

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16th MARCH, 2016
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU LAL THANHAWLA** to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
 - 1) Shri Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
 - 2) Shri Purno Agitok Sangma, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and former Speaker of Lok Sabha.

QUESTIONS

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

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

3. Discussion on motion of thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : “And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone”

1 Thessalonians 5:14

We shall have Obituary in respect of the two political leaders, Mr. Musti Mohammad Sayeed, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and Mr. Purno Agitok Sangma, former Lok Sabha Speaker. We shall give time to the hon. House Leader to say some words about them.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is really heartbreaking to have an obituary reference of two great leaders, today.

Mr. Musti Mohammad Sayeed, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir was expired on 7th January, 2016 due to multiple organ failure at AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi at the age of 79 years.

He is the son of Mr. Mufti Ghulam Mohammed and was born on 12th January, 1936 at Bijbehara, Anantnag District, Jammu & Kashmir. He married Begum Gulshan Nazir in 1955 with which they have three daughters and a son.

He finished MA, LLB Degree from SP College, Srinagar and Aligarh Muslim University respectively. He joined Kashmir National Conference Party and joined active politics since 1952. He joined Democratic National Conference Party and later rejoined the National Conference Party. He was then elected MLA from Dachhanpura Constituency in 1962 and reelected in 1967. During this term, he was the Deputy Minister and was given the charge of Agriculture and Cooperation Department. He left the Ministry due to some ideological differences. He was elected member of Kashmir Legislative Council and Council of Ministers.

He was appointed leader of Congress Legislature Party in the year 1975 and the leader of Pradesh Congress. He was again elected MLA in the 1985 from RS Pura Constituency Bye-election. He was elected as Rajya Sabha MP in 1986 and being appointed as the Union Cabinet Minister during Rajiv's tenure. He left the Congress Party in 1987 and stepped down as an MP. He had Joined Janata Dal under the leadership of V.P. Singh. He was the elected Lok Sabha MP in 1989 from Muzafarnagar (Uttar Pradesh) Constituency. He served as Home Minister during 1.12.1989 - 10.11.1990 and became the first Home Minister with Muslim background

in india.

He again joined Indian National Congress and was elected Lok Sabha MP in 1998 election from Anantnag Constituency by Congress ticket. He again left the Congress party and contested 1999 Lok Sabha Election as an independent candidate and lose in the election.

He formed the Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party (JKPDP) in 1999. They formed a coalition government with the congress party in 2002. He served as the Chief Minister during 2.11.2002 – 2.11.2005. He was again elected as an MLA from Anantnag constituency in 2008 and 2014 election. A coalition government was formed with the BJP in March, 2015 and became Chief Minister which he serves till his demise.

He was admitted at AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi on 24th December, 2015. His condition deteriorated and passed away on 7th January, 2016 at 7:30 AM due to multi-organ failure.

He was a great figure in Jammu & Kashmir politics. Besides, he was loyal to India even though he was a Muslim which made him the first Muslim to become the first Muslim's Home Minister of India. His demise is a huge loss for the nation.

Secondly, Pu Speaker, Mr. Purno Agitok Sangma was the former Speaker of Lok Sabha. He expired on 4th March, 2016 in New Delhi due to heart attack.

Mr. P.A. Sangma was born between Mr. Dipchon Ch. Marak and Mrs. Chimri A. Sangma on 1st September, 1947 at Chapathi, West Garo hills, Meghalaya. He married Soradini K. Sangma on 6th June, 1973. He had educational qualification of BA (Hons.), MA, LLB from St. Anthony's College, Shillong and Dibrugarh University, Assam.

Mr. PA Sangma was a person with high intellect. He could get himself elected as the Vice President of Meghalaya Pradesh Youth Congress at a very young age of 26 years. He was elected as MP of Lok Sabha at the age of 30 from Tura (Meghalaya) Constituency. He was elected 6 times as an MP in the Lok Sabha. He served as a member of Lok Sabha till his death.

During his time as an MP, he served as Union Cabinet Minister, Minister of State and Union Deputy Minister of different departments such as Industry, Commerce, Supply, Information & Broadcasting, Home Affairs, Labour and Coal. These departments witnessed several developments during his terms. He was one of the greatest politicians among the North East people in the Indian Politics. He also served as a great Speaker in Lok Sabha.

Besides, he was the Chief Minister of Meghalaya during 1988 - 1990. He resigned as MP as he wanted to contest MLA election in 2008 in which he won the election. He contested the Presidential Election, 2012 with the support of AIADMK, BJD and BJP but lose the election. He later founded the National People's Party (NPP) and made it an All India Party. He was the first Speaker to be elected unanimously by both the ruling and opposition parties. He was also the first Scheduled Tribe and Christian Speaker of the Lok Sabha. He also became the first tribal Cabinet Minister when he was appointed as a Cabinet Minister in 1995. He was only 49 years old when he was elected as a Speaker. He was the youngest and one of the best Speakers in the Indian Parliament.

Mr. Sangma died on 4th March, 2016 at his home in New Delhi. He was given a state funeral at Tura on 8th March, 2016.

Mr. Sangma had visited Mizoram as a Minister of Labour ministry and visited the length and breadth of Mizoram. He was a great leader of the Congress Party as well. He was a member of the party's high command and introduced many things in the party. He also played an important role in the North East MP Forum in Delhi. He also actively participated in the meetings as a Christian community. He was one of the great leaders we have from the North East who worked not only for his state but also for the nationwide. He stood firm for the cause of the North East people. It is a huge loss not only for Indian Politics but also for the North East and tribal community. It is our prayer that the good Lord would always be with his families. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now give time to Pu Vanlalzawma, Opposition Group Leader.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As already stated by the hon. House Leader, it is really unfortunate that we lose two great leaders today.

Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed was a great leader. We had visited Srinagar together as a Parliamentary Committee; he understands the situations in our state. He asked us about the peace accords and its consequences as I told him how successful it had been. There may be prominent leaders who are not familiar with Mizoram but it is obvious that he was very familiar with our state. The fact that he could lead the majority of his state under the huge influence of pro-Pakistan ideology shows how great a leader he was. I express my condolence on behalf of the opposition members today.

The second one is Mr. PA Sangma, one of the greatest politicians from the North East. He used to make positive comments every time he talks about Mizoram. He had a very high personality and treated us as a close friend. He came to Mizoram during his early carrier as a campaigner. He even returned the money he brought here to the headquarters which he regarded as very important for his career. He remembered his experience in Mizoram. As I have said, he never made negative comments about Mizoram.

He also told me that, as you may aware, Pu Speaker, he even had the chance to become a Prime Minister. However, there were some obstacles for him. I think that this may also be the reason why he left Congress party also. He even dares to contest the Presidential election and win the support of big political parties. He had also paved the way for a great political career for his children also.

He served as a symbol of the North East in the central government. He was among the founders of North East MP Forum with Mr. P.R. Kyndhiah. He also appointed me as a Treasurer in the forum while I served as an MP. I would like to repeat that he is the one who made a good image of Mizoram.

We, the opposition groups are deeply hurt by the demise Mr. Mufti Mohammad Sayeed and Mr. Sangma. We convey our deepest condolence to their families and it is our prayer that may the good Lord always be with them. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now all rise up and observe one minute silence to show our condolence to the two departed great leaders. (*The Members observes one minute silence.*) Please be seated.

Our next business will be Question Hour. Let us now take Starred Question

No. 1 from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 1. Will the Hon. Chief Minister be pleased to state:

- a) Whether there is a proposal for construction of bridge over Chite, from Sihpui, Ramthar Veng - Thuampui road;
- b) If so, the estimate amount and name of the contractor;
- c) Whether there is a proposal for construction of the road.

SPEAKER : Let us now give time to the hon. Chief Minister to answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is:

- a) Yes, there is.
- b) The Estimate amount is ₹65,74,000 and the contractor is Pu Hrangthankima of Edenthar, Aizawl; Registration No. 70/CE-R/2/2014.
- c) Yes there is.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Thanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, I had asked the same question in the past. It was said that blacktopping of the work will not be possible. Will it possible to have a new proposal so that the blacktopping of the road will also be done?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, every possible effort will be made to meet his desire.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 2 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 2. Will the Hon'ble Minister for PWD be pleased to state:

When will the reconstruction of Tlawng Bridge at Sihmui - Airport road be started?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Minister concerned.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the work will be started as soon as Shiba Industries of Kolkata delivers the required bridge components.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my first Supplementary question is:

- a) Whether the contractor for reconstruction of the bridge selected; if so, who is the contractor? Is it done on open tender?
- b) Who are the contractor of the previous bridge which collapsed twice and how much is the cost of construction?
- c) What is the cause of its collapse for the third time at 2nd December, 2015?
- d) Does the government authorize the Police, PWD or any other to inspect and see whether the bridge is pliable to vehicle?
- e) Why does construction of the concrete bridge near the collapsed Bailey bridge not yet continued? When will it be continued? Who is the contractor and how much is the expenditure incurred till date?

SPEAKER : The hon. Chief Minister may now answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, not only the opposition but also the ruling party feels really unfortunate that this bridge collapsed. An Enquiry Committee has been formed. The main reason is that it has been passed by overloaded vehicle. Its reconstruction will be started as soon as the required parts are received from outside the state. It is a specialized job and need to be done immediately. Therefore, it is proposed to be done on departmental work without calling tender. Disburse Supply Order was given to GRSP Limited, Kolkata on 8th December, 2015 but since the requirement could not provided, it was cancelled and was given to Shiba Industries, Howrah. However, bridge components could not be placed since advance bill is not received as yet from Regional Officer, MORTH, Guwahati.

The Chief Engineer of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, RO Guwahati had visited the collapsed bridge and witness the urgency of its reconstruction. He promised that necessary fund will be released as soon as possible. If so, the construction work will be started soon and completed. It is proposed to be 200 ft long. I would also like to mention the following points for our kind

information.

Tender for investigation of Consultancy Services was floated on 13.4.2015 from the office of Chief Engineer, PWD Highway. The checked tender bid signed by all the members of inspecting committee was sent to Regional Cell MORTH, Guwahati for approval. The Regional Cell MORH, Guwahati approved and returned it to the Chief Engineer, PWD Highways on 18.1.2016 and Financial Bid was opened on 22.1.2016. The checked Financial Bid was again sent to RO Guwahati on 29.1.2016 for approval. There is only one bidder i.e. PCI Consulting India Limited for the work. It needs to be approved by higher authority as it is a single tender.

The matters regarding this tender were discussed with the Chief Engineer, MORTH Delhi and RO Guwahati during their visit to Mizoram. They promised that the tender will be approved and work order issued as soon as they returned. Pu Speaker, all possible efforts were made to start the construction work of this bridge as soon as possible.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Chief Minister tell us if there is a plan for authority to check the loads carried by vehicles passing the bridge in the future?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister may answer it.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, necessary steps were taken for that purpose and we are planning to appoint personnel to check the loads of vehicle. However, there are some procedures to be followed as a government. Appointment of new employees may be required which further requires financial resources. This remains one of our problems.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, could the Hon. Chief Minister provide us the note he referred for his answer?

SPEAKER : Yes he can. We shall now take Starred Question No. 3 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 3. Will the Hon. Minister for DM & R be pleased to state:

- a) Number of bundles of GCI sheets purchased during 2015-2016;
- b) The total amount of expenditure for that effect;
- c) Whether tender was floated;
- d) To how many people was the GCI Sheets distributed till date?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer it.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to the question of Er. Lalrinawma is as follows:

- a) 860 bundles of GCI Sheets were bought during 2015-2016.
- b) The total cost is ₹36,98,000.
- c) Restricted Tender was floated for the supply.
- d) It was distributed to 16 families by 4 bundles each.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to know the rate per bundle and the quality of GCI Sheets bought.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister concerned may answer.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the sheets were 46 kgs, 0.32 mm per sheet. The rate is ₹4300/- per bundle.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu P.C. Zoram Sangliana to ask Starred Question No. 4.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 4. Will the Hon. Minister for PWD be pleased to state:

- a) Whether there is a proposal to pass the responsibility of maintaining the roads within Aizawl and District capitals to Urban Development Department from PWD;
- b) The amount of fund allotted for the maintenance of roads within Aizawl and District Capitals during 2015-2016 and the amount due to be paid, if any.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla may answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Starred Question No 4 is:

- a) There is no such proposal at the moment.
- b) An amount of ₹1463.40 lakh from Non-Plan and ₹116.51 lakh from Plan, the total of which is ₹1579.91 lakh has been received for maintenance of roads within Aizawl City and District Capitals. ₹1105.90 lakh has been spent till date.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, we have a good road within Kolasib for the engineer for its construction is the local resident. It seems that such good roads could be constructed in other district capitals as well if we could keep the work in the hands of UD & PA. It seems difficult for PWD amidst many other works. Could this be possible?

I would also like to implore that faster step for maintenance of roads to be taken with the remaining funds. Besides, will it be possible to give more importance to construction of side drains as it is also vital to have a good road?

SPEAKER : Supplementary questions from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, how much has been availed from JNNURM for the maintenance of road within Aizawl? Who are the contractors for Package-I and Package-II? When will the remaining 28% of work from Package-II be continued?

Secondly, will it be possible resurface the road connecting RM High School within my constituency?

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to beg the Hon. Chief

Minister to prioritize the blacktopping work of Ch. Chhunga High School - Ropaiabawk road. The contractors said that they are in short of bitumen. I would further implore the PWD to borrow bitumen to them so that the work could be continued.

SPEAKER : Let us now give time to Hon. Chief Minister to answer.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I praise the attitude of our senior member, Pu K. Sangthuama. There are several things which are outside from our subject. I will highlight the main points as follow: -

Side drain is quite important as mentioned as I used to emphasize its importance in the past also. However, it is often neglected till today. We need to know that it is the duty of every citizen to have a proper side drain in our respective places.

The contractors of JNNURM Roads were Tantia and Sunshine Overseas Limited. The ongoing work of Ch. Chhunga Road - Tanhriil MZU road was expected to be finished within next week.

The UD & PA is a small department with few technical personnel headed by one Executive Engineer. Therefore, it seems impossible for them to maintain all the roads within Aizawl and District capitals at present. Pu Speaker, I think we will need more time of discussion on Governor's speech. So, I will stop here and give this copy to the Hon. Members. Thank you.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Chief Minister entertain the work I have proposed within my constituency.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it will be clearer from the copy that I have to give later on.

SPEAKER : I would like to inform the House that two of our fellow members, Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu and Pu T. Sangkunga applied for leave and they were granted.

We shall now go to our next business which is Discussion on Motion of

Thanks to the Governor's Speech. Each member will have 10 minutes. Let us now call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena to take his time.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am glad to move this Motion of Thanks and also thankful to the leader of my party for assigning me to move this motion. There are 56 points in the Governor's Speech and thus, I consider that we do not have the time to go through all the points.

Firstly, as he mentioned about the bye-election of Aizawl North-III, I am glad that a free and fair election was held. I also appreciated the role played by YMA in the election. They really deserve the National Civil Society Organization Award which they have received.

Regarding Agriculture Department, it is great to witness all the efforts being made for our state. They have distributed tractors for the farmers and through this initiative, larger plots of land could be prepared for cultivation which increases the production of rice in Mizoram. We can see from this Governor's Speech that the area of cultivable land was 39.4% larger than 2010 and the production also increases by 22.21%. It also decreases the practice of jhooming cultivation.

I am also glad to hear the performance of Taxation Department. We are not collecting many taxes in Mizoram; however, they work very well in collecting taxes. The tax collected this year is more than all the other years. The Department alone collected an amount of ₹218.73 crore. Transport Department also collected ₹16.88 crore, Revenue Department collected ₹4.2 crore and also ₹2.31 crore from Registration and Stamp Fee, Geology and Mineral Department also collected ₹3.95. I would like to thank all these departments in their contribution for the development of our state's economy.

The works done by PWD is also really noteworthy as 64.44 kms of formation cutting and 109.94 kms of blacktopping is done. The department has also constructed 152 culverts and 4 bridges. There are 78 ongoing works at present. Apart from this, construction of 13 buildings out of the total 54 works had also been completed. I am pleased to hear that all these works are done under this department.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Power & Electricity Department also has made immense efforts to generate electricity for our state keeping in mind how we made a huge

expenditure for electricity. Power plants at Tlawva, Kawlbem and Tuirial are about to be commissioned under this department.

Among many other points, I would like to mention that it is great to hear that Integrated Muga Silk Development Project at Kolasib is taken up by Sericulture Department. This initiative to produce the high valued Muga silk in our state is very noteworthy and I would like to praise the Sericulture Department also for this effort.

We have seen the success of Horticulture Department from the increasing orange production. The Horticulture College which is about to be established is also an important development of the department for it will serve as an important stepping stone of development in the future.

The Governor speech also highlighted the works and skills rendered by the AH & Veterinary Department. Increase in production of milk, eggs and meat is the result of the good work done by this Department. The introduction of micro-chip in cattle farming is also an innovative effort within this department. Their works on artificial insemination is also noteworthy.

We can see the results of the works done by PHE from the fact that there is an abundant supply of water in Aizawl nowadays. Even under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme alone, initiative was taken in around 23 villages. Besides, their works regarding sanitation and AMRUT are also really great.

Regarding Education Department, it is a mammoth task to look after this Department with many employees and responsibilities. It is praiseworthy for functioning smoothly despite certain problems created from the past. I am glad to see that, through the efforts of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, new recruitment rules for appointment of a separate teacher for Science and Mathematics. I would also like to highlight that also.

Minor irrigation Department makes immense efforts to provide irrigation for cultivation in Mizoram. We have also seen the results nowadays. Meanwhile, there are another 25 ongoing projects at present. These will also be a huge development in the near future.

The installation of CCTV which is functioning 24 hrs a day is an important

achievement by this government. Furthermore, new jail buildings were also constructed under Home Department. The works done by the police is also praiseworthy.

Besides, the introduction of online payment of road tax, passenger goods tax, etc. is an important development. The initiatives taken by Mizoram Youth Commission for skill development are also noteworthy.

Referral Hospital is also set to be developed into a Medical College as proposals for the development of Civil Hospital are also made. ₹44.27 lakh has also been allotted for the construction of toilets at Cancer Hospital.

The efforts made by Food and Civil Supply for supply of gas and rice are noteworthy. I would also like appreciate the efforts made by Vigilance Department in cooperation with IT Department to make Property Return possible. With these words, I hereby move the Motion of Thanks with a hope that it will be passed unanimously.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now give time to Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I would like to state that it is really unfortunate that there are so many mistakes in this speech. I urge that this should not be repeated in the future.

Regarding Fisheries Department in point No. 7, it is said that the Beneficiaries of NLUP under Fisheries trade made an income of 1,50,000 - ₹2,00,000; even the Fisheries Department will not agree with this. The total production of fish is 2,500 metric ton. If we calculated the price of that amount in market rate, it is worth ₹1,36,836. Distributing this amount among the beneficiaries under the department, the said income per month is just impossible. Giving this kind of information in this House is just unfortunate and should not be repeated in the future.

In point No. 16, it is said that, with your permission Pu Speaker, “The majority of the population of our state still resides in rural areas.” Meanwhile in point No. 18, the statement changes as “Mizoram is the most urbanized state in the country with more than 50 percent of the population living in urban areas.” It means that the majority of population living in rural areas according to point No.16 contradicts this point. It was again said in point No. 18 that more than 50 percent live in urban areas.

It is very unfortunate to see this kind of gross carelessness in this House.

Regarding Veterinary Department also, the number of beneficiaries is said to be 13,172. At the same time, the Mizoram Economics Survey 2014-2015 indicated that there are 34,047 beneficiaries. The number of beneficiaries differs by 23,875 under this department. This is also a serious error. Not only this, the amount of meat production is said to be 8,500 metric ton during 2015-2016. However, the amount of meat production during 2013-2014 is 12,189 metric ton. This means that our meat production decreases by 3,689 ton in comparison to 2013-2014 which is 30.26 percent. This means that all our efforts and works are in vain.

The question on if we consider this speech with all these contents or we should take necessary actions should be decided by the ministry. We really need to be more careful in preparing the Governor's Speech in the future. This is a sheer lack of sincerity and efficiency. We need to impart a culture of sincerity and efficiency as a whole in this state, we need to have the sense of ownership for this state. I beg all my fellow members to take initiatives for that in our respective places and functioning. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : I think that the Governor's Speech is a complete one as it covers most of the departments. He is praiseworthy for he is well versed with the subjects within a short period of time. The achievements made by this government witnessed by the first position we have won on Public Affair Index among the small states in India.

PAC makes judgments on developments, safety of women and children, justice, environment and transparency and therefore, it is impressive that among the small states, Mizoram is shown as taking the lead.

In regard to Agriculture, oil palm of Bukvannei is the only one in the North-East and here, around 5500 metric tons has already been processed. Around ₹6 crore is sanctioned from NEC to construct Mission Veng Market and if this is accomplished, the vendors could make the best use of it for selling their products. So, this is quite important for the public and it will also help us a lot in health. In order to make this productive and have better roads, the UD & PA also made a proposal for

buying lands.

Regarding Forests & Environment, burning of forests is very disappointing and the measures taken by our YMA and civil society are well appreciated. Though our Minister and staffs are taking extreme measures on Wildlife, the public has a serious responsibility. There are still many villagers who hunt in the forests with guns and it would be impressive if these people are condemned by the public.

Our Govt. is quite fearless and will do whatever is best for the state even if it is opposed by many people like The Mizoram Liquor Control Act. It is our income source and as addressed by the Governor, ₹48 crore is collected from Excise this year. The number of people who were arrested under the MLPC Act had decreased during Christmas and New Year festival due to the works of the YMA and Excise.

It is appreciating that the Governor mentioned the measures taken and achievements made on Sanitation and Food Security by the Govt. and I request everyone to pass this motion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The Governor's Speech is rather long with every details and it would be preferable if it is summarized. As mentioned by Er. Lalrinawma, there seems to be some errors looking at it and we need to be very careful.

It is impressive that fish farming is commonly practiced but unfortunately the marketing is unsatisfactory compared to the productions. Since Fisheries has enough fund, I believe ice machines for storing fish can be provided in Aizawl so that fishmongers can sell in more expensive rates.

In regard to AH & Veterinary, though it is appreciating that Horticulture College will be established under Manipur University, we already have a College in Veterinary under Manipur University. There are a lot of educated people on Veterinary in our state but when advertisements are published, they are usually for Schedule Castes and hardly for tribal and generals. So, it would be appreciated if the hon. Chief Minister gives a thought into this.

Regarding Forests, we have around 20,000 sq.kms of land but it is said that the forest cover 19054 sq.kms and I was wondering if this is inaccurate. The Governor's Speech is a respectful statement and it is hoped to be précised. Therefore, the officials need to be very careful in their preparations.

It also shows that formation cutting is done only on 62.440 kms and black topping on 109.942 kms. This is not a recent work and it was arranged long ago. The retaining walls are also calculated in meters and it would be appreciated if it is prepared in details with precise figures. We need to be very careful especially on figures since it can disgrace the Govt. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I examined the Governor's Speech and I agree with Er. Lalrinawma. One thing I would like to add is that being a sportsperson, I am not content that sports were not mentioned yesterday. It is upsetting that there was no mentioning of our Athletic Association and contact sport players who received medals on North-East Games and I believe that the Department did not feed the Governor.

On the other hand, there are many things to be grateful for especially on PWD. Though we often searched for failures, we had heard from the Governor's Speech that we will be receiving funds from NABARD, NLCPR etc. for our roads and several developments.

Pu Speaker, as mentioned by the Governor, it is impressive that we are making progress on collecting taxes and it is our duty to pay them if we are a citizen. Since taxes are for developments and good infrastructures, we need to teach ourselves the importance of paying taxes. Mizoram is lucky enough to not pay income tax. I heard that income tax will be opening an office in Aizawl and it would be appreciated if our leaders look into this.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the Governor had mentioned several measures to be taken on Education especially regarding teachers. We face problems in several schools across Mizoram especially at villages and it is appreciating that 33.33% is reserved for Science and Mathematics teachers. Training Centers, Guest Houses and Hostels are also under constructions and 15 Units of Teachers quarters are also constructed. It is

important to have teacher quarters especially for the teachers at rural areas because they will not feel devastated anymore and I hope that more quarters are constructed at rural areas as well.

In regard to Health mentioned by the Governor, it is appreciating that the Govt. has taken extreme measures and I would like to share my appreciation to the Home Minister and Chief Minister for making a proposal to establish Medical College at Falkawn State Referral Hospital. With your permission, the Governor stated, “Ensuring the health of the people of Mizoram in both urban and rural areas is another key aspect in which my Govt. has focused its energies on despite financial constraints”. Knowing our financial crisis, it is appreciating that a demonstration was made on the extreme measures taken for the people.

There is a proposal to establish 100 bedded District Hospital at Saiha and a 50 bedded District Hospital at Lawngtlai. If we improve these Hospitals along with Lunglei Civil Hospital, we can nurse 30% of those patients who approach Aizawl Civil Hospital in our own Districts and we will be able to relieve Aizawl Civil Hospital. As requested by the mover, I support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, there are some negligence on the Governor’s Speech and I was wondering if it is necessary to bring out those that were of the pasts.

I would like to start with Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department. The Govt. made animal feeds in the earlier years and it was not successful. They did not have enough Revolving fund and could not be self dependent. Domestications were quite popular and many animal feeds were imported. It is appreciating that our minister is taking new measures on animal feeds plant, meals etc and it would be even more impressive if the people bought and make use of our own productions.

It is appreciated that Horticulture College will be established at Thenzawl and it is important that we interfere more on teachers. I find it necessary to give importance to our officers who are qualified teachers.

No. 20 presents narcotic substances and we all know that liquors are sold for

receiving taxes. While we are praising the steps taken by YMA especially during Christmas and New Year Festival, we should be who we are without pretending to be good people.

We always listened to No.25 in every session and will continue to do so. I believe we did not achieve much on Power and I am really concerned about statutory clearances. We mentioned them from the very first session and there are hardly any improvements though some measures are taken.

Next is No.24. The proposals made for the next financial year with 13 points are quite impressive and I would like to share my appreciation.

One thing that occupies my mind is the fishes. The Govt. and private have many hatcheries in Mizoram and we are quite independent on it. The Department takes measures from NLUP, RKVY etc. and I would like them to give more efforts. It would be impressive if we reduce our imports and increase our own productions. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I thought we used to perfectly bind the Governor's Speech but we are provided with both sides this year and it would be appreciated if it is not provided with both sides next time.

The Horticulture sector is demonstrated on Para 13 and it is very important in Mizoram especially at rural areas. Passion fruits, pineapples, oranges etc are mentioned in the Governor's Speech and they used to be the main source of dependence. Passion fruits have a lifespan of 3 years and we could not supply 5000 quintals of pineapples for example. We are quite successful on grapes especially in the eastern parts and the Govt. lends a hand for better successful results. Unfortunately, we are starting to face problems after enforcing MLPC Act and it would be appreciated if the Govt. makes way when we make projects.

Para 19 states that we are entering New Urban Era and it also shows 5 key Central Sectors. Housing for all Urban mentioned in No.4 occupies my mind because the Ministry of the previous term constructed several houses under UD & PA where 450 houses were constructed at Champhai. We taught ourselves to quit village

farming which results in many migrations from rural to urban since there are hardly any livelihoods available. We hope that the Govt. has bigger plans and it is appreciating that ₹40 crore is kept for this matter. I believe that the Govt. has a plan for those who have no place to settle down.

No. 11 talks about Minor Irrigation and it also shows that we have 25 projects that are to be completed within 2017-2018. Mizoram is starting to face water scarcity and our ground water resources are starting to dry up. As mentioned here, 118 hectares will be covered and 791 families will benefit from it. I am really excited about these 25 projects and we still have many lands for cultivations.

Para 12 discuss about NLUP and Veterinary. The Govt. supplies NLUP to Champhai and they are making quite a progress on dairy. They have a production of 99 liters every day and I believe NLUP board can lend some help since they do not have proper transportations.

Many people are taking part in domestication through NLUP as well as horticulture and agriculture. It is not suitable to blend together and we need to have a good fencing. On the other hand, it is appreciating that several Rural Animal Health Centers are provided. It would also be appreciated if the Finance cleared the VFA that has not been cleared yet. We are hoping that the VSF directs our Rural Animal Health Center because when the animals increased and suffered a plague, it is such a problem if there are no caretakers.

His Excellency, the Governor mentioned about the forests on Para 15. The areas covered by the forests are quite extensive but I was wondering if the disclosed forests are reliable. There are some forests with hardly any trees and we need to make more efforts on this. The Wildlife Preservation and Wild Corridor mentioned are also quite important. The YMA and MUP coordinate and make Zo Thei Huan at several places in Mizoram and are carefully preserved by the community more than the forests.

Lastly, I would like to discuss about No.18. While many animals in my constituency suffer plagues and there are several people who could not afford a farm, the Govt. provides a tractor and we are quite pleased with it. Power tillers are quite valuable to us who own farms and it would be appreciated if they are provided again.

Overall, I agree with the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and continue at 2:00 pm.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 7 members shared their debates in the morning and I now request Pu R. Romawia.

PU R.ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I believe the uneven urban areas are causing confusion to some of our members. The urban sanitation, urban governance, urban infrastructure, urban planning etc are of the main capitals while we also have many areas that went as rural areas in MGNREGS. Revenue accepts many areas as urban areas because LSC is needed when borrowing loans from the banks. This MGNREGS includes RD Department, LAD Department and those areas still with VC. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I was wondering why the Governor did not mention the LADC Election when he only mentioned the bye-election and the AMC election in Mizoram Election.

Fisheries Departemnt was mentioned quite a lot and it said that the beneficiaries have at least ₹1.5 to 2 lakhs monthly income. If this is true, then the monthly income is ₹7308 lakhs and the yearly income will be ₹87696 lakhs which is quite a lot.

The ongoing flagship programme was changed to National Land Use Policy and it makes we wonder what is going on between the Governor and the Govt.

We had no projects on Minor Irrigation for several years and it is appreciating that we now have 25 new projects in 2015/2016.

In regard to NLUP of AH & Veterinary, 13172 families were given dairy, piggery, mithun and poultry. The works of the Veterinary Minister are quite

appreciated and the opposition parties were also provided with piggery. It is impressive that we can perform artificial insemination; I was wondering if we can perform this, why not import the frozen sperms and processed with a much cheaper rate.

The measures taken in Horticulture are mentioned in the Governor's Speech and it is impressive that the sanctioned amount of ₹205.16 crores, the income we received from NEC & NLCPR were mentioned. On the other hand, Bangladesh imports ginger from China with ₹80/kg and it makes me wonder why we did not take any measures when we could have good trades near Tlabung which will highly raise our economy. National Agro-Forestry Bamboo Mission (NABM) was mentioned and it is clear from the speech that this will also raise our economy. So, in order to be self-reliant, we need to take more measures on Border Trade which will help us a lot in our development.

The Speech also mentioned the steps taken on infrastructure and construction inside the state and how these are given importance. I still stand by my words regarding the bridge like I had mentioned in my Private Resolution, 2014.

Though the measures taken by several departments were mentioned, it is unfortunate that the Sports department was not mentioned at all. We are currently giving ourselves a good name on different disciplines and I believe the reason why it was not mentioned is because there are hardly any measures taken on sports infrastructure in the eastern regions.

Tourism is quite important and there are many measures to be taken in order to attract tourists.

Though there are many things to be grateful for in Health Department, Aizawl Civil Hospital has no specialist and M.O. There are around 10 post graduate students who were not paid for 6 months. There are also 40 students who did internships and they are not paid as well.

It is true that development works need to be carried in the 3 Autonomous District Councils. The Govt. released ₹148.18 crore and ₹159.92 crore from plan and non-plan during 2015-2016 for allotment development and administration improvement. From this, 95% and 96% are given for salaries in Mara District Council and there are times

when salaries are not given for 2 months. So, being under his discretionary power, it is important that the Governor settles this matter.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we collect a tax of ₹47.75 crore on liquor while our target was ₹35.51 crore. From my opinion, the Mizoram people are consuming a lot of liquor and I find the consequences to be very severe. I consider this motion as a speech defiling this august House. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. *(This portion of speech is expunged from the record.)*

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The Governor's Speech is quite clear and it is impressive that the Election Commission prepared a proper and genuine Mizoram Bye-election. We are lucky enough to have YMA and their works are quite handy.

Rigging of voting machines is also no longer mentioned at AMC but it is unfortunate that there is a printing mistake on point No. 3, regarding the National Land Use Policy.

It is impressive that Jhum system was abandoned and afforestation started to originate due to NLUP. The 14th Finance Commission also provided us extra 7.5% for having good forests and they are captured from satellites and not by the Governor or state Govt.

There are no other states in North-East like us who have productions on Agriculture from RKVY, WRC I & II and Oil palm and we are quite lucky on our productions and vast fields.

In regard to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, the results we yield from NLUP are quite impressive and we are now consuming healthy meats. Many people also benefit from NLUP. Our milk production has also increased a lot and we need to know that we are making quite an improvement ever since the NLUP and the present Govt.

We have several developments on Horticulture Department and I also support the importing of frozen sperms from piglets.

Many of our infrastructures were damaged and as we all know Tuirial Hydel Project was abandoned due to some favoritism. This is then continued when this Ministry was formed and is almost ready for inauguration. Measures are also taken at W. Phaileng, Marpara and we will be receiving ₹11.90 crore more for making it more functional. There are also several roads where measures were taken.

We will soon reach Phaileng or Mamit in a short period and there are many things to be mentioned like the World Bank Project-II. So, I find the Governor's Speech to be excellent.

The Speech also mentioned the measures taken on handloom and how the industry owners benefit a lot from it. This NLUP also helps us to export our productions in America and Australia.

In regard to gas, even though there is a mega block, we continue to have gases without any delay and we are in this position due to the extra efforts made by our Govt. So, Pu Dy. Speaker, I truly support the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, though the Governor's Speech is not all perfect, it deserves an appreciation for its introduction and conclusion. I believe the reason why the Governor said National Land Use Policy is because we are accused of particularly owning it and by saying 'National' it seems like there is no discrimination on parties.

It is impressive that it demonstrates how genuinely the Bye-election and the AMC election were conducted. It also mentions that YMA received the National Civil Society Organization Award.

The measures taken by the Fisheries Department which we did not know were also mentioned. They construct 3 Community Halls under the Welfare of Fisherman Programme and this is quite impressive.

It is also impressive that the Central provides ₹32,00,000 for cultivating Aloe Vera at Chhanchhuahnakhawpui. The Govt. does not abandon even the smallest village and this shows how amazing our Govt. is.

Under the Housing for All, ₹40 crore is kept and this will include not only District Head Quarters, but also cities and towns.

This Speech also mentioned the lives lost by the 3 policemen during the combat in 28.3.2015 at Zokhawthiang and it is appreciating that he took the time to honor the martyrs.

The Speech also mentioned that 13 Govt. buildings were constructed during 2015-2016 and it is appreciating that the Govt. explore state matching share for NLCPR and NEC.

PHE Department submitted revenue of ₹24.6 crore till December, 2015 and this is quite impressive.

It is also appreciating that the Govt. is taking new measures on Handloom and prepared trainings. It also takes measures to make Handloom a reliable livelihood and it would be more impressive if more steps are taken.

Pu Dy. Speaker, with you permission, I would like to read the last sentence of the Governor's Speech- "I hope that my Government will receive the continued co-operation of Hon' members of the House and citizens of this wonderful State". So, the Governor's Speech is excellent and I support it. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Our debate is conducted as Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly and by using Rules-338, the last sentence of Dr. K. Beichhua's speech is expunged with the authority of the Speaker. We will continue our debates with Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I would like to start by saying that the Govt. is also making efforts during these 2-3 years and we are making a lot progresses on Civil Society, cleanliness and fire preventions. It would be appreciated if strict rules are made for fire preventions in the next session and I believe all the members will pass it too.

Awareness is now raised in schools, NGOa and Public meeting levels and the people are becoming more and more intelligent. On the other hand, there are still some people who do not know the dangers of burning forests and they will regret if

they are charged with strict rules. Though the Forest Total Cover Geographical area according to the Governor's Speech is 91%, there are still many forests with hardly any trees. On the other hand, the Forest Department is taking measures and made a proposal for Wildlife Sanctuary and this is quite a relief. The Forest Department and the leaders should know that when a town/village has an empty land and is offered to the Department, the people are more careful with it when it is handed to NGOs, YMA or MUP. But still, a backup support is needed from the Department.

Apart from this, it is impressive that a proposal is made for Pawlrang Sanctuary at Kolasib District. With your permission Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to read some lines from the Speech- "It also accept 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" and here, the Department, Govt., NGOs and Civil Society already had awareness and we need to raise some strict rules.

We are also making progress on cleanliness and Aizawl is included among the cleanest states in India.

I once asked if there is a way to offer citation, prize and special development package to those localities/districts for their great performances in cleanliness and fire preventions and it would be appreciated if special development package are prepared as much as possible.

It is pleasing to hear how the department is trying to create a smart city and it seems that Agartala and Aizawl will soon enter Trench 3 stage.

We can see the steps taken by PHE at rural areas. Our main problem was sanitation but we now have proper sanitations under this scheme and it is quite impressive.

We heard that the PMGSY under PWD is to be wind up in 2019 but there is a large amount of PMGSY fund on the Central Budget presented by the Finance Minister and I request our leaders to seize whatever is available before the wind up.

Though we faced inadequacy on Minor Irrigation last year, a large sum of money is kept in our budget this year and I would like to make a request to utilize it wherever it is needed.

In regard to Agriculture, there is a proposal to make bigger link drain and we need to monitor the laborers on how they excavate roads. The Govt. provides works with details but the works are often done in a hurry and they cannot function the way they are supposed to.

By the grace of God and the works of the Minister, many progresses are made on Sports. We are now able to hold the highest Indian tournament though we still need to make more efforts.

The Govt. is taking extreme measures so that trains can enter our state. A goods train has entered day before yesterday and a passenger train will enter next. We need to have a study if this will bring development to our state. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The Governor mentioned that the Central YMA received 'National Civil Society Organization Award for best campaign on voter's education and awareness' from the President of India on 25th January, 2016 and this is quite impressive. Elections are held many times in our state and I believe we can have safe elections even if only the YMA is present without the Police.

On the other hand, the Law & Order needs to make more effort since there are still more than 30 villages under the Advisory Board who cannot hold elections. The Governor gave his speech for 1½ hrs where there are some errors with inaccurate statistics and we need to be very careful. The state flagship programme is also changed to National Land Use Policy and this is the Govt.'s responsibility.

We listened to the compliments on NLUP for almost an hour but the measures taken by NLUP line Departments, Soil & Water Conservation Department and other departments are not mentioned. Though the Speech mentioned that Veterinary Department produced 14,327 tons of milk, Vanglaini on 27th March, 2015 published that 15,304 tons was produced in 2013-2014. So, there is no progress at all or is it that the statistical is inaccurate. It also mentioned that 16,882 tones were produced in 2008-2009

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Is your source from the newspaper or the Govt.'s statement?

PU LALRUATKIMA : From the newspaper, Pu Dy. Speaker. The production amount from WRC and farms are also not accurate and the productions amount is also unspecific if we compared my Starred Question No.26 of 13th November, 2014 with my Unstarred Question No.31 of 16th October, 2015.

Specific Data is quite important and our developments suffer a lot due to inaccurate statistics. So9, we need to make more efforts in our every step.

Vaivakawn Bazar which is to be renovated was also mentioned and it was also mentioned that its DPR was submitted. It is too early to submit DPR and I find it unnecessary for now. (Hon' Speaker at the Chair) Pu Speaker, we make a lot of corrections on our mistakes. We declare 40 villages as Model Villages and I was wondering why only 2 villages were mentioned.

Public Sector Undertaking was revoked which is serious and no one including the Governor mentioned about it. The Year of Consolidation was declared and the measures taken cannot be seen.

On the other hand, we see clearly how successful MLPC Act is and we received huge revenue from liquor. We achieved our target by ₹12 crore ₹8 lakhs but we need to know the consequences behind the liquor.

It is also unnecessary to mention the making of 152 culverts and the proposals made for PMGSY and state matching share.

We talk about Power over and over and the productions we made till today is still 29.35 Mega watts. We visited Tlawva Project and the Subject-II Committee ordered to complete it during 2016-2017 (*Dy. Speaker : your time is up.*) Not yet, Pu Dy. Speaker. I was interrupted and the Dy. Speaker took the time for some explanations. I beg you to give me 5 minutes. So, there are a lot of unnecessary things that were mentioned and we need to be more careful next time.

The said amendment of Recruitment Rules is not an achievement. Besides, it is said that there are 12 colleges under Higher & Technical Department while in the

Governor's Speech at the celebration, it was said that there are 21 colleges. We need to know which one is the correct figure. The said Construction of Directorate Building of Transport Department is not a new development; it was built a long way back.

There is also an arguable statistics regarding labour cess. It was said that ₹28 lakh was collected till date; however, in the answer of Starred Question asked on 6.10.2015 session, the amount of labour cess collected was said to be more than ₹29 crore. It seems that there is some inefficiency and carelessness in the preparation of this Governor's speech. The matter about Civil Hospital is also stated. However, an office order had already been issued that Aizawl Civil Hospital is converted into District Hospital. Therefore, this speech is not well prepared.

Lastly, while we are saying we had a smooth celebration of our Christmas, we had numbers of alcohol related death. As per information of the Police Department, not less than 100 Nos. police expired last year. As this is the case, we need to build a good working relationship with NGOs so as to combat alcohol and drug trafficking effectively. If not, it may cost more life.

Pu Speaker, I urge that the change of our State's flagship, inaccurate data entry and invalid subjects which were seen in the Governor's speech should not be repeated in the future. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, first of all I would like to state that I am supporting this motion of thanks to the speech of the Governor. I think that this is the second longest Governor's speech of this House. It is also clear that there are many other achievements of the Government which could not be included in this one and a half hour speech.

Especially, regarding how this government takes initiatives for the youth, nothing much is included in the speech. We still can see in different districts and villages how this government worked for the youth.

Meanwhile, I think that the departments should take utmost care while providing information for the Governor's speech. I would also like to make an appeal to each Minister also to be more vigil about the information given as it is done on

their approval.

I am overwhelmed that the role of NGO is included in the Governor's speech. We have a highly regarded NGO which we called YMA deserve to be a role model for other states as well. They are playing an important role especially for free and fair election. However, I think that the beginning is still the Government. It is the idea of the government how these HGOs are employed.

The success of the State flagship programme could also be seen from the Governor's speech. After the introduction of NLUP, the state's cultivable land increases by 39.04% and the rice production also increases by 22.21%. I am thankful that this speech highlights these developments through the policy of the government.

Even in the Union budget, the Finance Minister laid stress on the taxes collected by the government which will be distributed among the whole population. This government also does the same. It is great to hear that the Taxation Department had achieved their annual income expectation while there is still two months time during this financial year. It is also notable how the state's GDP rises.

I am excited from the Governor's speech to hear that there are many developments in the state. In spite of some inaccurate data, we can see the leadership of one who accomplished his manifestos. The NLUP of this government is now witnessed even by the UNO and considered as a model for the whole world. Therefore, I sincerely supported this motion moved by the Hon. MLA from Aizawl South I constituency.

It is also notable how we conducted a peaceful, free and fair election while there used to be much violence in the elections of other states. Pu Speaker, there are also many other points which I would like to highlights. However, as the time does not permit us, I would like to support this motion with these few words. Thank you.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are now discussing a motion of thanks to the Governor's speech. What I would like to say at first place is that it seems we are arguing in some invalid points. There may be some mistakes which needs no argument. We need to accept it as everyone can make a mistake. We are also seeing less department officials within this House They are the executives who will pursue what we have said in this House. I do hope that could see more

presence of department officials during sessions.

As already said, there are some points are included in this speech seems unnecessary. Meanwhile, some important subjects were not included. Our achievements in sports, especially the achievement of Aizawl FC is noteworthy. It is also a part of the government's effort. They show a great performance in the last season and their contribution in sport for the state is notable.

I am concerned that the matter about the election of Lai Autonomous District Council was not mention in the Governor's speech. It may be a mistake that Bye-election and AMC election was pointed out but Lai Autonomous District Council was not mentioned. It is also more desirable that the incidents at Republic Veng, the death of policemen and the ambush incident should be left out. It is also seems more desirable that the number of liquor shops in Mizoram, the amount of revenue collected and how we surplus the expected income amount from liquor not to be included in the speech.

I think that the Cabinet should check and approve the Governor's Speech prior to the session. This will enable the Ministers to check whether the achievements of their departments were included. They will also be able to cross out which is desirable not to be included. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Regarding the matter discussed earlier, I would like to announce that the said withheld salaries within Mara Autonomous Council were already paid for the month of January, and two third for the month of February is also paid.

Let us now call upon the Hon. House Leader.

PULAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this Governor's speech is a very long speech. This is better for the opposition parties as it creates more points to be criticised. It is correct that subjects relating to sports were not included much in the speech. This may be because he considers that the development in sports is already known and needs no further comment. It is correct that, as mentioned by the opposition group leader, the big football clubs in India are playing our own state for points. Furthermore, Mizoram is now considered as the powerhouse of football in India which we are all aware of.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that even the members from opposition parties speak politely and respectfully about the motion. What I would like to request my fellow members is to speak of Mizoram state as a whole. It is fine even if we wanted to talk about our own constituency. However, it is more appropriate and parliamentarian to speak on behalf of the state as a whole. We need to remember that we are elected to represent all the population of the state.

The Veterinary and Horticulture College the establishment which are in process will be under Central Agricultural University of Imphal, Manipur; it does not mean that it will be directly controlled from there. The reservation for Scheduled Caste is contained in the Constitution which will automatically apply as it is a Central establishment. Since we have no Scheduled Caste in our state, other people from outside often claim this reservation. It should also be noted that preference should be given to the local people for faculty in the Veterinary and Horticulture College. It is fortunate that we are having numbers of Mizo faculty in the Veterinary College. It is further suggested that the local people should be appointed in the IV Grade posts and other lower grade job also. The same will be practiced in the upcoming Horticulture College. Besides, it is attempted that the available job in oil and natural gas extraction in our state should also be given to qualified local residents.

Regarding forest coverage, we have a high percentage of 91.47 % of greenery where as only 6.65% is dense forest. In order to improve our forest coverage, we need to check wild fire more effectively in which we, the MLAs can play an effective role.

We are praising highly of our improvement in cleanliness; yet, we still have more efforts to put on consumption of tobacco products and betel nuts which increase cancer cases in our society. Furthermore, there is a rampant use of DDT as fertilizers in the imported vegetables from other states while DDT is banned in America since 40 years ago for it is proved injurious to health. It may be inevitable in our state but we need to know the effect of this chemical.

As already stated, we need to take more effective steps to prevent wild fire. We have planted many trees in the past; however, the problem is that we do not pay heed for its conservation as many of the planted trees were burnt by some miscreants. We need to find a way so that miscreants are punished by law. Besides, a problem trending today is shooting of birds by air rifles equipped with telescopic lens; with that, hundreds of birds were killed. I think that we need to find a way to ban these

rifles also. I request my fellow members to impart awareness in our respective constituencies for preservation of the flora and fauna of our state.

The bamboo forest coverage in our state is also seriously degenerated lately. This government takes an initiative for its regeneration amidst pressure from the central government to continue to supply bamboo for Cachar Paper Mill which is considered a national asset. However, the supply is also stopped for its regeneration. It is great to know that the bamboo forest coverage has also now been improved. We are now finding a way to procure bamboos in our state in a more profitable manner in collaboration with Chinese firms who are based in Mumbai as memorandum of Understanding is set to be signed at the moment.

The government is also determining more effective way of controlling liquor with the new act as a part of that attempt. The Total prohibition which has been in effect for 17 years but it is a unanimous decision that it is not succeeded. If this new act is not successful, it could also be changed again. It may be noted by the members that it is not a matter for playing the game of blame.

We know that there is a huge requirement for power; however, it is not an easy step for its generation. Generation of less than 5 megawatts is under the authority of the state and more than 5 megawatts has to be done with the approval from the central government. This requires a long process which could not be completed easily. As a result, it is very difficult to produce power in a large scale for the government. The proposed first big project has been hindered due to incorrect process of compensation during the then ministry. When we return to power in 2008, we tried our best to revive the project and as a result, it is expected to be commissioned in the month of October this year. If anyone should be blamed in this project, I could clearly tell you who they are.

The state authority is now increased to 50 megawatts during the time of Prime Minister, Deva Gowda. As a result, the Tuirini project for generating 47 megawatt has been proposed. A MoU has been signed with Subhas Project and we have also applied for loan for the project. The Ministry of Finance had also recommended the project. While I lay the foundation stone of Tuirial Hydel Project, I was told by the officials that the foundation stone of Tuivai Hydel project could also be laid shortly. However, as we lose in 1998 election and the project has been completely forgotten. The project is restarted only after we returned in the ministry in 2008 as MoU has been signed

with NEEPCO for its construction. Likewise, several MoUs were signed for construction of Hydel Power Dams on the rivers within our state. However, there are many clearances to be availed and many processes to be followed before the start of the work. It is the same in Kawlchaw as well; it is impossible to be hasty regarding power generation. I would like to inform this august House that this government is trying its best for production of more power in our state.

Besides, it is also a fact that there is a huge loss on transmission and distribution in Mizoram which is very unfortunate. All of us need to refrain from committing power theft so that our power supply system could improve.

In the previous term when we were in the ministry, we started natural gas exploration which had been abandoned for 10 years and we lose the next election. During that period that Tripura surpassed us as they are now having gas-based generating power at Palatana with a capacity of 750 megawatts power. They are not even started while we started our exploration. It is a huge setback for this state in terms of power generation that our party did not remain in the ministry for the following 10 years.

Pu Speaker, the Government Hospitals also need much renovations and improvements. For they seem to be more backward than those of private Hospitals. So, the District Hospitals tends to refer their patients to other hospitals in Aizawl. This indicates our Hospitals need much improvement. The equipments available in private laboratories are not available in Government Hospitals. We must all try our best in our respective field to render the best service for others; all the government servants need to know that.

Regarding Tourism, it is obvious that our state has a great potential for promoting eco-tourism industry; we were also often suggested to do so. However, in order to succeed, the people also need to change their mindset. At the same time, the department officials should also aware themselves to protect the originality of our sites. Tourists nowadays are mostly attracted by the original natural sites and it needs to be preserved.

Pu Speaker, the New Economic Development Policy formulated by the experts will also be included in the Finance Minister's Budget Speech the day after tomorrow. This policy is meant for the sustenance of the successful beneficiaries

under NLUP. A proper road map was formulated under the theme ‘The way forward’ for further development of the state’s economy.

It is for a fact that our state is branded as a well performing state in conducting free and fair poll; we need to keep this up in the future also. The contribution of NGOs like YMA in social life is quite notable. Even though the police and excise are performing very well, there are some extents which could not be done by them; in such cases, the YMA plays an important role. Apart from this, it is appreciated that a new drug policy is also formulated by this government to check the drugs smuggling and drugs abuse more effectively.

Lastly, it is a fact that the UNO has come to know about NLUP as senior researchers were coming from University of Minnesota and stayed for several weeks. They have had a good interaction with our farmers and a memorandum of cooperation was signed with Mizoram University. It is good to know that four agencies from the UN have come to study this policy till today.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful today that all the members, especially from the opposition parties for their sincerity and attention towards this motion. I therefore, support this motion to be passed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall now call upon Pu R. Vanlalvena to wind up the discussion and move the motion to be passed.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have said that the Governor’s Speech is a very long one, it contains 56 points. 16 members including the Hon. House Leader took part in the discussion. They have mentioned most of the important points and thus, I will not take much time.

The discussion is smooth and there is no criticizing even from the opposition leaders, we rather mention the points which need clarification. Point No. 18, number of rural and urban population has been clarified by the Minister concerned, Pu R. Romawia. The incorrect data regarding the amount of meat production under AH & Veterinary is also due to double entry of time period. I once again thank all of the members for taking part in the discussion sincerely. I therefore, beg this House to pass this motion.

SPEAKER : Anyone who support the motion 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 15th March, 2016” to be passed in this House may say, “Aye” and those who do not support may say, “Nay”.

Now, as there is no opposition, I declare the motion 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 15th March, 2016” passed.

The House will stand adjourn for today. The next sitting will be commenced tomorrow, the 17th March, 2016 at 10:30 AM.

The sitting is adjourned. (4:15 PM)