

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24th FEBRUARY, 2021
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries:
 - 1) **PU R.D. SANGKHUMA**, Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.
 - 2) **ER. K. THANGZUALA**, Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following:
 - i) 14th Annual Report 2019-2020, of the Mizoram Information Commission.
 - ii) The First Annual Report 2019-2020 of the Mizoram Lok Ayukta.
 - iii) Twenty Ninth Annual Report 2019-2020 of the Mizoram Public Service Commission.
4. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Notifications issued under the Mizoram Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (w.e.f. 3.8.2020 – 13.1.2021) by the Taxation Department, Government of Mizoram.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

5. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *The way of the Lord is a refuge for the blameless, but it is the ruin of those who do evil*

- Proverbs 10:29

OBITUARY:

SPEAKER : I request the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to make obituary reference on the demise of Pu R.D. Sangkhuma and Er. K. Thangzuala, former MLAs.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we will be making obituary references on the demise of 2 former members and I would like to start with Pu R.D. Sangkhuma.

Pu R.D. Sangkhuma died at the age of 75 in Aizawl Civil Hospital on 15.10.2020 (4:10 PM). He had 9 siblings and he was the fifth sibling of Pu Lungthanga (L) and Pi Selthangi (L). He was born on 22.3.1945 at Sawleng village and he had 2 brothers and 7 sisters.

He married Pi Lalbiakzuali, d/o Rev. Lalthanga (L) on 12.12.1972 and had 5 children and 8 grand-children. He passed his matric examination from Sawleng High School in 1965 and graduated BA from St. Edmund's College in 1971.

He was a typist at Directorate of Assam Municipal Board, Flood Control Department and Finance Department, Assam Secretariat. After his MLA term, he looked after Bezalel Industries with his friends Pu R. Hlunchhunga and Pu T. Ngurauva (L) and they parted ways in 1997 for separate businesses. He then looked after Mosaic Tiles at Zuangtui and Furnishing Goods at Zarkawt.

He was once the Chairman of Joint Committee on Mizoram Value Added Tax, a leader of Mizoram Football Association and he also held several important positions at Church and NGOs.

He joined Mizo Union Party in 1971 and he was appointed as the Secretary of Aizawl Town Block and Joint Secretary of Mizo Union Thalai Headquarters the same year. He was elected from Ratu Constituency from Mizo Union Party in 1972 under Mizoram Union Territory when he was 27 years old. He is still the youngest MLA among the Mizos till today. He was elected as the Opposition Dy. Leader in 1974 when Mizo Union merged with Congress Party. He lost the 1998 election and quit politics for good.

Pu R.D. Sangkhuma started complaining the back of his hip in 2014 and he would visit local hospitals and other hospitals in outer states. However, the pain would bother him again and he was admitted to Aizawl Hospital on 17.8.2020 and his illness had affected his

kidney. He was admitted to Aizawl Civil hospital on 29.8.2020 and he was kept in ICU on 6.10.2020. He passed away on 15.10.2020 at 4:00 PM.

Pu K. Thangzuala, Ex-MLA died at the age of 87 on 15.11.2020 at 8:50 PM in Trinity Hospital, Aizawl. He was the 3rd child of Pu K. Kaichhunga and Pi Hrangkungi Hralhsel, he had 5 brothers and 4 sisters. He married Pi Hmingthanmawii (Mamawii) (L) d/o Pachhunga (P & Sons) in 1961 and had 3 children. Pi Mamawii died in 1966 and he re-married Pi Denghliri in 1968 and they have 4 children. He has 24 grand-children and 9 great grand-children.

He passed his matric examination from Mizo High School in 1953 and he completed his Intermediate Science from Cotton College, Guwahati in 1955. He completed his BE (Civil) from Assam Engineering College, Jalukbari, Guwahati in 1960 and he is the 2nd Engineer ever among the Mizos.

While waiting for his BE result, he worked as a JE under Assam PWD and after his result was declared in 1960, he was appointed as the Asst. Engineer at Assam Engineering Service. He was promoted to Executive Engineer under Assam PWD in 1969 and when Mizoram became a Union Territory in 1972, he transferred from Assam PWD to Mizoram PWD. He held the Commissioner & Secretary, PWD post till his retirement on 28.02.1995.

He was among the leaders of Mizoram Engineering Association, Federation of Mizoram Govt. Employees & Workers, NGOs and his Church. He donated his land at Zuangtui to Thutak Nunpuitu Team (TNT) and he established the first Girls' High School - Mamawii Girls' High School in memory of his first wife. He also took part in establishing Zirtiri Women's College and he was the first Chairman of the Managing Board. He was also among the establishers of Blue Mount School and held the Secretary post.

After his retirement from Govt. service, he was elected from Serchhip constituency from MNF ticket in 1998. He was the Vice Chairman of State Planning Board and he was later appointed as a Minister of State. He was allotted the departments of Information Technology, Industry and Sericulture and he did his best to achieve Industrial Growth Centre and Bamboo Industry, Community Information Centre at every Block Hqrs and Children Computer Training Centre at every District Hq. The Centre for Electronics Design & Technology of India (CEDTI) which is now known as National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) at Zuangtui was established during his days and he took measures on braille, computers, printers and software for Samaritan Blind School at Durtlang, Kolasib Blind School and Spastic Society of Saron Veng. He also played an important role in introducing mobile phones in Mizoram.

He had asthma since childhood. He was brought to Civil Hospital casualty on 29.10.2020 and they did a CT-Scan on him. However, there were no available beds in ICU and thus, was brought to Trinity Hospital. It was discovered that he had Pneumonia (Septic Shock) and after being in ICU for 17 days, he passed away on 15.11.2020 at 8:50 PM.

Pu Speaker, I would like to add that their death is a great loss to our state. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, our Chief Minister had made an obituary reference on the demise of our former MLAs- Er. K. Thangzuala and Pu RD Sangkhuma. I would like to add a few words as well since I am an admirer and have known them personally.

Pu R.D. Sangkhuma's father Pu Lungthanga was among the first Mizo contractors and he wanted his son to be a contractor just like him. However, Pu Sangkhuma involved himself in politics and he was elected as an MLA in 1972. He is among the youngest MLAs and he was a true regionalist. He excluded himself when Mizo Union and Congress parties merged, he was a loyal, kind-hearted and uncorrupted man. He owned a big business firm called Bezalel Industries in Aizawl. He was a sportsperson and would pave ways for sports even when he became old. I pray that God be with his family.

Er. K. Thangzuala was the second person to become an engineer among Mizo people and he entered politics after his retirement from the Govt. service. We were fellow members during the 4th Mizoram Legislative Assembly and we would often travel together. He was friendly and he loved sports. He played hockey from Assam team and reached the national level. He could also play football, tennis, badminton and he was the team captain of hockey while studying at the Assam Engineering College. His love for sports never interrupted his studies.

He established PWD Evangelical Cell while serving in PWD and he donated his land to TNT. We lost 2 great men today and we pray that God be with their families. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is sad that obituary had to be made in reference to our 2 former MLAs who sincerely worked for our state's development. We had heard their brief stories from our House Leader and it is clear that they had dedicated their lives for our state's development. Their death is a great loss to the state and the Congress Legislature Party prays that God be with their beloved families. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us all stand and share a minute of silence in remembrance of the departed former MLAs Pu R.D. Sangkhuma and Er. K. Thangzuala. The families of Pu RD Sangkhuma and Er. K. Thangzuala are joining our program through live television.

QUESTION HOUR: ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS is given.

We will now move to *Question Hour*, I request Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Starred Question No. 1

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, will the PWD Minister be pleased to state:
If there is a proposal to construct a road to Zophai (Kolasib District) and measures taken so far.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Chief Minister to answer the question

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is:

There is no proposal to construct Zophai road (Kolasib District) as of now. However, 4 kms of this road was constructed in 2019 by Executive Engineer, PWD, National Highway Division-V of Thingdawl costing ₹100 lakhs.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I was informed that Bavia Construction Company was the assigned contractor and ₹100 lakhs as already being drawn even though there is no road construction. The road was constructed only after FIR was filed. The information I received is different from the answer given by the Chief Minister. I was informed that the road is not excavated but the money was drawn. So, is there any explanation?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, will the PWD Minister be pleased to state:

It is learned that the contractors under PMGSY are facing problem as their bill is stuck at Finance department. Thus, they cannot continue with their work. As we all know, our Sports Minister undertook measures to receive central fund directly without having to deal with the Finance Department. He succeeded and his department carried on without any difficulty.

So, my question is - If PWD Minister could take such measures so that PMGSY fund is directly credited to PMGSY account?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, will PWD minister be pleased to state-

If there is a proposal to construct Phainuam-Saihapui V road? If so, what measures have been taken? And, if there is a proposal to list Vairengte-Phaisen and Saihapui 'K' - Thinglian under PMGSY 3rd phase?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Hlana, it was of a departmental work but Bavia Company was hired due to the problem to carry out the work as departmental work. However, the work was slow and the contractor had often been pressurized to expedite his work. He had an ongoing work.

In response to Pu Zodintluanga, we are facing a financial crisis and several bills could not be issued. However, we are doing our best to accomplish it.

In response to Pu Rinsanga, certain measures are taken on Phainuam-Saihapui and we plan to carry out the future work as well.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, our House Leader mentioned that Saiphai road was constructed with ₹100 lakhs. However, he later claimed there were some difficulties yet, work will be carried out. So, which of these is true?

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it was of a departmental work but the department hired Bhavia as stated. Bhavia performed the work but there are some portions which are not satisfactory.

We plan to take up Vairengte-Phaisen road under PMGSY and we will do our best. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Zophai road of 4 kms was constructed in 2019 by Executive Engineer, PWD, National Highway Division-V Thingdawl costing ₹100 lakhs.

I request Pu Lalrintluanga to ask Starred Question No. 2.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister of Trade & Commerce and Industries Department be pleased to state-

- a) In which year Geology & Mineral Resources Directorate Building, Luangmual was constructed?
- b) The total amount spent on this building and name of the contractor.
- c) Number of times this building was renovated, with its years.
- d) If there is a proposal for renovation?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana to answer the question.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) Geology & Mineral Resources Directorate Building was constructed in 1988-89 and it was occupied on August, 1990. This building was constructed with ₹40 lakhs by PWD and the contractor was Pu R. Rozinga (L) of Chanmari, 1st Class Contractor.
- b) Apart from the minor works, there were no major renovations after its construction by the department.
- c) PWD (Building Division) listed the building under Govt. buildings for maintenance during 2020.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, this building is about 30 years old and it has never been renovated. It is damaged with broken glasses and windows. However, it is pleasing to note that the Building Division is listed for renovation. So, is it possible to expedite the work?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary question is-

- i) Geology & Mineral Resources Department paid a Non-Tax Revenue of ₹523/- as a fee of petroleum exploration and minor minerals in the year 2019-2020. So, how much is paid during this 2020-2021 financial year?
- ii) Geology & Mineral Resources Directorate has around 73 employees. There are 26 vacant posts and they have limited staff. So, is there a proposal to fill up the vacant posts? What measures have been taken by the Govt. in this regard?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Supplementary Question is - Is there a proposal to establish Geology & Mining Office in Lunglei?

SPEAKER : let us call the hon. Minister to answer the question.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in response to the owner of the question, this department paid a lot of tax during the previous financial year and their target has also increased. However, the work on stone quarry and sand cannot be executed regularly due to Covid-19. I believe they would not be able to pay much tax and I hope we all would understand.

The building has not been renovated for years and it needs repairing and renovation. However, proper measures could not be taken due to financial issue. Fortunately, PWD listed the building for renovation, And, I would like to mention that the building is surrounded by several quarters which also need renovation.

In response to Pu C. Lalsawivunga regarding tax, the amount of tax paid during this financial year is hard to tell and I regret that we could provide the updates to the members. Post filling is quite important and measure is currently taken for interviews of the 2 posts of Geologist Junior Grade-I. I believe it is also necessary to fill the other posts as well.

In response to Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng regarding G&M Office, we plan to put the office at Lunglei in function to cater the southern zones.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 3 from Pu VL. Zaithanzama

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, will the Transport Department Minister be pleased to state-

- a) If Non-Mizo can register their vehicles in Mizoram?
- b) If so, which rule is applied to that effect?
- c) The number of non-mizos who registered their vehicles under Mizoram Govt.
- d) The situation of MST Bus service plying to Manipur, Tripura and Myanmar?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu T.J. Lalnunluanga to answer the question

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is-

- a) Non-Mizos can register their vehicles in Mizoram.
- b) Section 40 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
- c) VAHAN-4 software is used for vehicle registration and the total number of registered vehicles in Mizoram at present is 2,90,505. All DTOs are instructed to furnish total the number of registered vehicles by non-mizo and we will provide the list after we collect all the records.
- d) We asked the Manipur Govt. to approve Aizawl-Churachanpur (Manipur) bus service and they requested us to submit reciprocal agreement which we had submitted. We are currently waiting for the approval. We had asked the Tripura Govt. for approval but the process could not be expedited due to the pandemic and we are currently waiting for the approval. In case of Myanmar bus service, it is of international issue and we appealed the Ministry of external Affairs to take measures and we are currently waiting for their actions.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The All-Mizoram Cement and Iron Rod Dealers Association submitted an application to cancel vehicle registration by the name of Raju and Nasim Uddin Laskar which were said to be done by mistake. So, is measure taken on the request of The All-Mizoram Cement and Iron Rod Dealers Association?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Transport Minister be pleased to state-

It is learned that 2400 Nos. of Two-wheeler Taxi permit had already been issued. If there is a proposal to issue more permits this year? If so, how many will be issued?

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary Question* is –

I believe construction of DTO Office in Lawngtlai is completed. If so, is there a proposal to inaugurate it? Secondly - we are beginning to have traffic problem within Lawngtlai town area. Is there a proposal to issue two-wheeler taxi permits?

SPEAKER : The hon. minister to answer the question.

PU T.J. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. In response to Pu VL Zaithanzama, the request made by the All-Mizoram Cement and Iron Rod Dealers Association is regarded as an ethnic issue and the department also took expedite measures. However, the Rules I had mentioned still permits them, thus, we cannot simply execute the cancellation.

In response to Pu Vanlalthlana, the government is planning to take measures knowing the problems faced by the people. However, the number of permits cannot be fixed and we plan to take measures according to the demand.

In response to Pu Biakzaua regarding DTO office of Lawngtlai, it will soon function after the internal works and electrification are completed. Regarding two-wheeler taxi permit for Lawngtlai, approval is given for several district headquarters.

SPEAKER : *Starred Question* No. 4 from Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Speaker, will PWD minister be pleased to state-

If Thentlang - Lungtan road is listed under PMGSY. What is the estimated amount and when will the works be carried out?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Chief minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is-

Thentlang-Lungtan road is not listed under PMGSY as yet and the estimate amount therefore, has not been made. The period to carry the works is not known.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The formation cutting of Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road was completed under NABARD in 2009-2010. Is there any proposal for black-topping?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary Question* is –
Construction of Niawhtlang - Chakhang PMGSY road was started since 15 or 20 years back yet, it is not completed till today. Consequently, the work was cancelled for failing to complete within the stipulated time. My Question is - Is the work being re-tendered? If so, who is the contractor and what is the estimate amount?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My *Supplementary Question* is-
Is there a proposal to repair the boundary between Mission Veng and Thakthing Veng? If so, what measures are being taken so far in this regard? If not, why?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding black-topping of Chawngte - Chhotapansuri road under NABARD, a proposal has been submitted for national infrastructure pipeline project and we are waiting for the approval.

In response to Pu KT Rokhaw, Niawhtlang - Chakhang road is not completed and the remaining work thus are retendered.

Regarding Mission Veng - Thakthing Veng boundary, we have surveyed the location but could not be continued with the process due to financial problems caused by the pandemic. However, we plan to carry the works with the state budget.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 5 from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Information & communication Technology Department be pleased to state-

If measures are taken on e-governance for state departments? If not, why?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister Pu Robert Romawia Royte to answer the question.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the following measures are taken on e-governance by ICT Department: -

- i. Infrastructure Project - SWAN, SDC, e-district, SSDG & NP, LRIS, District Wireless Office, G-PON, e-Bharat;
- ii. Training & Capacity Building;
- iii. Website Development;
- iv. DPR for Departments;
- v. e-Procurement & Mizoram tender.gov.in

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. SWAN will be completed in 2017, SDC in 2019, e-district in 2018, SSDG in 2016, e-Bharat in 2017. The work is not completed due to proposal for SDC to function separately under Mizoram e-governance Society; it seems that the ICT department occupy many posts till today. So, is there a proposal to put it in function as autonomy?

SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the hon. Minister of ICT be pleased to state -

That the government issued an order to implement Govt. e-market but several departments fail to comply due to many reasons. We heard that the local entrepreneurs and departments are both facing difficulties for this reason. What measure has been taken to resolve the problem?

Secondly, If ICT Department handed-out computers to private or political parties?

SPEAKER : Pu Robert Romawia Royte, hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

In response to Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, MSAC is under ICT department and is functioning as autonomous society. There are various categories in their service lines and their service matters, therefore needs to be addressed seriously. So, we will study the matter with our best so that the department works in harmony for the state and that they make use of their potential to the fullest.

Regarding the question of Dr. Vanlalhlana on e-Market, the government is also responsible when the interest of the local entrepreneurs is not given much attention. The maintenance is more important when buying IT related equipment, thus, we need to give more efforts in this matter. Be it the procurement system or tendering system, our economy can suffer if we do not give chances to our entrepreneurs. So, there need to be proper balance. The government will ensure that adequate measure is taken.

As far as my knowledge is concerned, the ICT Department did not give computers to private or political parties. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to *Laying of Papers*; I request Pu Zoramthanga, the hon. Chief Minister to lay the following on the Table of the House-

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SPEAKER : We will proceed to *Motion of Thanks* and I request Pu C. Lalmuanpuia to move his 'Motion of Thanks' on the Governor's Address.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is appreciative that the Governor is impressed with our commitment to peace as enshrined in 'the Mizoram Accord of 1986' despite the hardships the state has faced.

Pu Speaker, ₹146 crore is granted under SEDP from the state fund during the year 2020-2021, but it is sad that 15% has been deducted due to Covid-19. However, more than 82 crore is allotted to several departments to achieve SEDP which is impressive. Several developmental projects are kept under 16 States component. It is appreciative that we are granted ₹3 crores and also ₹60 lakhs for PPE suits and test kits. NEC also granted ₹3 crores for 'livelihood and gainful employment to the returnees of the state of Mizoram'

The Central Govt. have granted ₹2353.22 lakhs till today and the Govt. of India approved us 5 projects. Mizoram holds the 6th rank in *Sustainable Development Goals Ranking* under NITI AAYOG. It is impressive that, about 3000 Mizoram police are deployed to international and inter-state border on Covid-19 duty. The collective efforts of the NGOs, Churches and the government are worth mentioning as well.

Regarding Agriculture, steps taken for the flagship programme under SEDP is commendable. Under Soil-health Card scheme, 2,26,019 soil samples have been examined. Organic farming is also developing under Mission Organic Value Chain Development where 14,104 farmers are taking measures on 13,000 hectares of land. ATMA, a centrally sponsored scheme is implemented all over Mizoram as there are 11,349 beneficiaries under PMKSY in 8 districts. More than ₹97 crore is also disbursed till December under PM-Kissan.

Regarding Horticulture, 3,100 quintals of tomatoes were produced last year and were sold for ₹240.80 lakhs. 10,000 quintals of cabbage worth ₹333 lakhs and 50,398 metric tons of orange worth 16 crores are also produced. Our chili production also is increasing as 500 quintals of chili production is expected from Thingsai, Hnahthial District. Though Covid-19 may interrupt developmental works, the State PWD still managed to take measures on roads in which proper roads are constructed with the funds from Central Govt., World Bank, NABARD and SEDP. 82 village roads are also repaired.

Tlungvel Solar Power Plant constructed with ₹1,400 lakhs under State Planned Fund is accomplished and extreme measure is taken for safe-drinking water as well. Functional House-tap Connection under *Jal Jeevan Mission* also is given to 40,497 households.

Plastic Waste Management Unit under *Swachh Bharat Brahmin Mission* has also been set up and 4 units are now in progress. 8 Nos. of Water Supply Schemes under NABARD are completed as another 2 are ongoing under NLCPR. Gravity Water Supply Scheme is currently carried out in Aizawl whereas 3 projects under NABARD and AMRUT are also in progress. House Water Connection is given to 1,04,050 households in urban areas and 24,773 families in rural areas. PHE Department has collected a tax of ₹3,050.7 lakhs.

It is impressive that complications were not met on supply of rice and cooking gas during last year's lockdown.

Mizoram Govt. is taking extreme measures on health and we are among the least Covid-19 active cases. 15,697 healthcare workers were vaccinated when Covid-19 vaccination was initiated in India on 16th January, 2021. 1,12,427 families are registered under Mizoram State Health Care, and more than ₹56 crores was disbursed to the patients. 1,95,268 families are registered under *Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana* and more than ₹15 crore was spent on cashless treatment. 108 Nos. Sub-centres and Urban & Rural Centres were upgraded to Health & Wellness Centre under National Health Mission. Teachers Training Complex, Lunglei is constructed with ₹1,040 lakhs under NLCPR and is almost completed. District Project Office under *Samagra Shiksha* Mizoram has been started in 3 new districts. *Mid-day meal* is still provided to 1,414 Nos. Primary Schools and 1,086 Upper Primary Schools.

Pu Speaker, we heard that 'The Mizoram Market Regulation Promotion and Facilitation Ordinance, 2020' will soon be implemented. ₹34 crore is allotted for construction of New Market Aizawl City Center under *Aizawl Smart City* project. New Market Building, Dawrpui Veng worth ₹14 crore under NEC Fund was inaugurated on 4th January, 2021.

₹4.75 crore is allocated for 4 nos. processing units under *National Bamboo Mission* and 99% works on Zuangtui Industrial Estate, Aizawl is completed by Bamboo Development Agency. 4,059 families in rural areas were granted Housing Schemes under PMA and ₹1,091 lakhs was received from the Central Govt. during this financial year. Job Card under MGNREGA is issued to 2,11,555 families and *100 days of wage employment* is granted this year.

It is impressive that the Ministry of Rural Development granted ₹55,543 lakhs during this financial year. Extreme measure is taken on pig rearing under *National Livestock Mission* and 45 pigs are imported from the UK which are now temporarily kept in Animal Husbandry Farm of Ludhiana, Punjab due to the pandemic. Beetal and Sirohi are also imported from Ajmer, Rajasthan and they are now kept in Thenzawl farm. Measure is taken on hatchery with a capacity of 60,000 nos. chicken eggs every day at *Mizoram Poultry Development Scheme*, Ramrikawn. Measure is also taken at Lungpuizawl, Lunglei for self-sufficiency on chicken and eggs. *Fodder Development Programme* is also implemented in 4 districts under which 62,056 quintals of fish seeds are made available for purchase of fish farmers at 50% subsidized rate. Article 275 is implemented and ₹175.02 lakhs is approved for Fisheries during 2020-2021. Under this, construction of 96 nos. new ponds and 17 nos. fish seed rearing ponds. Besides, renovation of 29 existing ponds and construction of 3 nos. cold storages were carried out. There are 36 on-going minor irrigation projects under PMKSY.

The state government declared *Sports as Industry* on 4th June, 2020 making Mizoram the first state in India to do so. Project worth ₹22,873 lakhs under PMJVK is approved and ₹10,192.13 lakhs is sanctioned as first installment. Pu Speaker, it is impressive that Thenzawl Golf Resort was inaugurated on the of 4th August, 2020 by the hon. Union Minister of State i/c Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel.

Transport Department achieved revenue of ₹1,642.41 lakhs during 2020-2021. Permission for introduction of two-wheeler taxi for Lunglei town is also granted. Multi-level Parking and Multipurpose Hall at Govt. Mizo High school are an on-going works.

It is notable that Mizoram is the only state to implement Total Prohibition Act effectively thanks to the cooperation of voluntary organizations, Excise Department and the churches.

The total revenue collection of Taxation Deptt. for the current financial year is ₹37,071 lakhs whereas the Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt. issued 376 nos. House

passes, 1,190 nos. LSC for residence, 102 nos. Land Lease Certificate and nos. 10 LSCs for agricultural lands. The Total amount of registration fee & stamp duty collected up to December is ₹1,722.01 lakhs

The fund allocated for PAHOSS is ₹7,002 lakhs, out of which 1,420 nos. applications being received, 1,023 were deemed eligible for selection and it is impressive that PAHOSS Scheme is implemented successfully under the leadership of our Chief Minister and Dy. Chief Minister. It is also appreciative that the Art & Culture Deptt. obtained Geographical Indication Registry for 5 types of Mizo traditional puan such as - Puanchei, Ngotekherh, Pawndum, Tawlhlohpuan and Hmar-am.

Pu Speaker, the Governor's Speech has given the people a new hope. So, I move this Motion with deep concern and I would like to request the members to share their discussions keenly. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will start with the discussion; each member will be given 5 minutes and Pu L. Thangmawia will start.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am much excited about the Governor's Speech due to Covid-19 pandemic challenges and I would like to thank the health department and developmental workers for working overtime for the wellbeing of our people despite the pandemic.

It is impressive that Mizoram known to be the best among the North-East states in implementing projects and I thank the concern Ministers and officials for their excellent performances. Pu Speaker, it is also impressive that *Digital Congress* network system is implemented in the Assembly House and I thank you for this achievement. Measure still going on safe-drinking water under *Jal Jeevan Mission* during last year's pandemic and there are some on-going works as well. It is remarkable that no difficulty arises on supply cooking gas and food-grains during the pandemic.

3 new districts are operated and extreme measures are taken on every available development. (*Dy. Speaker on the Chair*) Thus, Pu Dy. Speaker, I support this Motion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K.T. Rokhaw

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. There is not much to be thankful on the Governor's Speech as the Governor did not mention any major developments. However, our Governor mentioned about Covid-19 pandemic and I appreciate measures taken by our Health Minister. NEC granted 3 crore rupees. So, were the returnees being provided with works and how much is granted to those who run out of foods due to the pandemic?

Pu Dy. Speaker, the Governor mentioned about the economic blockade through Silchar yet there is not a mention of measures taken and proposals made by the government to that effect and so would be appreciated if the hon. Chief Minister inform about it in his windup speech. Pu Dy. Speaker, I think it is surprising for the people for not seeing the face of the hon. Home Minister in the disputed areas since he was expected even once.

Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding Food & Civil Supplies Department, out of 12 lakhs registration we had in the ration cards, I believe there are 30 - 40% who are not availing ration supply. So, I think it is necessary to categorize the families who benefits PDS and those who are not. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. The government is taking every step in fulfilling many projects despite major problems caused by the Covid-19. It is worth-mentioning that extreme measures are taken on infrastructures and link roads are upgraded under the leadership of our Chief Minister.

Pu Dy. Speaker, thanks to the initiative of the Agriculture Department, rice production in my constituency is increasing. Extreme measures are also taken by the Horticulture Department as productions of tomato and cabbage are increasing despite the pandemic. It is also impressive that dragon fruits worth ₹300 lakh are produced. It is pleasing to hear that supply of essential commodities are regularized and the people too are contented.

In case of Healthcare Scheme, it is great to learn that ₹5610 lakh is allocated to each registered patients and ₹1552 lakh being spent under ABPMJEY. Pu Dy. Speaker, 27557 nos. frontline workers take part in fighting the pandemic challenges and is impressive that Mizoram has become the best State in the process of fighting the pandemic thanks to the collective efforts of the government and Local Task forces.

Even in the midst of pandemic, Education Deptt. was able to conduct online-class which truly is remarkable. Pu Dy. Speaker, ₹2,2,877 lakh has also been approved for Sports infrastructure which brings for our youth of a new hope. So, I support this Motion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu VL Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, SEDP is a mention at point no.3, page 2 and I find it quite confusing as it seems to be failing gradually. However, point no. 4 mentioned that NEC has approved ₹3 crore for livelihood and gainful employment to the MNF Returnees. It would be appreciated if he explains how the government is taking initiative and if HPC also be included.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we reiterate how peaceful our state is, but our brothers and sisters living in the border areas are never at peace unlike us. In this connection, I wonder if the government has a plan to compensate some families at Thingmun for losing their farms and cultivations.

Our experts are taking measures to save our very own language from extinction as our culture is failing to preserve it. Besides, our census since the year 1981 shows that our population rate is decreasing.

We give importance to road constructions and repairs but steps taken are not as expected. We have heard of poor performance on construction of Bairabi - Zamuang road and necessary action thus should be taken against the concerned workers. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. member Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It seems many of us hardly have anything to say on our Governor's speech as ruling bench as well are not in a hurry to take the chance.

We can divide the Governor's speech into 37 points. While that is the case, it is unfortunate to learn that after 34 years being in Statehood, not a word is mentioned for self-sufficiency and the progress of our state. But in the stead, all we have heard is of the development which is claimed to be made during this ministry and I have no idea if such claims are appreciative. Despite our visions on horticulture, our farmers are not provided with a favourable marketing prospect and means to transport their products. They are under the control of the commission who subsequently controls Aizawl market.

The problem of water supply remains persistent as our main source from Tlawng River is less adequate to feed Aizawl city alone. Thus, we need to concentrate on the system of underground source and rain-water harvesting and preserve it for dry season. That much is I have to say, Pu Dy. Speaker. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. member Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. 5 minutes is too short for one while there are many points to be thankful for in the Governor's speech. We all know that this pandemic is affecting globally and the world is striving for its survival. While this is the case, it is pleasing to hear from our Governor the various steps taken by the government for our survival and to maintain the development process amidst this pandemic. This pandemic has affected the world's economy as so our State. It is amazing that various development works are going on as some are implemented which further indicates the non-stop effort made by the government amidst this crisis. If we observed the fund that we received from NEC, NLICPR, NESIDC, etc and various projects being made, we will

understand the relentless efforts of the hon. Chief Minister, Ministers and MLAs for the wellbeing of our State.

It is true that our government prioritize our self-sufficiency in food productions and the main interest lies in the livelihood of the people during this pandemic. Our interest may be hampered by our poor economy but the key factor is how to survive during this pandemic. However, in spite of pandemic, the government have taken great care in the welfare of the farmers. The extending oil palm plantation by 26,531 hectares and 500 lakh incomes from tomatoes and cabbage during off-season alone shows priority given to the welfare of the farmers. Besides, income from dragon fruit and chilli have also reached crore. Within my constituency also, cabbage production has increased. Samthang village received the best farming production in Champhai district. Pu Dy. Speaker, I believe the method of transforming old oranges into young ones with market value of 16 crores will encourage the growers.

We can also observe progresses in road construction and other infrastructure. Even in my constituency, road pavement and reconstruction which was abandoned for almost 20 years are now in progress. Inauguration of Tlungvel Solar Plant producing 2 mW is remarkable. Also, the scheme under NABARD RCRP Amrut is worth mentioning as it is expected to generate abundant supply of water. It is also pleasing to note that the government ensure sufficient supply of essential commodities during this pandemic.

Lastly, the government have taken extreme measure in education by recruiting more than 1600 teachers. In the field of sports, a remarkable achievement we have is the announcement of *Sports as Industry*. I convey my gratitude to the hon. Chief Minister, Ministers, and MLAs for showing their concern during the earthquake which struck my constituency during the pandemic. In this connection, it is appreciative to note Seismic Station will be set up in Aizawl and Siaha and additional Seismic Station in Champhai DC Complex. This is truly a great comfort for the people living in earthquake prone areas and the surrounding. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call hon. Member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. If we carefully study the Governor's Address, there are many points to be thankful for. As referred by my fellow members, the world is facing pandemic which create economic set-back in every country. To that effect, MPs in our country have lost their fund for two years. Likewise, Mizoram is also facing many hardships yet, the government headed by our leader Pu Zoramthanga gives all efforts to ensure welfare of the people.

Extreme measures have also been taken for improvement of our agriculture. In my constituency also, we appreciate that power tiller is made available to the farmers for hire as the government cultivate any land which needs assistance. Improvement of road is seen in every part of our state as some are renovated whereas some are newly constructed.

Pu Dy. Speaker, improvement is seen even in your constituency such as installation of Solar Plant at the cost of ₹1400 lakh and power sub-station being constructed in various places. It is also pleasing to know that under PHE JM scheme water connections have also been implemented.

Under F&CS Department, we receive essential commodities on regular basis thanks to the efforts of the hon. concerned minister. Likewise, tremendous effort has been made by Health Department during this pandemic, in fact, have become one of the best performers in combatting Covid-19. In Education, we have 2 new Science streams and 4 new Arts streams thanks to the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister and Education Minister. It is also worth-mentioning that *100-days wage* employment is implemented successfully. Even in my constituency, we achieve 96-days work covering up to January. Last year also, we could manage with 100% which was a blessing especially for the rural people.

Housing assistance is benefitted by 730 families in Vairengte alone and we are very thankful. Regarding Transport Department, their performance is praiseworthy. My constituency which occupies border area happened to be one of the most problematic constituencies during covid-19 and knowing the condition, the Chief Minister and Home Minister sanctioned fund for the construction of Saihapui-V road to alleviate communication problem. There are still many points to be mentioned but I will end here due to time constrain. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. First of all, I am glad to note that fund we receive from NEC will now be 100% obviously due to changes made by the central Government. While this is the case, I believe we have to be very careful of how we execute the fund. We have to know what our purposes in regards to development. We have to give important to education in order to instil a proper mindset to the concerned students. I think we need to change our education system in order to have more progresses.

We have seen huge projects in the field of sports. Thus, we have to proceed with implementing the projects being approved and fund already being received. In order to develop sports, I believe we need a secure economy. Unless our economy meets the demand, we cannot move forward in sports. Regarding our police forces being deployed in border areas, I think we need to give more attentions towards their accommodation as for they are sleeping now in a wretched hut which will not be bearable in the coming rainy season. Assam also have posted their army in the opposite areas of their side by providing them with a reliable settlement. So, I request the government to prioritize the request made by Langkaih area MUP for improvement of our police settlement in the border.

Lastly, we need to give more efforts to development of our state as some developments which had been a mention are not praiseworthy. So, let us give our best interest for the progress of our state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and our meeting will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

(Recess)

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, may I call the hon. member Dr. Vanlalhlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I will get into point no. 9, 10, 11, 16 and 32 in brief. Point no. 9 of the speech underlines that ‘My government continues to accord highest priority to achieving self-sufficiency’ referring to self-sufficiency in agriculture. However, when this ministry came into power, the agriculture budget decreases to 23% instantly and again increased only by 1% in the following year. So, I opine the wording ‘self-sufficiency’ is just a dream. While this is the case, I am happy to learn that the rate of oil palm increases due to the efforts of the hon. Minister concern.

Point no.10 stated that huge development will be seen in Horticulture despite allocation of barely 330 crore provision to this department in the 15th Finance Commission. Supplementary Memorandum was submitted to the 15th Finance Commission thrice and as a result 700 crore out of 8,000 crore was received as State specific needs which is now in the hand of few leaders only. It would be more beneficial if it is equally distributed to all the members.

Pu Deputy Speaker, point no. 16 which concern education stated that the 15th Finance Commission will allocate fund as per performance grading Index in which Mizoram is placed at Grade-V along with Bihar and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. To alleviate the condition of the under-privileges, I opine we need to start from education and the hon. minister thus have a long way to go to this concern.

Lastly, point no. 32 underlines important projects such as NLUM, PAHOSS and Urban Livelihood Mission under UD&PA and it would be appreciated if 2nd instalment of PAHOSS fund is released as soon as possible. Under Urban Livelihood Mission, I am glad that we have a provision for enhancement of Self-help Group system as we have number of organized self-help group within my constituency as well. It will be much helpful if we find a reliable market for their production. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. From the Governor’s Speech, I opine there are many points which may be reflected to ourselves. There are 37 points in the speech but I will get into a few points only due to time constrain.

I asked myself what should be the tendering formalities under NEC's development projects and to what extents does this tendering formality for six projects amounting to 50 lakhs is covering. Regarding collecting soil sample under SEDP, the Governor's speech pointed out that the sample collected from 26019 farmers had already been analysed. As I know of, Pu Dy. Speaker, the farmers were not given any feedback and the result till date. Regarding oil palm, I think the increase of plantation area by 2.34% is due to lack of survey though it is highlighted in the speech. Regarding seeds, I do not think importing some seeds from outside to be necessary for we have a good variety locally. It is good for our economy that we purchase only from local producers.

To conclude my speech, I think it would be effective if the government observe development mentioned in the speech as a mirror. However, the speech itself is informative. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, the hon. member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. There may be some points to be thankful for in the Governor speech, but in general, there is not much which is worth-mentioning.

The world faces pandemic and we all its victims. The poor suffered the most as we are in total lockdown for almost a year. While this is the case, it is unfortunate to know that the Governor's Address does not highlight steps taken to alleviate the poor. I opine the government should take measure to alleviate the condition of the poor and those who lost their jobs because of pandemic. Likewise, it is sad that we had not heard any of the efforts made by NGOs, BRTEF, YMCA and YMA in our fight against the pandemic. I truly appreciate the hon. Minister of Supply Deptt. for his active participation in border area as he personally joined the volunteered group to preserve our border.

Regarding NREGA, I believe many of us would have starved without this project. As of planting of oil palm, I opine the project fails miserably in Mizoram. Initiatives had been made in the previous years but in vain and poor farmers suffer a lot for large area of cultivable lands were destroyed in the process of oil palm plantation. After the damage is done, the government has now decided to cut-off any of the oil palm tree which is not an easy task. So, I do not entertain the idea for Lunglei District and my constituency. That is all I have to say. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member Dr. K. Pachhunga is next.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The Governor's Address contains development projects and on-going works under the government which is worth-listening.

On Law & Order, we are able to maintain the situation through God's blessings and dedication of our police forces. I also thank VCs and YMA for their valuable cooperation. and a good cooperation. The world is in chaos because of pandemic as so is our state and we are indebted to all who fought against the pandemic. Intensive measure is taken by the government to achieve self-sufficiency in food grains. We are giving our best on agriculture by introducing soil card or land formation yet, we still need a long way to achieve self-sufficiency.

Regarding AH & Veterinary and Fisheries Department, 70% of meat in the market is imported from outside the State. However, we expect to improve the condition through the efforts of the concerned departments. On road communication, extreme measure is taken by the government for it is the main setback for the state in the process of attainment of self-sufficiency in food-stuffs. As a whole, I appreciate the performance of the government.

As we know, PHE Department also makes intensive effort to provide abundant supply of water by introducing solar pump and improvement of pipelines. It is appreciative to note that power supply has become more regular than before a 32 kV line being commissioned to cover the southern region.

In the field of Sports, our leaders took great effort by transforming Sports into *Industry*. Sport is improved as an entertainment and for acquiring jobs by using fund outside the budget. Numbers of foundation stone were laid in all corners of our state for sports infrastructure.

Intensive measure has also been taken by the government on education by repairing and construction of school buildings. In order to alleviate shortage of teachers, 1600 nos. of new teachers were recruited.

As of rural concerns, the process of *100-days wage* employment scheme of NREGS is in progress and our performance is quite well due to the efforts of concerned leaders and officials. An average person can see that this government is dedicated to its people.

Regarding border dispute, it was the students who played active role in preserving our border. But as of now, the government posted IR battalion to safeguard the same. Considering all the achievements made under this ministry, I must say that we have a good government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I want to thank for some of the points mentioned in the Governor's Address.

The governor's speech highlighted that under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga, we are currently well equipped to face this pandemic. To fight against Covid, we received ₹3

crore from NEC and ₹80 lakh for purchase of Test Kit and PPE Suits. The MLAs also donated ₹50 lakh each from MLA fund and the ruling MLAs donate 30% from pay. In this fight against covid, the government as well as the Health Department work very and so they deserved credits. Compare to the dead rate with other states, we are very fortunate that only about 10 persons died from this covid.

Food and Civil Supplies Deptt. made remarkable performance in supplying essential commodities. I would also like to praise performance of the government in road infrastructure in which 82 nos. road were repaired under the project of District Roads Repair funded by the Central, World Bank, ABM, NABARD, and SEDP. There are criticisms regarding Lengpui airport yet it has now been repaired as we have also covered all important routes which is used for supply transportation.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is truly appreciative that water supply for rural areas has now been covered under JJM Scheme whereas my constituency also benefits the scheme. Proposal for 2021-2022 has now been processed and I thank the Governor's Address for highlighting the performance of this government. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. member Pu H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Despite the pandemic, it is amazing that we have this Budget Session as well as 37 points of the performance of the government to highlight in the Governor speech.

We all know that the most crucial part in this pandemic is survival so as the world fights for survival in this crisis. Performance of our government is well in this crisis considering a regular supply of essential commodities. In regard to LPG and Petroleum products, we were able to receive our needs whereas consumption of LPG might have increases as most of us stay at home.

I opine Health Department deserves credit for putting their best efforts in fighting against covid-19. The positive outcome of this pandemic, as I see is many are beginning to put their interest in cultivation. The introduction of wet-rice cultivation is applied through PMKSY, PMGSY and HKKP.

On road construction, we are now able to reach Mamit in 2 hours since improvement of this road. Regarding Revenue Deptt., the revenue income received from registration and stamp-paper reached ₹1,722 lakhs which is commendable. I am also happy to know that development within the districts is highlighted in the Governor's Address as well as so is fund allocation for PMJVK during 2017-2018, 2018-2019. In short, all the developments as mentioned in the Governor speech are worth-remembering. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. As we discuss Motion on the hon. Governor speech, I expected SEDP to be the main topic for it is the flagship programme but it is hardly mentioned.

Most of the schemes mentioned in the Governor's Speech are of centrally sponsored Scheme whereas we have not heard of any mention regarding our State Local Policy. I suggest that we make scheme which will be beneficial for the people as a whole and approach the Central Govt for the same. It would be much beneficial if various schemes are made under Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Veterinary. It is surprising to introduce bamboo link road under SEDP instead of agriculture link road as the demand is much greater than the former.

Pu Deputy Speaker, road, water, education and health are important for the development of the people. If agriculture link road is implemented, it will be much beneficial for the people as transportation is essential for disposing our productions. So, giving importance to road construction is a must. Supply of electricity is stated as more reasonable but in Chawngte area, we have K-3 line being cut-off between 6 PM and 7 PM on regular basis. If this is the case, I wonder what will be the condition of remote rural areas. Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you for giving me extra time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, the hon. member Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. There are many points for discussion from the Governor's address. However, I will only get into the points which is deem important.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we all know that the world suffers this pandemic as so by Mizoram. However, with the help of God and our leaders who are equipped with wisdom, development works remains in progress amidst pandemic. Many believes works under SEDP could not be executed but ₹82 crore so far is spent for the purpose.

Amidst pandemic, we had encountered inter-state border dispute as the problems arises from all corners. Assam block the route of our essential commodities. However, due to our able Chief Minister and the relentless drive of our Home Minister, every effort is made in safeguarding our border and no sooner, we were able to maintain the situation and leads normal life.

This pandemic may be brought through international border as well as inter-state border as many of our fellow Mizos working outside too are compelled to come home. In order to maintain their livelihoods, the government makes arrangement for them to start a new employment through MYC and LESDE Department by giving them training through Migrant Worker Decentralize Training.

Lastly, through sheer determination of the leaders, NGO and Health Department we are still standing tall in spite of pandemic. Yet, the government is able to carry on with developmental works as highlighted in the Governor Speech. Thus, I express my thanks to this Motion. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, hon. member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The Governor's Speech is praise worthy. However, due to time limit I will discuss only in short.

First of all, Mizoram Peace Accord, 1986 shows that we, the Mizos are honest people who stands by our vow. Despite shortage of police force, I salute the efforts made by them in safeguarding the border. As of development, construction of connecting roads is worth-mentioning as so is progress made with sufficient water supply. Within my constituency, the hon. Deputy Chief Minister provide us with Solar Water Pump which also is truly appreciative.

During this pandemic, we are not in short of essential commodities thanks to the efforts of the hon. Supply Minister. We received regular supply of gas as well. One thing which should not be missed-out is improvement on sports as numbers of sports infrastructure were being set up in various districts through Central and State fund. It indicates a bright future for the coming-up generation. Our Governor speech includes development made with other departments as well such as education, animal husbandry and agriculture which we have no time to discuss. Thus, I will end my speech here. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call the hon. Member Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Detail of the Governor's Address is already mentioned by the hon. Member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, so, I will mention a few points only.

First of all, as we all know the world is facing crisis due to covid as great countries like USA too are not left-out, they have lost about 5 lakhs lives while India lost more than 4 lakhs. Our neighboring States lost more than 100 lives and 10 in Mizoram. Thus, the death rate is low compare to others which is due to the efforts of our Chief Minister, all Churches leaders, NGOs and Local Level Task force. I think it is a blessing that we have Pu Zoramthanga for our leader in this crisis.

Members question about ₹3 lakh for distribution under SEDP. Soon after the Budget Session on 4th March last year, National Lockdown was declared after which many projects cannot be continued as so is SEDP fund of project base.

Through Agriculture Deptt, vegetable supply chain was carried out to alleviate farmers' problem during this pandemic. Apart from pandemic, we are facing border

problem with Assam and we are fortunate that we were not starving due to these two major issues. It is due to the effort made by the hon. Chief Minister, Supply Minister and other Ministers that we are surviving with abundant supply of food grains and cooking gases. Apart from Lunglei District, my constituency too is among JMM scheme. It is also amazing that we are now taking 6 hours or more to reach Champhai while in the past we need 12 hours. Pu Deputy Speaker, we must know that our government is not at rest even in this time of pandemic.

Likewise, there are developments in various departments such as of AH & Vety, Agriculture and Horticulture. Within my constituency, growing potato is quite a rewarding. However, we cannot take much steps due to non-availability of seeds supply due to covid-19. As of Health Department, I would like to praise the hon. CM and Health Minister for their perseverance efforts and hard-works. In the midst of covid-19, 64 nos. including Sub-centre, Urban Primary Centre, and Health & Wellness Centre were upgraded; at the same period, construction of 100-bedded of Siaha District Hospital and 50-bedded Hospital of Lawngtlai were completed. In addition, there are ongoing construction of PHCs and Sub-Centre in various places.

Regarding vaccination, it is fortunate that we were able to receive vaccination the same time when the first phase in the country was given on 16.01.2021. The first phase for our state was received by health-workers, frontline-workers and Police forces and we hope to complete the second dose by the month of March. I praise the performance of Health Department in this regard. Pu Deputy Speaker, Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us invite the hon. Member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I will discuss only on some points as we have limited time.

It is learned that development is made in every corner of Mizoram which truly I appreciate. Since we have no resources and most of our demands comes from the central, I believe we need to examine ourselves and the system we are following.

The Governor stated Mizoram as a peaceful State despite our border dispute and the victims. I think the government should involve in such issue right from the start so as to normalize the situation.

Pu Deputy Speaker, the Governor's speech also stated 82.45 crore being distributed to various departments under SEDP, our State Flagship Programme. Whereas, the people as well expected to receive 3 lakhs as assured yet we have not seen anything in this regard.

In Agriculture, the government takes the step for development by distributing tools and machinery to the farmers. However, we have a long way to go to become self-

sufficient. As stated in the speech, agriculture is the main source of the state economy and the government needs to prioritize its development.

Pu Deputy Speaker, we are not self-sufficient in meat production and we have to import larger portion from outside till date. Regarding Food & Civil Supplies, I do not think it is safe for us to have a stock of food grains for just 3 months. So, let us be more ambitious in this regard. Before I end my discussion, I also want to point out that shortage of water supply in Aizawl city is a problem which needs improvement. Therefore, as we express our appreciation to the Governor speech, we should remember that we still have a long way to go. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, hon. Member Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me time to discuss this Motion.

As mentioned by my fellow members, the world is now striving under the effect of covid-19 as even great countries could not give concentration on development. While this is a global case, I am happy that we have 37 points of developmental works to be highlighted in the Governor speech. It is obvious that the people had voted us in every election with confident in the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga. As many great countries fighting for survival in this pandemic, it is amazing that we have various developments to include in the Governor speech.

We have seen regarding healthcare scheme at point no. 15 in which there is a mention of 5,610 lakh being spent in favour of 19,591 applicants out of 1,12,427 nos. registrations. This truly is an achievement to be thankful for. Point no. 8 highlighted peaceful condition in our State. Pu Dy. Speaker, the reaction of MLAs and Ministers on recent border dispute is indeed, praise-worthy as they headed right-off to the incident without bothering their safety.

Despite covid-19 there are still many points to discuss such recruitment of teachers and reinstated Hindi teachers who were discharged in the previous ministry. At the same time, progresses made in Sports is not to be missed out. In Food & Civil Supplies Deptt., it was great that our demands came on time with food grain stock for 3 months' supply. Under National Livestock Mission, we will be self-sufficient in meat production.

Lastly, it is thankful for rural areas that we have electric supply on regular basis. For all the above reasons, I give my support to the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Next is, the hon. Member Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : At the outset, Pu Deputy Speaker, I hope you would give me extra time as there are so much points to be thankful for in the Governor's speech.

Mizoram Peace Accord, 1986 was a mention and we still maintain peace accordingly. While we expected development would be on halt due to pandemic, it is amazing to learn that we have developments in various fields occupying 37 points of the governor's speech. From SEDP flagship programme, it is appreciative that 82.45 crore was distributed. It also a mention that disposal of fund received from NEC, NLCPR and NECIT is remarkable as our performance is one of the bests. Our performance in economic growth, social inclusion and in environment that the UN gives as *Sustainable Development Goal* is praise-worthy as Mizoram stands in 6th position.

With the initiative of the hon. Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister, power-tiller and tractor are provided to our farmers to help them cultivation. Measure has also been taken to plantation of oil palms and construction of roads and bridges. Likewise, Lengpui Airport has also been renovated.

Regarding power generation, the government took initiative in Lawngtlai and Siaha by strengthening power lines. Under JJM scheme, the project of household water tap is carried out in two villages of my constituency and the work will be continued to other parts as well.

The government also takes initiative on stocking of rice in rural areas before rainy season. Our demand on LPG supply has also been met and there is a plan to build oil depot of larger capacity at Bairabi.

Efforts made by Health Department in fighting against covid also is noteworthy. Nurses having B.Sc. degree are placed in many places of Health & Wellness Centre/Sub-Centre in rural villages. Yet, it is appreciative that more experts will be placed in Health Sub-Centre.

I am also thankful that Shamagra Shiksha DPO Offices are now functioning in three new Districts such as Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnahthial whereas four new Higher Secondary Schools including one in my constituency are opened. Besides, there is a plan to continue with providing mid-day meal as in the previous years. It is also a new development that many Colleges were upgraded to Model Degree College under RUSA.

Thanks to the initiatives of the hon. Chief Minister and Sports Minister, Sports is now regarded as *Industry*. Under PMJVK, 220,873 lakh of sports infrastructure was approved by the Ministry of Tribal & Minority Affairs. I think this is the first kind of project and fund for infrastructure in sports for Mizoram.

(Hon. Speaker at the Chair.)

Pu Speaker, on Excise & Narcotics Department, one of the most remarkable steps taken by MNF ministry is 'Introduction of Total Prohibition Act'. Step is taken in parallel with our society to which the Governor expresses his appreciation through his speech.

On Taxation Department, the department arranges Data Collect Centre at Old Vairengte to improve our revenue and it proves profitable. Thank you.

SPEAKER : More than 20 members had already made their speech. I will now call the hon. Minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I rarely participate in the discussion. However, today I think it is a great opportunity to participate to convey my thanks.

It is known that this covid defeated many great nations who are equipped with advanced health facility. It is almost a year now, and with the guidance and step taken by the hon. Chief Minister, whether it is in finance or safety measures, we are able to take a breather. It is also hard not to mention that amidst pandemic, we are able to conduct different elections under the guidance of God.

Covid positive case has now reached 1112 lakhs worldwide in which 30 lakh people have lost their lives. In India, we have 110 lakhs positive cases and particularly in NE region, 2300 had lost their lives and we are quite fortunate compare to our neighbouring States. However, the Central Ministry predicts that about 5000 will contract covid by the month of December. While that is the situation, God blessed the combined forces of CM, Chief Secretary, Task Force, NGO, MLAs and the people and we have a low death rate. So far, 10 people lost their lives and all were with chronic illness. Our recovery rate is quite high and now reaching 99.22%.

The WHO announced Global Pandemic as the western and European countries suffered the most. Delhi government had even announced that without covid negative test report, none from Maharashtra, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab should enter Delhi. In such a situation, I am thankful that we received God's protection.

Covid restrain us from attending church, schools and colleges as it further affects our economic conditions. Yet, we are thankful that we are able to maintain development works in progress. In the meantime, Pu Speaker, Indo-Myanmar border trade relation is in progress thanks to your efforts. Regarding Healthcare, nos. of enrolment increase from 50,000 to 100,000 and numbers of Sub-Centre and PHC are upgraded to Health & Wellness as training is now been given to the concerned workers. Through the initiative of our Chief Minister, old machines and equipment at Zemabawk Cancer Hospital had now been replaced with new ones at the cost of 14 crore and are expected to function within two months. There is a plan for setting up Trauma Centre in every District which is expected to help us in implementing healthcare system to a large extent. Apart from this, it is much appreciated that construction of Cancer Super Speciality Hospital costing 500 crore is in progress.

As of Higher & Technical Education, the problems we used to face in the past had now been resolved whereas land acquisition for MZU Southern Campus also is in progress through Revenue Deptt.

I am thankful that we can reach this situation amidst covid pandemic. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call the hon. member Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like to thank you for providing us with a new microphone.

We are listening to the discussion on *Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Speech*. My understanding may not be clear enough as all the praises are of initiative of the Congress ministry. I do not understand about the fund regarding SEDP as the hon. Chief Minister, who also is in-charge of Finance stated in his Budget Speech that 513 crore as being placed for SEDP whereas the Governor's speech stated the same as 148 crore. I wonder if there is a recast.

Regarding the discussion on covid, we all know the government effort in fighting the covid is thankful. However, I opine that it is the Churches and the NGOs who are praise worthy. While our police force can also be added it is our NGOs and the Local Task Force who sacrifice their time, strength and energy. Besides, it is not only the Ministers who pray vigorously; from the lowest everybody has contribution.

Many of my fellow members have given credit to the MNF ministry for some projects as being accomplished within a year which I opine is not true. For example: Solar Plant at Tlungvel was initiated by the previous ministry and commissioned by this government. Likewise, some infrastructures which had been mentioned are of initiative of the previous ministry and this House should know the truth. Regarding power generation of 133 kV and 132 kV lines in the southern region, it is of the initiative of Congress ministry as well. It is regretted that we fed the Governor with wrong information for his speech on the celebration of Republic Day that AH & Veterinary Deptt. as launching piggery and poultry farming with 120 beneficiaries on 25th November, 2020. This was initiated during my party ministry from NABARD fund but the ministry had changed before we float the tender, then came MNF party in power. Likewise, AH & Vety Hospital building of Mamit, Lawngtlai, Lunglei and Serchhip are not of SEDP. Let us be truthful in our stands, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, what I expected to see in the Governor speech the plans and goals of this government under the leadership of Pu Zoramthanga. I think there is not much hopes in this government. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Our discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor Address is all about the initiative of Congress ministry and such fruits collected by this ministry. Pu Speaker, it is our third Budget Session of this new government and I would like to point out three points which I expected the Governor will mention in his speech but he didn't.

Firstly, there is not a mention regarding brandisii and latiflorus, the project highly praised by the House Leader. *Secondly*, vacating AR playground not later than February, 2020 which was not happening. *Thirdly*, since it is our third Budget Session, we are hoping to see 'distribution of 3 lakhs to every household' as assured by the House Leader. I opine the government needs to make a fresh start with NLUP beneficiaries as assured, but it is not a mention yet again. Thus, Pu Speaker, whatever is said in praise of this ministry are of initiative of the Congress ministry.

In RD Department, Mizoram usually ranked at No. 1 or 2 in India but it is sad that we do not know where we stand as of now, even the Governor has nothing to mention in this regard. If we look into development, we only hear a mention of the sanction we received from NEC and NLCPR but we are afraid to announce the actual amount. Yet, any point mentioned are of ongoing projects initiated during Congress ministry. If not, even the Sport Minister wouldn't have any achievement to mention.

Regarding border dispute, the Governor's speech claims untimely intervention of police forces in the dispute as only mitigating the situation, but it is displacement of the police which mitigates the dispute. It is true that step had also been taken on road construction and that huge amount of fund is invested. Yet, it is unfortunate that the quality is so bad that it is expected to last only for one rainy season despite investing. We have seen in the speech that 70.02 crore being released under PAHOSS. In this connection, I opine it is absolutely wrong to build parking lot in the outskirts of our city as in Zembawak where there is no traffic problem.

Pu Speaker, regarding power sector which had also been mentioned were of the initiative of Pu Zira, the present minister in charge Power Deptt. during Congress party ministry in which 132 kV station at Lunglei was completed. Our fellow member from Lunglei North pointed out regarding contribution of 50 lakh from MLA fund. As far as my knowledge is concerned, it was contributed only by Pu R. Lalzirliana and Pu Robert Romawia but not by others as implied. Regarding power, it is desirable that we start improving our power sector from Tuirial Hydel Project.

I will end my speech here for time restraint and I thank the Governor Address for highlighting achievement made in the previous Congress ministry. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, the hon. member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy that through your guidance that we are able to meet yet again after a long break. We had been facing a very hard times due to pandemic and I am glad that all the members from the Treasury bench, Congress legislature party and a BJP single member attends this meeting. But sadly, one chair is now unoccupied, but we are not complaining. However, we are not that dumb not to know of the precedent in 1986 election in which 24 independent elected members had formed the ministry and we are also aware of what kind of government it was formed. It is, indeed, the MNF ministry headed by the late Pu Laldenga. However, if we recollect declaration of the election result based on the record, most of the elected members were of independent candidates who subsequently formed the ministry. There was not a mention of *MNF* but *Independent* MLAs. However, the people and the media accepted as MNF Ministry as no one file a defamation case. Likewise, in 1993, JD became MJD and we had no time for registration of the newly party as we fought the election as independent candidate. However, we were recognised as MJD by the media. Again, in the last 2018 election, ZPM set up a nomination committee and the selected campaign

(Interruption) Pu Speaker, I believe in your hon. Chair.

SPEAKER : Let him vent out.

PU LALRUATKIMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, is it with your permission?

SPEAKER : The rules prohibit us to dig up old thing that has no positive effect for the State.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, the aforesaid previous incidents had no complaint but this one has, and, that is the difference. Let us forget this incident as it is worthless for Mizoram Political history.

(interruption)...

SPEAKER : Let him get over it and no one is allowed to interrupt.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, I praise the MNF for prioritizing the Mizo security. We have boundary in the east and west as so with Assam and Manipur. Considering our security, the MNF party underlined in their manifesto the need of registration village level citizen for our safety. As it was highlighted in the Governor's Address, the House Leader had moved the Bill in this House and was passed subsequently. However, the Governor withholds the assent and we do not hear about it again. In the recent AMC election, Population Register was a mention and I wish it is accomplished. To my thinking, why did the Governor give his approval for introduction in the House and then refuse to give his assent. I suspect if there is misunderstanding between them.

Next, the Mizo people understanding of SEDP is a mean to receive 3 lakh rupees if MNF party formed the ministry. But till date, their manifesto remains unimplemented while in the stead, fund allocated to SEDP decreases. It is possible that the factor for their victory may turn out to be of their downfall by the next election.

In Agriculture we see production of food grain. Our demand for a year is 8 metric tonnes while our production is barely 6 metric tonnes. This indicates the need for the government to give agriculture the highest priority as so is underlined in the Governor's address. We have 74,644 hectares of potential areas and we need to generate the majority for rice production. Thus, it is wise for the government to prioritize self-sufficiency in foods production.

Point 11 highlighted construction and maintenance of roads which comprises the national highways, state highways, district roads and link roads. The department, out of concern for effective performance obtained coordination of YMA to see the work is done. On seeing work performances in 14 places, it was miserable and thus needs rigorous efforts to improve the quality or expedite the works. None has performed as per terms and whereas most of the contractors are of outsider who had drawn the fund in advance and then abandoned the work which brought us to this condition.

The Governor speech does not highlight any of improvement of our power supply except 2 mW solar plant at Tlungvel. Though solar plant is advisable, it is not consumable at night and we all know that. Yet, this government neglect power generation through dam as no step is taken to this concern.

'*New India by 2023*' being the goal of Prime Minister Modi, I urge the government to study more carefully so that we benefit the policy for the development of our state. There are 210 central schemes under this policy and our government should determine what will be best for us. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call House Leader, the hon. Chief Minister.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. We have gone through many points in our discussion which are of worth-attendings. I, at the outset would like to convey my thanks to all the people of Mizoram, churches, NGOs, our work forces and the Police without whom our state would never achieve the national credit in our fights against this pandemic. I thank God for his guidance.

We have to know that central funds that we received are of contributions from all states and UT's and the central government itself does not have any source of income. In the current financial year, the proposed fund allocation for us was reduced to 1000 crore which further effects SEDP for we cannot meet the actual demand allocated in the budget. Therefore, we have to allocate small fund in namesake only.

Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Arunachal and Mizoram face Inter-State border dispute due to the coming Lok Sabha election. Our border dispute usually emanated from the Bangladesh-Muslim occupied border areas which is the main reason for the recent issue as well. For that, I praise the efforts of our people and the Police for moving forwards courageously.

Many have praised vegetable supply-chain organised through Horticulture and AH & Veterinary Department, so am I. At the same time, efforts made by Supply Department to maintain foods supply and cooking gases should never be missed-out. We had numerous hurdles in regard to transportation which saves us from starving. Amidst pandemic, measure had been taken for purchase of land for upgrading Mualkhang bottling plant which feeds Mizoram. On oil depot as well, we are now looking for larger area of land at Bairabi rail-station so as to accommodate stockade for larger quantity. I praise the efforts of Supply Minister in this regard.

Regarding Lengpui airport which was not a mention, renovation work is in progress gradually amidst pandemic. We are also working on construction of Isolation Parking Bay in case of hijacking so that we met qualification requirement. Works on Parking Bay, supply of water and Departure Lounge are almost done. We are striving to have one of the best Airports in the Northeast. Besides, setting up of Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range (DVOR) is completed at Hmunpuitlang to detect and guide any airplane.

Total Prohibition is one of the most remarkable achievements that has been made by this government. We are proud of this and I do hope it will be continued.

Pu Speaker, we are trying to support the refugees from Myanmar as much as possible. It is their dreams that democracy prevail in their country, but in vain. So, it is our duty on humanitarian ground to accommodate any refugees entering our state as we are ready to welcome them with open arms.

Pu Speaker, it is grateful that we are able to accomplish many things during this pandemic. So, we should be thankful and say, 'it is great, indeed'. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now, I will call upon the mover of this Motion of Thanks, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia to wind-up the discussion and appeal for the adoption.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am thankful that 26 members participated in the discussion on my *Motion of Thanks* on the Governor Address. Most of the members reacted in favour of the Motion and I thank all of them.

At the outset, Pu Speaker, many have criticised the speech for not mentioning regarding implementation of SEDP on which I want to make clarification. The Governor had mentioned in his Republic Day's speech of measures taken by AH & Veterinary Department under SEDP encouraging piggery and chicken farms and the prevailing African

swine fever in our neighbouring States. Also, for construction of pigsty and chicken shed to bring about self-sufficiency for which fund had also been provided.

Pu Speaker, I convey my thanks through this House to the Health Department, the government, churches, NGOs, Police, LLTF, Transport services, DC and other departments. Considering our neighbouring States, it is a blessing that our death rate is of the lowest.

Though there are many more points to mention, I will conclude my wind-up speech due to limited time. I request all members to adopt this *Motion of Thanks* on the Governor Address. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : I want to say one thing regarding *The Mizoram Maintenance of Household Register Bill* that was passed by this House and the Governor referred to the President of India on January, 23, 2020. The Home Department request for extra copy and the Governor Secretariat sent the extra copy on March, 21, 2020. So, I inform the House that the file has now with the President of India for consideration. From Mizoram chapter, we have done what our work and now it is in the hands of the President's office.

Now, our discussion on *Motion of Thanks* to Governor's Address "that the member 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 23rd February, 2021" has been completed. Those who are in favour to adopt the Motion may say, 'aye', and those who do not, say 'Nay'. (*Members: Aye*). The Motion is now adopted by the House (**Pu C. Lalmuanpuia**: Pu Speaker, thank you).

Now, our business for today is completed and we will meet again on the 25th February, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting adjourned.