in a moment. The people in other states are able to drive in a low class vehicle and without dust on it. Pu Speaker, I think it is important to examine ourselves and the condition of our roads if we regard being in a high class vehicle as a yardstick of the status of a person otherwise we may turn into a laughing stock of our very own people.

Next is, Pu Speaker, the Govt. with its flagship program has started with the Prime Minister's Special Package which now becomes NEDP. It is now clearly understood by the people that the funds we utilize were not of a special package as being named but of Plan fund where as the success can be determined from our GSDP. I must say that we are not successful from the economic point of view but politically, it is benefitted by some.

At the same time, I would also like to mention that one of the most important indicators of our economic is our health status. It is shown in the economic survey No. 41 that larger portion of our budget is spent on medical reimbursement. We have further learned from the words of the hon. Finance Minister that we have huge amount that remains unpaid and that `80 crore of our budget is spent on MR Bill every year. If that is our condition, I opine we should give more concerns on healthcare delivery. The best solution of wasting huge amount of funds on MR Bill is to prioritize building infrastructure, improvement of our PHC's and our 1st Referral Unit; I strongly believe that the amount of our MR Bill will then automatically be decreased in the process.

Likewise, Human Resource Development is one of the most important factors for development as education is all round development. Yesterday, we have passed an impressive resolution which concern having our own cadre of IAS, IPS and IFS. Pu Speaker, I opine having such cadre is not that great unless we improved the system of our education first. The government today offers us a world-class education on which lies the hope of the members on your left and of many people; yet, our opinions on a world-class education may not be the same. If our dreams on a world-class education is what we have now been achieved, we are the most unfortunate society in the entire world. I strongly believe there is nothing which cannot be done if the govt. gives enough attention to the problems such as delay payment of Hindi teacher's salary and absorption of RMSA and SSA teachers on finishing the terms of their contract. Pu Speaker, we truly need to give more efforts in that regard.

Lastly, I believe there is something wrong in the process of our assessment of taxes as it is shown in the report of C & AG for excessive number of concealment of the sale turnover is seen; I think we need to be more careful in dealing with assessment of our revenue resources. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, Pu Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, I am glad that we have a chance to pass the Supplementary Demands of the hon. Finance Minister for it concerns the members as well. As you have known, Pu Speaker, most of the committees of the Assembly within this term are quite active in their works as we have numbers of report laid in every session. We can see from this alone that the role of the Assembly Committees in strengthening the Govt. and funds provisions which may be required by this secretariat should also be prioritized.

As a general discussion, I would like to mention that the Assembly Secretariat has often been visited from outside and I think it is inappropriate for the visitors to share toilet with the people who are attending the function at conference hall which located next to the Committee room. Likewise, the drivers and PSOs who are escorting their bosses on some committees have no place to relief themselves. It will be much appreciated if improvement is made in this regard.

As we discuss the Regular Budget put forward by the hon. Finance Minister, I think it is important for us to determine how to value our religion, culture and tradition more and more. At the same time, it is important to set the time of our Budget Session in tune with the convenience of the students from Nursery to University students where as other states are able to lay its full budget by the month of January or February.

Regarding road communication, I would like to mention that other states are also laying some large pipes across the road but hardly caused problem for the public. It is important for the concerned department also to find alternative so that the least problem is brought to the public. In this connection, I suggest road metal crossing Vanapa Hall below as it is done in other areas; and after completion, the same may be done to Vaivakawn - Bazar Bawngkawn road.

Regarding substitute teacher as pointed out in the morning discussion, I have to mention that it is avoidable for Aizawl but the practice is an income source for unemployed rural youth for we also need good schooling in our respective locality. Even though the hon. House Leader has stated that measure may be taken in this regard, I think some sorts of relaxation should be made for we all concern for the welfare of our respective constituency.

Pu Speaker, considering how hard is to lend some moneys to others, it is great that the Govt. provides certain amount of NLUP funds to number of families to settle their livelihoods. Despite many poor who desperately need assistance in our respective constituency, it is unbecoming for the member to speak against this

opportunity which comes through NLUP and now NEDP, a follow up project of NLUP. As far as my knowledge is concern, the number of missionary being deployed increases as so with our contribution to churches since the implementation of NLUP. It may be taken for granted to hear from certain members that the increase of our GSDP as less than expected, but one thing for sure is that there will be a remarkable improvement if budget allocation to NLUP is increased by a margin more than 36% as it is done to the salary of the govt. servants.

It is often claimed that development in our state as getting stagnant; I absolutely contradict this opinion as the rapid increase of vehicles in Aizawl and in other district capitals is a sign of development.

Pu Speaker, the efforts of the hon. Home Minister and the Home Department in regard to border fencing truly deserve appreciation. The same project is taken up in other states as well but no fencing out or bifurcation is known as far as my knowledge is concern. This problem is originated from the previous MNF ministry under which the Chief Minister was highly placed and none dare to contradict his opinion. As a member from West Tuipui had reiterated in the House, had we given attention to this problem long before like the neighboring states Assam and West Bengal had done, I opine many villages in the western border area would not have been fenced out from our state.

The reason I am saying this problem is to show that this House has given enough important to this issue; it is the result of the concerned contractors who had deliberately ignored Mizoram in particular. On the 8th February, Pu Madhukar Gupta, IAS and ex-Home Secretary to the Govt. of India accompanied by other high level officials visited Mizoram made a verbal note on his impression on the project of border fencing within Mizoram. Pu Speaker, for information of the House and the concerned contractors, I would like to read it out his verbal note with your permission that, “the national landmark i.e. river is there at the border, there is no trans-border crime like smuggling and militant activities. There is no need to do fencing. Even after fencing, the people can freely cross the fencing/border; it is unnecessary and a waste of money. The border fencing money should have been used for construction of border roads and border outputs”. Since this is the opinion of the Chairman of Border fencing, this House also, to some extents with the opinion as to why the central would cause a problem to our very own people in the border areas.

Besides, Pu Speaker, it seem that the officials from the central preferred to follow the border roads than the Nation Highway as we the MLAs accompanied their visit to the border area. We have visited border fencing area of West Bengal, one of the oldest states in the country and experienced a journey on their roads where some portions are extremely poor though. While this is the case in other states as well, we

reiterated in the House only of some portions of our road which are in bad condition.

Pu Speaker that much I have to mention as a general discussion on the budget laid by the hon. Finance Minister in regard to various departments. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Any one else to speak? The idea of taking the chance to speak on tomorrow's discussion is unbecoming as we still have more time today. We may not take up any speech tomorrow except the hon. Finance Minister for winding up the discussion. The Opposition Leader has now entered the House; what is his opinion on extending our discussion?

PU LALRUATKIMA : There was precedence in last year's budget discussion that it was extended for the next day due to some members who would like to visit the ailing fellow members at the hospital. Also, Business Advisory Committee has scheduled 2 days for this budget discussion; yet, permission of the House is necessary so as to cross 4 pm for the discussion. If the majority is unwilling to proceed with today's discussion, we may do so.

SPEAKER : It will be a problem if some members agree to proceed. Alright. There is a proposal for extension of our discussion and we may now decide on vote. Yes, let us hear the opinion of the House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: As usual, Pu speaker, we call the concerned Minister to move the House for passing the budget if there is no one else to speak or the Speaker may extend the discussion even for one week or more. I opine you have no choice than call the hon. Finance Minister if there is no one else to speak.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, I do not think what the House Leader stated to be the rightful procedure as the BAC has scheduled for 2 days discussion and it does not underlines that schedule for a day should be spent up.

PU K.S. THANGA : Pu Speaker, 20 minutes remains and if no one else to speak, it is inappropriate to extent the time for we do not know what may come tomorrow. The BAC scheduled 2 days for discussion in case it is not completed on the first day. If the discussion is done today, then we may rest tomorrow since no business is scheduled for tomorrow.

SPEAKER : If Pu Lalrinmawia has anything to say.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE: Pu Speaker, I did not rush for the chance not because I do not have anything to say, but for the thought that other may have first.

Pu Speaker, of all the pervading rumors against the Govt., the fact that we

should know is the actual financial position of the Govt. which is here stated at page 11, para 37 that “the total amount of our GSDP during 2017-2018 is 17,561.60 crore rupees whereas the total amount of our outstanding by the new financial year is estimate as 7,177.99; it will decrease by 40.87%. It is regretted as many have stressed only on the amount of our debt to misguide the people. Here, “A study on Debt Problem of the Special Category States” clearly states our financial position. For example, if the annual GSDP of our state Govt. is estimate as Rs.100/-, the ration of our financial position by the coming year will be of 40.87/-. It may be noted that the ratio of debt incurred by our Nation happened to be of 69/- of the annual GSDP.

As this is the case, we have a reason to appreciate the leadership of the hon. House Leader and Finance Minister for being able to put us in a position to proceed with our debt. Considering debt incurred by the Govt. in the previous ministry which happened to be of more than 100% in every 100/- of our GSDP, it is inappropriate to speak ill of one’s party though there is always a better ministry in financial management. In this regard, the rapid decrease in our fiscal deficit within the last two years indicates the performance of the present ministry which may be verified from fact and figure given in the statement. To determine debt incurred by the govt., what is important is to consider infrastructure which had already been made. Maharashtra, one of the states with most debt in the country is able to maintain it present economic status due to the infrastructure which had already been achieved since the time of Shivaji where as Bombay University was in 1857; (*SPEAKER: Your time is up.*) Railway between Bombay and Thana had already been achieved 160 years back. For having built such assets many years back, the mounting debt hardly affects the public. It may not be wrong to say that developed countries such as USA, Great Britain, Italy, Japan etc. are having debt much more than our country; yet, the public are hardly affected due to infrastructure being achieved long before.

We are fortunate that from the time of our ancestors we have been blessed with many fortunes but since we do not know how to utilize these fortunes we are merely paying the price. Fortunately, our leaders are taking progressive steps to improve our status and it is important that the people should also show encouragement to them in this regard. We should also be aware that our liabilities will also decreased since our GDSP had increased. Thank you.

SPEAKER : 11 members have participated in our discussion and we have now come to the end of our discussion and we will continue with our session on Tuesday at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned at (3:57 PM)