

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2016  
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS**

1. **HIS EXCELLENCY, Lt. Gen Nirbhay Sharma** PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM to address the House.

**MOTION**

2. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to move motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor in the following form :

“That the Members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016”.

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

3. **THE SPEAKER** to present to the House the Eighth Report of Business Advisory Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

NGURTHANZUALA  
Secretary

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Honorable Speaker and Honorable Members,

It gives me great pleasure to address you at the commencement of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the 7<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly of Mizoram. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my sincere greetings and warm wishes to this August House and the people of Mizoram. I am sure that under able leaders such as you, Mizoram will continue on its path to lasting peace, economic prosperity and all round development despite challenges that face us from time to time. I am convinced that with effort and hard work, this State will one day take its place as one of the most developed and progressive in the country, a State that is economically self-sufficient, industrially and agriculturally competitive with improved standards of living for its people.

2. I would like to begin by stating that Bye-Election to 12-Aizawl North –III (ST)A/C was successfully conducted on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 as directed by the Election Commission of India in a peaceful, fair and orderly manner. Elections to the Aizawl Municipal Corporation were also held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Elections held in a peaceful atmosphere have become the norm in Mizoram and this is something we can all be very proud of, an achievement that is looked upon with envy by many other States, including some of our neighbours. Civil Society has had an impactful contribution towards this end and the fact that the Young Mizo Association (YMA) was awarded the National Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Award for best campaign on Voters's Education and awareness by the President of India on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at New Delhi stands testament to this.

3. Through the implementation of several centrally sponsored schemes and the State Flagship Programme – National Land Use Policy (NLUP), both separately and in convergence with one another, My Government has slowly but surely made progress over the past few years. My Govt. is committed to enhance agricultural crop production and increase crop productivity to make it a sustainable livelihood. Since the inception of NLUP in 2010, a total of 20,590 beneficiaries have been given assistance to the tune of ₹ 176.79 crore under 4 different agriculture activities such as WRC-I&II, Oil Palm and Sugarcane. There has been a 39.04% increase in rice cultivation area since 2010 and out of that, 14.23% increase i.e., 2401 hectare can be attributed to the implementation of NLUP. Out of a 22.21% increase in the State's Rice Production since the inception of NLUP in 2010 till 2014-15, 9.50% increase is calculated to be contributed by WRC-I&II beneficiaries of 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> phases of NLUP.

The programme has also been a substantial contributor in decrease of Jhum area to the tune of 29.75% from 28,562 Hectare in 2010 as compared to Jhum area of 8497.195 hectare in 2015. A few other notable points are as follows- an increase in Rice area and production during 2015-16 over the previous year is expected on receipt of final report on yield of winter Rice (Rabi) inspite of delayed monsoon experienced in some parts of the State. Area under Oil Palm cultivation has increased from 20,377 hectare in 2014-15 to 23,358 hectare during 2015-16. 9185.55 Metric Tonnes of Oil Palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB) have been harvested till December, 2015 which is valued at ₹4.682 crores. The existing rate of FFB is ₹5.50 per Kg. The only Oil Palm Mill in North Eastern India was set up at Bukvannei, Kolasib where 5500 Metric Tons of FFB have been processed so far. A 27 km long Potential Area Connectivity (PAC) is being constructed under RKVY and a total of 55 hectare area of WRC is being created during 2015-16. 255 Quintals of High Yielding Variety (HYV) Rice i.e., CAU R-1 produced locally under Seed Village Programme is being procured under RKVY for free distribution to WRC farmers. Ten Custom Hiring Centers are being established under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) in different Districts. Eighty six Rain Water Harvesting Tanks/Tube wells are being constructed under RKVY & NFSM to provide irrigation facilities at farmers' fields.

4. During 2015-2016 an amount of ₹901.00 lakhs was allocated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for continuation of the KVK's at Kolasib, Lunglei, North Vanlalpai, Khawzawl, Lengpui, Lawngtlai and Saiha. Adaptive trials, On-Farm Testing, On-Farm Trials, Front Line Demonstrations and other Research aspects available under RKVY have also been taken up by the KVKs. An amount of ₹116.54 lakhs was allocated under the Programme of 'National Mission on Oil Seed and Oilpalm'. The Agriculture Deptt. (R&E) is taking up Mini Mission-III for cultivation of Tree Borne Oil Seed Jatropha. A program called 'National Innovation on Climatic Resilient Agriculture' has started to address the climatic changes and to assist the farmers in coping with the situation. Two KVKs namely, KVK Lunglei and KVK Serchhip are selected to take up the programme for which ₹22.50 lakhs has been released during 2015-2016.

5. Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has provided financial support for creation of awareness among the farmers and other stake holders about the provisions of the 'Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act 2001' (PPV & FR Act) and fund has been released for conducting training cum awareness programmes on the subject. Accordingly, 46 varieties of crops indigenous to Mizoram

has been taken up for registration and patenting. The registered crop varieties once accepted will be the sole property of the farmers of Mizoram. Any researcher who wants to include the registered plant varieties for research will have to obtain permission from the farmers who had registered the varieties

6. Under NLUP 2206 families are engaged in Sericulture. Apart from activities under NLUP, several projects are being implemented in the State like the 'Integrated Sericulture Development Project' under NERTPS with a project cost of ₹32.49 crore is being implemented at Lunglei District and 'Intensive Bivoltine Sericulture Development' under NERTPS with a project cost of ₹3014.61 lakhs is being implemented at Champhai District. Another project called 'Integrated Muga Silk Development Project' under NERTPS with a project cost of ₹13.52 crore has been approved and is started from 2015-16 at Kolasib District.

7. Under NLUP 3,654 families engaged in fish culture have benefitted while 1827 Hectares of new water bodies have been developed for intensive fish culture. The level of fish production has been increased to 1400 kg/ha per year by applying modern technologies of fish culture against the existing level of 1250 kg/ha/year. 2500 Metric Tons of table sized fish have so far been produced by the NLUP beneficiaries, generating at least ₹1.5-2.00 lakh as monthly income.

8. Five hundred families have been given financial help for construction of Fisher House including 49 tubewells/water points and 3 Community Halls under 'Welfare of Fishermen Programme'.

9. Under 'National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)' 127 hectare of new water body has been developed for 127 beneficiaries and 95 hectare of new water has so far been developed for intensive fish culture benefitting at least 310 families during 2014-2015. 14 hectares of new water area was also developed for creating 'Fingerling Rearing Area' to enhance fish seed production capacity of the fish farmers in the state under RKVY Programme.

10. There are 96 fish cages installed at Serlui 'B' through which at least 300 families earn a livelihood under the RKVY programme from which 501 quintals of table sized fish were harvested earning a revenue of ₹47.48 lakh. The revenue earned is shared on 50:50 basis by the Government and the village communities.

11. During 2015-16, 25 new Minor Irrigation schemes have been taken up, of which 14 projects are being taken up under PMKSY (HarKhetkoPani) and 11 projects under NABARD. These 25 new projects are scheduled to be completed in 2017-18 which will provide irrigation facilities to 1118 hectares of agricultural land and it will benefit 791 families. 6 DPRs covering clusters of 25 new minor irrigation projects in 6 Districts have been prepared for submission to Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation for inclusion under CAD&WMP during 2015-16. 'National Hydrology Project' introduced by the Ministry of Water Resources, Govt. of India will bring Mizoram under one Hydrological umbrella along with the rest of the country and it will provide reliable, timely, quality and consistent hydro-meteorological data which will be accessible to the public through web portals and an online library. This project is proposed to be implemented within a span of 8 years starting from 2016-17 and will be funded fully by the Central Government with World Bank assistance.

12. The Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department under My Government has continued its implementation of NLUP, our Flagship Programme. A total of 13,172 families have been covered under Sectors like Dairy, Piggery, Mithun and Poultry for which ₹52.15 crore has been released during 2015-16. 14,327 tonnes of Milk, 258 lakh eggs and 8500 tonnes of meat have been produced during the same period. Construction of various 'Rural Animal Health Centers' and Strengthening of Animal Surveillance Check gates have been completed. Artificial Insemination is being performed in dairy cows and pigs and I am proud to state that Mizoram is the only state in the country where Artificial Insemination in Pigs is facilitated by the Government.

13. The Horticulture Department under My Government is implementing the Flagship Programme NLUP in which 10 different horticulture trades such as Grape, Mandarin Orange, Passion Fruit, Pineapple, Squash, Ateca Nut, Tung Mango and Tea cultivation have been taken up. In all, 23,886 families have been covered with total financial assistance of ₹205.16 crores. Efforts are also taken to cover a cultivated area of 668 hectares with Drip and Micro/Mini Sprinkler irrigation system under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA). My Government is establishing a Horticulture College at Thenzawl, Serchhip District and classes for 1<sup>st</sup> batch of B. Sc Horticulture will be started in the ensuing new academic session at Veterinary College, Selesih under Central Agriculture University, Imphal.

14. My Government realizes the importance of improving the marketing aspect of agricultural produce by providing physical market infrastructure and protecting the general interest of farmers. As of now, there are as many as 226 markets within the state which are directly or indirectly managed by the Government. These markets not only provides places for selling agricultural produce within the State but also provides employment to people, especially women and weaker sections of society. Construction of Mission veng Market Complex has been taken up under NEC with a total Project Cost of ₹5.98 crore out of which ₹134.64 lakhs has been released by NEC. Construction of Aizawl New Market at a cost of ₹13.00 crores have also been approved by NEC and work will commence shortly. It is true that many existing markets including Aizawl New Market have deteriorated over time and are unsafe apart from being unable to serve the needs of an ever increasing population. Consequently, the Government has submitted proposals for construction of Lunglei SuperMarket, Re-construction of Vaivakawn Market in Aizawl and Vertical Extension of Mamit Market to be funded under NEC/NLCPR. Besides this, 53 bighas, 46 bighas and 10 hectares of lands has been acquired for setting up of IndoMyanmarBorder Trade Centre at Saikhumphai, setting up of Border Trade Center at Farkawn and setting up of Border Trade Center near Tiau River in Sangau respectively under the ASIDE (Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities) Scheme.

15. As we are all aware, a large extent of the geographical area of Mizoram is covered by forests with rich bio-diversity. According to the “India State of Forests Report, 2015” published by the Forest Survey of India, the State has 19,054 sq.kms of forests and tree cover which is 91.47% of the total geographical area. My Government realizes the importance of preserving our environment not only for the present generation but also for future ones and the dangersthat Climate Change and Global Warming pose towards the environment. It also accepts that economic growth at the expense of the environment is not what this State and this country need but rather a synergy between the two. As a result, several programmes/schemes have been executed by the Government to preserve and expand the existing forest cover. Plantations have been raised with active people’s participation over more than 62,625 Hectares through ‘Village Forest Development Committee’ under National Afforestation Programme (NAP). During 2015-16, plantations of 3135 hectares have been raised over degraded forests and older plantations of 8100 hectares are being maintained. My Government has implemented ‘Green Mizoram Programme’ for planting trees on barren land including private, Government,and Semi-Government

land since 1990. Under National Agro-Forestry Bamboo Mission (NABM), an area of about 60,000 hectare has been taken up for Bamboo Cultivation in both forest and non-forest areas and ₹200.00 lakh has been incurred for raising bamboo plantations over degraded forests/non forests land and other related activities in 2015-16. There are 594 families adopting bamboo trade throughout the State under NLUP to whom financial assistance of ₹68,224/- each has been disbursed during 2015-16. An area of 1728.78 sq.km, which is more than 8% of the State's geographical area has been set aside for long-term wildlife preservation. The Government has issued a preliminary notification for extension of existing 'Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary' in Lunglei District which will cover 198 sq.km. for wildlife corridor between Dampa Tiger Reserve and Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary. Further, the final notification of Pualreng Wildlife Sanctuary with an area of 50 sq.km. within the district of Kolasib has been recently notified. An amount of ₹843.16 lakh has been utilized under 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grants-in-Aid for forests during the current year.

16. The majority of the population of our State still resides in rural areas. My Government recognizes the need to further develop this section of the population by continuing its focus on rural development programmes. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is one such example. Fund allocated under MGNREGS during 2015-16 is ₹235.18 crore while fund received from the Central Government till date is ₹139.03 crore. The actual amount of fund released so far for State Matching Share is ₹1,373.46 lakh. 63.61 lakh persondays out of the approved Labour Budget target of 149.4 lakh persondays have been generated during 2015-16. The 'Border Area Development Programme' (BADP) is another important programme being implemented by My Government. Its main objective is to meet the special development needs of people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international border and to bridge the gaps in the physical and social infrastructure of such areas. As per Sectoral allocation of Outlay 2015-16, fund allocated under the head during 2015-16 is ₹40.71 crore. The Central Govt. has released ₹37.67 crore. My Government has set a physical target of building 1293 houses under Indira Aawaz Yojana (IAY) during 2015-16 out of which 193 have been constructed. Funds amounting to ₹9.08 crore have been allocated by Govt. of India out of which ₹3.06 crore have been released so far. Under the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), 11,364 Water Harvesting Structures with a capacity of 2.67 lakh cubic meters have been created in addition to 184 structures that have been renovated. An additional area of 33,600.79 hectares has been brought under irrigation with 15,461 farmers benefitting from it.

17. National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) is another important programme whose aim is to reduce rural poverty by building strong grassroots institutions of the poor by enabling access to gainful self-employment and skilled-wage employment opportunities on a sustainable basis. Govt. of India has released ₹97.04 lakh in 2015-16. 741 Self Help Groups (SHG's) has been formed since the inception of the programme. Two villages, namely, Khawlailung under East Lungdar RD Block and Chhiahtlang under Serchhip RD Block have been declared as 'Model Villages' under SaansadAadarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) which is a new scheme launched by theHon'ble Prime Minister of India on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in order to achieve holistic development in villages of India. Apart from activities under these schemes, My Government is taking steps for construction of a Mini-Sports Complex at East Lungdar under NonLapseable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) at a total approved project cost of ₹434.96 lakh. DoNER Ministry has conveyed administrative and financial approval for the construction of a Mini-Shopping Complex at Saitual under NLCPR at a total project cost of ₹330.33 lakh. I would also like to inform all members that 40.20% of work in respect of cultivation of Aloe Vera in Chhanchhuahna Khawpui has been completed. This project has a total cost of ₹446.50 lakh out of which ₹320 lakh has been released by the Centre.

18. Mizoram is the most urbanized State in the country with more than fifty percent of the population living in urban areas. My Government realizes that development of urban areas is critical for the overall economic development of the State. Towards this, My Government has taken up urban development on various fronts, such as (i) Urban Governance, (ii) Urban Infrastructures, (iii) Urban Planning, (iv) Urban Sanitation, (v) Urban Transportation & Mobility, and (vi) Urban Poverty Alleviation. These issues facing urbanization have been addressed in various means and forms. These include support of the Government of India under Central Schemes and Missions. The just concluded JNNURM Scheme helped us in providing critical urban infrastructures for Water Supply, Roads, etc. and construction of 3046 Dwelling Units for urban poor. The Scheme of SJSRY also helped in providing various types of assistance, skill training and micro-financing for urban poor to attain self-sufficiency and selfemployment. My Government had also taken up various State Sector projects under the Annual Plans and for counterpart funding of Central Sector Schemes.

19. We have now entered a new urban era, with the announcement of 5 Key Central Sector Mission, namely -

- (i) Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)



- (ii) National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)
- (iii) Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- (iv) Housing For All (Urban)
- (v) Smart Cities Mission;

My Government has taken up all-out efforts to to make the best use of these ambitious Schemes of the Central Government, by providing counterpart funding and supplementing the efforts with the State Plans so that the objectives of these Schemes are achieved satisfactorily. In particular, our efforts in Urban Sanitation is expected to enable our State emerge as the ‘Cleanest State in India’ and to make our Cities, Towns and Villages as the cleanest habitations by 2019. We will work towards this end. Likewise, we will continue to work for making our Cities and Towns livable and make them centres of growth and development. The Annual Allocation of ₹40 crore under Housing For All, ₹36.50 crore under AMRUT, ₹10.26 crore under NULM, ₹8.68 crore under Swachh Bharat Mission will be quite useful in our efforts. Besides, we have been taking efforts to commence Smart City Project for Aizawl City, which will provide ₹100 crore each for 5 years. We will make the best use of these Schemes, and the State Government’s available resources will be given best uses to address urban challenges. We will also work on various institutional arrangements and reforms to make our urban institutions responsive to reforms and developments. The ADB-assisted ‘North-Eastern Regions Capital Cities Development Investment Program (NERCCDIP)’ for Aizawl City is under active implementation. Tranche-I was completed, and Tranche-II is in progress, and Agreement for Tranche-III was signed in January, 2016. The projects components under this Scheme include ‘Augmentation and Improvement of Water Supply systems in Aizawl City’, ‘Establishment of Scientific Solid Waste Management’, ‘Septage Management’ and ‘Sewerage Network and Treatment Plant’, etc. which will provide improvements water supply systems and sanitation practices in Aizawl City. Our performance in this ADB-assisted project is quite commendable, and Aizawl City and Agartala could go to Tranche-III resulting in signing of \$80 Million Assistance from ADB for these 2 cities.

20. The menace of drug abuse and drug trafficking which has assumed alarming proportions in our State is one the Government recognizes with all seriousness. Tireless efforts made by personnel of the Excise & Narcotics Department towards tackling this menace have resulted in the apprehension of 346 drug traffickers and abusers during 2015-16. I would also like to laud the efforts of Civil Society Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations like the Young Mizo Association

which have been unflinching in their efforts to cleanse society of such evils. After implementing the Mizoram Liquor (Control & Prohibition) Act 2014, the Government has issued 3 Bonded Warehouse licences and 55 Vendor Licences. Revenue amounting to ₹47.75 crore has already been collected as excise duties during the current Financial year, 2015-16 (up to 31.1.2016) against the annual target of ₹35.67 crore.

21. I would once again like to congratulate and thank our law enforcement agencies who have been ably supported assisted by NGO's, the media and religious institutions in keeping the people of Mizoram safe. Though it is impossible to prevent every crime, our Police Forces have worked untiringly towards maintenance of this State as one of the most peaceful in the country. The brutal murder of 5 members of a family at Republic Veng on 9.1.2015 and the dastardly attack on the entourage party of the Assurance Committee of this House on 28.3.2015 at the outskirts of Zokhawthiang village in which 3 Police personnel lost their lives were the major incidents of crime leading to loss of valuable life during 2015-16 and need to be condemned unequivocally. I would like to laud our brave Policemen who acted swiftly in tracking down and bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to book, even killing 1 militant involved in the ambush. I also appreciate the efforts of the Police in detecting and recovering of fake currency which if left unchecked can cause untold problems for the people of Mizoram. As many as 80 firearms, 18,138 live ammunition, narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances worth ₹5.36 crore were recovered by our law enforcement agencies and 62 persons involved in their trafficking were arrested. The 'Aizawl City Surveillance Project' (Phase-I) has also been successfully executed for surveillance of important junctions of Aizawl City 24 hours a day which will go a long way towards prevention and detection of crime, traffic management & planning. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered 6 regular cases with 9 cases presently pending investigation, 17 Preliminary Enquiries and 33 cases pending trial at the Court of Special Judge, Prevention of Corruption Cases.

22. My Government has completed construction of the District Jail at Serchhip and is ready to be inaugurated. Construction of Mamit District Jail has also been completed and can be operational as soon as armed guards are provided for its security. It has long been felt that a separate women's jail is required to safely house female undertrials and convicts. In this regard, construction of a separate women's jail at Central Jail, Aizawl under NLCPR has begun. Construction of the much-needed office building of State Anti-Corruption Bureau was completed in February 2015 and

was occupied by the Director and staff on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 which has given them a sense of pride and fulfillment.

23. My Government recognizes the need for development, construction and maintenance of infrastructure in the State among which the need for better and wider road connectivity is a priority. Towards this end, the Public Works Department has completed Formation Cutting of 62.440 Kms, Blacktopping of 109.942 Kms, construction of 152 Culverts and 7213.74 Rm of Retaining Walls at a cost of ₹129.537 crores. Apart from this, 4 Bridges at a cost of ₹43.64 crores, 78 Road Works amounting to ₹3633.32 crores and 54 Buildings at a cost of ₹148.27 crores are presently under construction. I am happy to state that construction of 13 Government Buildings at a cost of ₹22.37 crores have been completed in 2015-16.

24. The Works or Schemes to be taken up for road connectivity infrastructure during the next Financial Year with financial cost involved are as follows:

- (i) ₹11.90 Crores is proposed for on-going projects Strengthening & Rehabilitation of W.Phaileng – Marpara Road and Pavement of Muallungthu – Khumtung Road under NABARD.
- (ii) ₹23.10 Crores is proposed for Formation cutting & Pavement of Zote – Chhipphir Road, Construction of Pavement of R.Tuichang –Tumtukawn, Improvement & Widening of Zawngin to Suangpuilawn Road, Construction of Laki – Vahia Road, Pavement work of ChuhvelSihthiang Road under NABARD new scheme.
- (iii) ₹248.39 Crores is proposed for Externally Aided Project (EAP) as follows- ₹68 crore for Serchhip–Thenzawl-Buarpui Road (ADB Project) and ₹180.39 crore for Mizoram State Roads II – Regional Transport Connectivity Project.
- (iv) ₹5.00 Crores is proposed for Strengthening & Improvement of AizawlReiek-W.Lungdar Road, Strengthening & Improvement of R.TuipuiBiate Road under CRF.
- (v) ₹10.00 Crores is proposed for Construction of Pre-stressed Concrete Girder Bridge over Borailui at Ch. 18.470 kmp on KDZKT Road, Construction of Pre-stressed Concrete Girder Bridge over R.Tlawng on Aizawl-ReiekW.Lungdar Road, Construction of Double lane Pre-stressed Concrete Girder Bridge over R.Tuichang on Keitum-Artahkawn Road, Construction of RCC TBeam Girder Bridge over R.Serlui on Bilkhawthlir-Saiphai-Natsura under CRF new scheme.

- (vi) ₹77.00 Crores is proposed for PMGSY.
- (vii) ₹28.56 Crores is proposed for Construction of Bailey Bridge over R.Tuisa on Kawlbem-Vaikhawtlang Road, Construction of Bailey Bridge over R.Lunghmullui on Lengpui-Serzawl Road, Construction of Bailey Bridge over R.Tuikum on Chhingchhip-Hmuntha Road, Construction of Bamboo Plantation Link Road from Saiphai –Hortoki, Construction of Bamboo Plantation Link Road from Tuirial Airfield to Bukpui Ph-I, Construction of Bamboo Plantation Link Road from Tuirial Airfield to BukpuiPh-II, Construction of Khanpui-Tualbung Road Ph-I, Construction of Jeepable suspension bridge over R.Chhimtuipui at Darzokai, Construction of approachroad to TuivaiMimbang and approach road to Godown at Kawlkulh, Constuction of Hnahthial-Haulawng via Zotui Road Phase-I under NLCPR.
- (viii) State Matching Share ₹1.05 Crores is proposed for NLCPR.
- (ix) ₹110.55 Crores is proposed for Construction of Saitual-Saichal-NE Bualpui Road, Upgradation of Bairabi-Zamuang Road, Upgradation of Thanlon-Singhat Road, Upgradation of KDZKT Road, Upgradation of Serkhan-Bagha Road, Construction of Mission Veng Bazar Complex, Construction of Cultural Centre cum Auditorium at Vaivakawn under NEC.
- (x) State Matching Share ₹11.74 Crores is proposed for NEC.
- (xi) ₹15.00 Crores is proposed for Improvement of existing MDR from Tuipuibari-W.Kawnpui Road under EI&ISC.
- (xii) ₹2.40 Crores is proposed for Construction of approach road to Horticulture College under Agriculture University at Thenzawl, Pavement of CH.Chhunga High School to Ramrikawn, Construction of Sairang-LengpuiBalu kai Bypass road(SMV) under SPA.
- (xiii) ₹72.59 Crores is proposed for Improvement and Widening of Aizawl City Road Ph-I, Widening and Strengthening of Vaivakawn to Mizoram University Road, Construction of Road from Sihhmui to Mizoram University Road as spur of Aizawl City Ring Road under JnNURM.

25. Power Generation is another aspect which the Government is focusing on. In the year ending of March 2015, the installed capacity of Power Generation in the State was 29.35MW, there was no addition in Power Generation during the Financial Year 2015-16 as the on-going Power Generating Projects namely – Tlawva HEP (5MW), Kawlbem HEP (3.5MW), Tuiriza&Tuiching HEP (0.20MW) are targeted for

completion within 2016-17. However, it is expected that Mizoram shall receive 12% free power from Tuirial HEP (60MW) which is being constructed by NEEPCO. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for execution of Tuivai Hydro Electric Power Project (210 MW). It is expected that work will commence once NEEPCO obtains statutory clearances. Tuirini Hydro Electric Project (25 MW) near Sesawng village is another project the Government has decided to take up under external assistance. Department of Economic Affairs under Ministry of Finance has been approached for funding from New Development Bank, Shanghai, previously known as BRICKS Bank. The Screening Committee has recommended external assistance at an estimated cost of ₹375.00 crore .

26. During the year 2015-16, the Power & Electricity Department has implemented several works to enhance the transmission capacity and extend the 132kV transmission lines for improvement of power supply to the public. Some of these are- construction of 33kV D/C Mualpui to Tlangnuam (6km) at a cost of ₹246.99 lakh funded under SPA, construction of 132kV line between Luangmual 132kV Sub-Station and Melriat 132kV Sub-Station (14km) at a cost of ₹838.37 lakh funded by NEC, construction of 33kV Sub-Station at Khawbung at a cost of ₹365.82 lakh funded under SPA, construction of 2.5MVA, 33/11kV Sub-Station at Sialhawk at a cost of ₹388.48 lakh funded under SPA and construction of 2.5MVA, 33/11kV Sub-Station at Khawhai at a cost of ₹388.45 lakh funded under SPA. There are several other Government of India schemes and programmes like Re-Structured Accelerated power development and Reforms Programme (RAPDRP) and the Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) to improve transmission and distribution system that are going on full swing.

27. In order to provide sufficient water supply to the people of Mizoram, the Public Health Engineering Department under My Government has targeted 31 habitations to be covered during 2015-2016 under 'National Rural Drinking Water Programme' (NRDWP) of which 4 habitations have been covered during the current year. A sum of ₹11.51 crore has so far been received from the Govt. of India. Meanwhile, as much as 10 more schemes are being executed under NLCPR, 7 schemes under NEC and 6 schemes under NABARD. Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) was launched in the State of Mizoram on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 to accelerate the efforts to achieve Universal Sanitation Coverage and to put focus on Sanitation. The Govt. of India, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation has sanctioned a sum of

₹332.31 lakh during 2015-2016. So far, 84,761 Individual Household Latrines (IHHL's) for BPL, 19,136 IHHL's for APL, 570 Community Sanitary Latrines, 4050 school toilets and 1453 Anganwadi toilets have been constructed.

28. My Government has taken various measures for the promotion of industries and industrial activity in the State. Industrial areas for accommodation of entrepreneurs have been set up at different places and are managed and maintained under 'The Mizoram Industrial Areas (Management, Regulation & Control) Act & Rules'. Basic Infrastructure has been provided to entrepreneurs at these declared Industrial Areas. At present the Industries Department maintains 11 declared Industrial Areas and action is being taken for up-gradation and improvement of these areas. My Government has submitted a proposal to Government of India for up-gradation of premier Industrial Areas like Industrial Estate at Zuangtui to be funded under 'Modified Industrial Infrastructure Development Scheme' (MIUS) which has been approved by the Central Government. Under Prime Ministers Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mizoram has been allocated 377 projects. Out of these, 250 projects have been recommended to the implementing banks for their sanction and employment has been generated for more than 400 persons. National Mission on Food Processing (NMFP) announced by Government of India was successfully implemented in the state during 12th Plan period and an amount of ₹101.00 crore has been distributed to 10 units.

29. The Handloom sector is the most flourishing sector in the development of Industrial activities in Mizoram. Production is estimated to be worth ₹6 crores creating a valuable source of employment for thousands for people. In order to sustain and promote this sector and also to preserve the cultural and indigenous crafts of the state, the Industries Department is running the 'Handicraft Production Centre' at Luangmual. Registration of Geographical Indication (GI) is being initiated for protection of local handloom products for which Art & Culture Department has been appointed as Nodal Department. The Industries Department is one of the line Departments executing My Government's Flagship Programme NLUP and is playing a vital role in its preparation and implementation. This Department looks after as many as 24 main trades and 40 Special Micro Enterprise trades (SMEs). Many families depend wholly on their selected NLUP Trades to meet their needs and are even able to save a portion of their income. The Auto-Rickshaw Trade is a success story with all beneficiaries earning a net income of ₹600 - ₹800 per day. As many as 69 Auto-Rickshaws were distributed in the 1st phase and 194 Auto-Rickshaws in the

2nd phase. The achievements made by beneficiaries of the carpentry trade are also remarkable. They not only manage to earn a living for themselves but also engage other people in their workshops thereby creating much needed employment and a means of livelihood. Beneficiaries of Tailoring trade are provided Foot Sewing Machine and practical training. A large portion of beneficiaries who chose trades like Desk-Top Publishing, Video & Photography, Tinsmithy, Handlooms, Automobile Workshop, Chow Making, Electronic Repair and Beauty Parlour are conducting their trades successfully.

30. The expansion of the Cooperative Movement has played an important role in the economic development of the people of the State. At present there are 1490 Cooperative Societies in the State comprising of Primary, District and State Level Cooperative Societies. The Plan Strategy of the Cooperation Department under My Government is to strengthen and enhance the progress of cooperative movement within the State which broadly aims at Socio-Economic Development of the people of Mizoram. For the implementation of Integrated Cooperative Development Project (ICDP) in 5 Districts of Mizoram National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) had sanctioned ₹4494.452 lakhs, the project is to be implemented in a phase manner during 4 years. For the first year during 2014-15, the NCDC had released ₹1116.96 lakhs and the project was launched on 14th May 2015. During 2015-16, ₹1134.00 lakhs has been earmarked for the project. Under 'Revival Package for Handloom' of the Government of India, 70 Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies have been selected and payment to the tune of ₹2.17 crore has been released for waiving off their accumulated losses and loan liabilities.. The Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. (MCAB Ltd.) has opened Core Banking Solution with a data centre to provide easy access to customers for deposits and withdrawals. The bank had a net profit of ₹2.98 crore during 2014-15. Multi-Commodity Producers Cooperative Society Ltd. (MULCO) has also launched an indigenous Milk Product Plant at Thuampui on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 with a capacity of 5,000 liters per day for milk products such as flavoured Milk, Paneer, Curd, Lassi, etc.

31. My Government appreciates the sacrifices made by our servicemen towards keeping ordinary citizens safe. Respecting and taking care of not just active soldiers but pensioners as well is a priority for the Government. Towards this end, the Sainik Welfare & Resettlement Department under My Government has sanctioned a sum of ₹ 78.74 lakhs and disbursed the same as financial gratuity to war veterans and widows at the rate of ₹1200/- per month and ₹1000/- per month respectively during March

2015 to December 2015. Construction of Sainik School at Chhingchhip under NLCPR is underway for which ₹8.93 crore was released and administrative approval for ₹20.00 crore was already conveyed.

32. My Government realizes that education is one of the pillars on which the foundations of a progressive and democratic society are laid. A well thought out policy and an efficient system that provides good education to students will go a long way in preparing young minds for their journey into the ever competitive world we live in today. The School Education Department and Department of Higher & Technical Education play an important role towards the achievement of this goal. Appreciating the significance and importance of education, My Government has given due focus and priority for its development during 2015-16. As we are aware, teachers form the framework of any education system and their contribution to society cannot be understated. Realizing this, my Government has upgraded 332 teachers to Selection Grade and 280 teachers to Senior Grade and as many as 107 Group 'C' & Group 'D' staff have been upgraded to higher scale of pay under the ACP Scheme, 2010. Recruitment Rules for Middle School Teachers and High School Teachers have been amended for reservation of 33.33 % of the total posts respectively for Science and Mathematics teacher in order to promote the study and teaching of these important subjects.

33. Recognizing the importance of pre-school education, ECCE (Early Childhood Care and Education) has been formally introduced in 66 Primary Schools while 4 major building infrastructure projects have been sanctioned such as - Education Centre Building at Treasury Square, Aizawl at a cost of ₹8.00 crores, Education Centre at Serchhip at a cost of ₹1.22 crores, Educational Training and Guest House at Lunglei costing ₹1.2 crores and lastly, a Hostel for Secondary Students at Lawipu, Aizawl at a cost of ₹5.20 crore.

34. My Government has tied up with Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai to introduce 'Connected Learning Initiative' (CLIX) in 200 high schools in Mizoram which is a collaborative effort of Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA and the Tata Trusts to improve the professional and academic prospects of high school students. With a target to become the most literate State in the country, a Total Literacy Drive is being conducted across the state with special focus on Lawngtlai, Mamit and Lunglei Districts. The Mid-Day Meal Scheme run by the School Education Department has



benefitted as many as 1.53 lakh Elementary School students with 5220 cook-cum helpers engaged under the Scheme. As in many other parts of India, this scheme has proved invaluable especially in rural areas. Construction work for 6 New Secondary Schools under RMSA has started and construction of 15 Units of Teachers Quarters is completed. As many as 1277 units of separate boys and girls school toilets have also been constructed with an expenditure of ₹22.36 crore under Swachh Bharat Swachh Abhiyan.

35. The Department of Higher & Technical Education under My Government looks after 22 Govt. Colleges, 2 Teacher Training Colleges, Collegiate Boys & Girls Hostels at Aizawl & Shillong, Women's Polytechnic Aizawl and Mizoram Polytechnic, Lunglei. Construction of new Polytechnics at Champhai and Kolasib has been completed while construction of new Polytechnics at Lawngtlai, Mamit, Saiha and Serchhip are currently underway. Govt. of India has approved proposal for Infrastructure Grants to 21 Colleges at ₹2 crores each, upgradation of 2 Colleges to Model Degree Colleges namely, Govt. Zirtiri Residential Science College and Govt. Hrangbana College at ₹4 crores each and establishment of a new professional College viz. Mizoram Engineering College at Pukpui, Lunglei at ₹26 crores under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiya (RUSA).

36. With the objectives of creating an environment of transparent and accountable Good Governance, My Government is implementing Core Infrastructure such as State Data Center, State Wide Area Network, State Service Delivery Gateway under the National e-Governance Plan. State Data Center is one of the core infrastructures for delivering electronic services which have been operative for 2 years hosting more than 5 applications. Mizoram SWAN has connected 42 Point of Presence across the state and has been the backbone for connecting various e-Governance initiatives. SWAN serves an important function as it is the information highway between State Head Headquarter to District Head Quarter to sub-divisional and Block headquarters. Districts are the de facto front-end of government where most Government-to-Consumer or G2C interaction takes place. The Pilot e-District project was successfully launched in Aizawl district and services are delivered through various centers. Presently, eDistrict roll-out was launched with 15 services from 3 departments during Digital India Week and the remaining 21 services from 5 departments is expected to launch by July, 2016 to improve this experience and enhance the efficiencies of the various departments at the district-level for enabling seamless service delivery to the citizen. State Portal (SP) and State Service Delivery

gateway launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 will act as front-end interface to statelevel eGovernance initiatives and services and shall host all the forms for various Government Services accessible to citizens in the state.

37. There are other projects taken up by the Government like 'e-Bharat' under the World Bank wherein the main aim is to provide services to citizens in electronic form namely, through mobile/online systems. System Integrator for Electronics & Mobile Service Delivery project has been engaged, development of 53 online and mobile services across 19 departments is already initiated. These services are expected to go live by August, 2016. Interactive Digital Class Room for Development of Science and Mathematics in the state of Mizoram is another project designed to assist Department of School Education through NEC fund. It aims to make learning more engaging, interactive and meaningful with help of new technologies in the classroom. This will supplement the conventional system of training and education and bring uniformity in technical education, thereby improving the overall quality of education.

38. The Information & Communication Technology Department under My Government has also taken up IT education in 100 schools through NEC fund with the objective of providing Computer systems to 100 schools in Mizoram. Out of the proposed 100 schools, 92 have been covered with the remaining expected to be covered by August 2016. The department has also developed 'CMOnline' for the Chief Ministers Office, 'Inventory Management System' (IMS) for Secretariat Administrative Department (SAD), 'Content Management Software' for Government of Mizoram, 'Property Return Online System' (PROS) for the Vigilance Department, 'ENDNet' for Excise & Narcotics Department, 'Total Information on Schools and Teacher' for Education Department and Zonal tank Water Level Monitoring System for PHE Department.

39. My Government realizes that Tourism has a great potential for development of the State and is doing its best in building and promoting infrastructure required for the growth and sustenance of the tourism industry. Significant achievements have been attained through the liberal financing of Ministry of Tourism, Government of India which has sanctioned ₹94.90 crore during 2015-2016 for Mega Projects like Eco-Tourism at Thenzawl including construction of a Golf Course, Adventure and Eco-Tourism at Reiek, Eco-Tourism & Wellness at South Zote and an Adventure Theme Park. My Government has also successfully organized the Anthurium Festival and ThalfavangKut and participated in various fairs and festivals like the 'International

Tourism Mart' and 'Destination NorthEast'. 9 Tourist Lodges at Sakawrdai, Buhchang, Khanpui, Sairang, Paithar, Bairabi, Khawbung and Saitual along with Viewing Gallery at Durtlang have been successfully privatized and other 9 Tourist Lodges are shortlisted for privatization. The number of International and Domestic Tourists visiting Mizoram is increasing every year. To meet the shortage of manpower in Tourism Industry, My Government sponsors and sends students to Institute of Hotel Management at Shillong and Guwahati every year.

40. My Government has completed construction of District Court Building at Serchhip with an estimated cost amounting to ₹207.56 lakhs while construction of Judicial Quarters at Kolasib is underway with an estimated amount of ₹502.73 lakhs and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Civil Works for construction of the new Aizawl District Court building at New Secretariat Complex, Aizawl is under process with an estimated amount of ₹23.60 crores and is expected to commence shortly.

41. In line with Good Governance initiatives launched by the Govt. of India, My Government has adopted some measures whereby citizens are saved the hassle of physically going to Government Offices to obtain forms or make certain payments through the use of modern technology. One of these measures is the 'Online payment of Road Tax and Passengers & Goods Tax' introduced by the Transport Department with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Construction of Directorate Office building of Transport Department is almost completed.

42. A country or State can prosper only if proper care, security, protection and welfare are given to its workforce. Various Acts and Rules have been implemented by My Government with the above objects in view. Apart from the Acts/Rules already implemented, the following Rules have been approved during 2015-16 such as-The Mizoram Payment of Gratuity Rules, 2015, The Mizoram Industrial Disputes Rules, 2015, The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers (RS&CS) Rules, 2015. The Mizoram Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has collected a corpus amounting to ₹28 crores which is being utilized by members of the labour welfare for various purposes. Mizoram Youth Commission (MYC) in collaboration with LE&IT Department and Workers Welfare Board, Mizoram is conducting Skill Training for the unemployed youths of the state. 3602 trainees have been trained outside Mizoram and of these, 1348 have already been placed. 2554 candidates have also been trained in trades like cement work, aluminium work, two-

wheeler repairing, beauty culture, mobile repairing and cutting & tailoring inside Mizoram. A sum of ₹251 lakhs had been sanctioned to Mizoram Youth Commission for imparting a placement linked Skill Development Programme for 400 youth of N.E. Region in Hospitality, Aviation, Retail, Tourism and ITES . The Mizoram Youth Commission is also using its resources to assist the youth of the state for entry into the Armed Forces of the country. In order to help deserving youth of Mizoram in realizing their dreams of making it into the country's Civil Services, two MoU's (Memorandum of Understanding) have been signed for imparting UPSC Civil Services Coaching Class through VSAT (Live Classes) for 100 candidates and to impart training for SSC & Banking Examinations for 200 candidates.

43. Mizoram, being a hilly terrain is prone to landslides which cause a lot of misery to the public resulting in loss of life and property, disruption of communication network and also economic burden on the society. This is primarily attributed to high steep slope, immature geology, neo-tectonic activity, heavy rainfall and unplanned and improper land use practice in the state. The unengineered and uncontrolled construction of buildings is also one of the factors. The State is also under constant threat of cloud burst and landslide disasters as more than 71% of the total area are in Very High to Moderate Hazard Zone. In addition, occurrence of biological disasters and other technological/human caused hazards such as transportation accidents, forest and urban fires, flash floods, etc. are common in the State. Moreover, the State is situated in Seismic Zone –V, which is the highest risk zone to earthquakes.

44. The above reinforces the need to proactively consider increasing a community's resilience as part of the sustainable development agenda. In order to tackle these possible disasters effectively, My Government has taken the following measures-Training of State Disaster Response Force, Training of NGO/CBOs ,launching of National School Safety Programme, conduct of Mock Drill, preparation of Disaster Management Plans, establishment of Disaster Management Training Centre, opening of Emergency Operation Centres,establishment of Disaster Management Training Centre, conducting Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment, Procurement of Equipments, forming of Incident Response Teams and works related to prevention and control of landslide and clearance of debris were also executed.

45. Mizoram has 3 Autonomous District Councils which have an important role to play in the development of areas under their control. During the year 2015- 2016, My

Government has released ₹148.18 crore and ₹159.92 crore under Plan and Non - Plan respectively for achieving all round development and improvement of administration in the 3 Autonomous Districts of Mizoram. Other funds released during 2015-16 (upto February 2016) are -Lai Autonomous District Council :

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> installment of ₹208.53 lakhs for upgradation of Lawngtlai Town under NLCPR.
- b. ₹214.82 lakhs for Construction of Lai Student Hostel at Aizawl under NLCPR and
- c. ₹158.00 lakhs for Construction of Chief Executive Members Office & Conference Hall, Executive Member Quarter, Lai Autonomous District Council Hall.

**The Mara Autonomus District Council** was allocated an amount of ₹21.53 lakhs under NLCPR and ₹65.00 lakhs under 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission while the **Chakma Autonomous District Council** was given ₹216.05 lakhs under NLCPR and ₹266.00 lakhs under 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission

46. Ensuring the health of the people of Mizoram in both urban and rural areas is another key aspect in which My Government has focused its energies on despite financial constraints. The Government has been making an effort to establish a Medical College (Mizoram Institute of Medical Education & Research - MIMER) with an estimated cost of ₹189.00 crores by upgrading existing infrastructure of the State Referral Hospital at Falkawn. My Government also intends to strengthen and upgrade the Cancer Hospital at Zemabawk, Aizawl for which ₹44.27 crores had been approved by Govt. of India. The project includes building of a 100 bed Cancer Hospital and procurement of advanced medical equipment so that cancer patients can be better taken care of. Strengthening of Cardiology Department in Aizawl Civil Hospital has been completed with an approved cost of ₹4.99crore. Installation and commissioning of C.T. Scanner at Aizawl Civil Hospital was also completed at a cost of ₹2.80 crore. Health Management Information System (HMIS) project at a cost of ₹4.66 crore has been completed and is functional. Civil Works in respect of establishment of State Medical Library with an approved cost of ₹3.61crore is on the verge of completion. Strengthening of Dental Department with an approved cost of ₹4.43 crore is underway with Civil Works having been completed and procurement of vital dental instruments and equipment under process. I would also like to state that 36% of work in respect of construction of 100 bedded District Hospital at Saiha with an approved cost of ₹15.92 crore under NLCPR is complete. Construction of 50

bedded District Hospital at Lawngtlai at an approved cost of ₹1191.51 lakhs is also expected to commence soon.

47. Two Wheeler Ambulances have been launched in the city of Aizawl as a Rapid Response Team (RRT) to reach patients in emergency cases and provide necessary and immediate treatment and advice to the patient, before the arrival of Ambulance at the scene, which is usually delayed due to traffic congestion. At present there are 6 Two Wheeler Ambulances equipped with life-saving equipment which are attached to the emergency wing of the Aizawl Civil Hospital. These Two Wheeler Ambulances are manned by trained Paramedics who would be able to provide necessary treatment to the patient in emergency cases and can be contacted anytime at 102 (Toll Free) from any service provider. A total of 633 cases have been handled by these ambulances during April 2015 – November 2015.

48. Mobile Medical Units have also been provided in all 8 Districts of Mizoram with 3 vehicles in each district that are equipped with diagnostic facilities such as microscopes and ECG equipment. Each Mobile Medical Unit covers remote villages which are being visited every month to provide basic healthcare services. It is vital that children not only be enrolled in schools but also remain there in order to receive an education. In order for this to happen, their health has to be ensured as unhealthy children tend to either drop out of school or not attend at all. Towards this end, the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RSBK), an extension of the School Health Programme has been implemented across Mizoram from July 2015. The main objectives of this programme are early detection of birth defects, diseases, deficiencies and development delays including disability.

49. My Government has taken steps to promote Ayurvedic, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicine. Many initiatives have been taken prime among which is the establishment of 10 Bedded Hospitals in every district. A 50 Bedded Integrated Hospital has also been constructed as a pilot project in Thenzawl which would be inaugurated very shortly. 50. Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), 1593 cataract operations have been carried out during 2015-16. 32,810 school children were screened and 400 school teachers trained under this programme. 1525 free spectacles have been provided to children with 108 eye donations and 21 eye transplants carried out during the same period.

51. A Generic Drug Store (Jan Asudhi Store) has been set up at Civil Hospital, Aizawl which has tremendously benefited poor patients by making drugs available at a very cheap price, in some cases upto 3 times cheaper than branded medicines available in the open market. 'Mission Indradhanush' has been introduced in Mamit, Lunglei, Lawngtlai, Saiha, Aizawl and Serchhip districts and I am proud to say that 964 children were vaccinated for the first time in their lives under this programme. Pentavalent Vaccine and IPV has also been introduced from October, 2015 throughout the State along with other states in India.

52. In spite of acute financial constraints faced by the Government and limited allocation of subsidized foodstuff by the Central Government; all efforts have been made to facilitate equitable distribution of foodstuff to the public, thereby ensuring food security for the people of Mizoram. The Food, Civil Supply & Consumer Affairs Department has undertaken the computerization of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) operations as per guidelines specified by the Supreme Court of India. The computerization project would cover various aspects of the TPDS operations such as the creation and management of digitized beneficiary database, Online Supply Chain Management of TPDS Commodities till Fair Price Shop level in the first phase, Transparency and Grievance Redressal mechanism using toll free numbers, websites and Fair Price Shop automation. Currently, 2.44 lakh Ration Cards have been digitized and the process of computerization of allocation and movement of Foodstuff till the Godowns is also underway. The Government has created a web portal [mizoramtpds.nic.in](http://mizoramtpds.nic.in) through which the public can access all the information and details regarding allocation of food grains to districts and villages and Fair Price Shops, availability of stock, ration card details and so on. A toll free number, 1967 has been activated for lodging of complaints and grievances. This process will eliminate the phenomenon of bogus/ghost ration cards as well as prevent the leakages of food grains thereby bringing about 100% transparency in the TPDS operations.

53. My Government begins to implement the National Food Security Act 2013 (NFSA 2013) from March 2016 which will ensure food security for poorer sections of society. The Government is looking at measures to increase the supply of LPG to Mizoram and has held discussions with various stakeholders. Talks have been initiated with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) for setting up of a 5 Mega Tonne capacity Bottling Plant for LPG and Fuel Depot for petroleum and oil products which will help in ensuring an uninterrupted supply of LPG and petroleum products. 17 new Godowns are in the final stages of construction and will be commissioned shortly.

The FCS & CA Department is also implementing 'End-to-End Computerization Scheme' with a total cost of ₹9.10 crore.

54. I would like to state before this House that Tax and Non-Tax revenue collection is improving substantially under My Government. The Taxation Department has accrued ₹218.73 crore as revenue up to January 2016. Excise duties amounting to ₹47.75 crore has been collected during the current Financial year, 2015-16 (up to 31.1.2016) by the Excise & Narcotics Department. Total revenue collected by the Transport Department (up to 29 December 2015) is ₹16.88 crore. An amount of ₹9.12 crore has been collected from the State Lottery (upto January 2016) while Net Collections under Small Savings Schemes under Institutional Finance & State Lottery Department (IF&SL) during the year 2015 – 2016 (up to January, 2016) is ₹4.89 crore. An amount of ₹4.02 crore has been collected as Tax revenue and ₹2.31 crore as registration fees/stamp duty by the Department of Land Revenue & Resettlement up to December 2015. Efforts are being made to streamline and simplify the revenue process. The Government is intending to outsource collection of taxes by Local Council/Village Council by giving 5% of the collected amount as commission. Aibawk RD Block has been selected as a pilot project and an inaugural programme was organized on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Geology & Mineral Resources has achieved revenue collection of ₹3.95 crores during 2015-16, up to December 2015. Notifying of the revised Mizoram Minor Mineral Concession Rules 2000 in the official Gazette may result in increased revenue collection of up to 20-30 %. PHE Department has earned revenue to the tune of ₹24.06 crore during the current financial year (upto December 2015). The Economics & Statistics Department under my Government has estimated the State Domestic Product (SDP) with base year 2004-2005 and the latest reconciled SDP was for the year 2011-2012. Gross SDP at current prices for 2011-2012 is ₹6887.95 crore and per capita income is 52,624/-. However, base year has been shifted to 2011-2012 and estimation of SDP with new base year is in progress.

55. Honorable Speaker and Honorable Members of this august house, I have presented before you a brief summary of My Government's achievements and an overview of its Policies and Programs. Time constraints do not permit these to be exhaustive but I assure all that My Government remains fully committed to bringing about prosperity for the people of Mizoram, all-round development of the State and maintenance of peace and unity within the State. I hope that My Government will receive the continued cooperation of Honorable Members of the House and of citizens of this wonderful State.



56. I convey my best wishes to you once again and wish you very fruitful deliberations.

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**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena to move Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Speech.

**PU R. VANLALVENA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I hereby move in the House the motion that, "members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2016."

**SPEAKER** : Is there any seconder? Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

**PU CHALROSANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, I hereby second the motion. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : The said motion is now moved and supported as per the Rule and entertained for discussion in this House as soon as possible. The Business Advisory Committee has draft the programme of this session to be held during 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. It is required to be passed by this House and it has already been passed. Let the copy be distributed.

I hereby declare the following members as the Panel of Chairmen during this session:

1. Pu John Siamkunga, MLA
2. Dr. Ngurdingliana, MLA
3. Dr. K. Beichhua, MLA
4. Pu Chalrosanga Ralte, MLA

We have now finished our business for today. The House will stand adjourned till the next sitting commenced on 10:30 AM of the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

Sitting is adjourned at 12:14 PM.