

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FOURTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 17th JUNE, 2019
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

4. **Dr. ZR. THIAMSANGA** to present to the House the Third Report on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Twentieth Report of the Subject Committee-III of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Mizoram relating to HIV/AIDS under Health & Family Welfare Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

***GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
2019-2020.***

5. General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2019-2020 (to commence)

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : *‘But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine’*

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We will start with Question Hour. The first question is shared by the hon. members Pu Vanlalhlana and Er. H. Lalrinawma. As a senior member, Pu Vanlalhlana will ask.

PU VANLALHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Sericulture Department be pleased to state: -

- a) Number of silk farmers in Mizoram?
- b) The amount harvested from silk farming?
- c) Initiatives taken in various districts and the benefit enjoyed by the farmers?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister will answer the question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follow –

- a) There are 5,651 Nos. families engaging on silk farming and as the main source of income generation.
- b) Silk production in Mizoram during 2018 – 2019 are as follows: -
 - i) Mulberry - 43.46 mts. (43,465.95 kgs)
 - ii) Muga - 1,88,480 Nos.
 - iii) Eri - 0.67 mts. (665.78 kgs)

c) Nos. of beneficiary in different districts such as:–

1. Mulberry (under ISDP)

i)	Lunglei	-	350 Nos.
ii)	Serchhip	-	100 Nos.
iii)	Lawngtlai	-	50Nos.
iv)	Kolasib	-	50Nos.
v)	Mamit	-	50Nos.
	TOTAL	-	600 Nos.

2. Under INSDP :

i)	Champhai	-	600 Nos.
ii)	Aizawl	-	400 Nos.

3. Muga:

i)	Aizawl	-	100 Nos.
ii)	Kolasib	-	140 Nos.
iii)	Lunglei	-	60Nos.

iv)	Mamit	-	60Nos.
v)	Serchhip	-	60Nos.
vi)	Champhai	-	60Nos.
	TOTAL	-	500Nos.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member Pu F. Lalnunmawia is next.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Will the concerned Minister of DM & R be pleased to state:-

If there is any plan of safety measure to prevent landslide which recurs at Ngaizel?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is –
Yes, precautionary measure on landslide at Ngaizel is being taken by DM & R Department.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, as per a speculative study on the condition of Ngaizel quarry, it is believed that there is another impending landslide which may occur any time. So, in order to prevent another major catastrophe, is it possible to take up a study on the layers of the soil? I have also discussed the matter with the concerned engineer and it is wise to have a frequent inspection, and if possible by enforcing any of the unsaved cliffs with wire mesh to prevent further accidents. I suggest the same procedure is applied for Midumkham of Hmuifang. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is it suggestive to deploy the adventure clubs to clear off any of the impending rocks on the aforesaid cliffs?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Speaker, if there is any fund provision for improvement of sinking area near Zotlang Tourist Lodge, Lunglei? There is a similar landslide prone area on the road near Mualthuam which connects the Southern area.

So, is it possible to allocate fund provision for this area? Pu Speaker, I would also suggest providing Disaster Response Vehicle in every district. At the same time, I ask if it is possible to speed up the procedure of disbursing fund provisions for disaster management for different areas so that it is used on time. There are also instances in which some houses needs dismantling to prevent further affect of landslide. So, is there any provision under State Disaster Mitigation Fund to compensate such families?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer it.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding Ngaizel quarry, a study team was formed last year on 26th July but not under the District Disaster Management Authority of DC Office. So, there is a plan for in-depth study of this area. And, on 22nd May, Engineer-in-Chief of PWD, Director of DM&R and the officials from Geology & Mining visited the site and concluded that DPR should be made for this purpose. So, steps are taken in this regard.

It is a good idea of deploying the Adventure clubs and will be noted. As of wire mesh to cover the prone areas, it is wise for our DCs, Disaster Management Deptt. and other concerned officials to verify the required materials for that purpose.

Regarding the question raised by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, no fund provision is made particularly for Zotlang, Lunglei but for Mualthuum, it will be allocated from Disaster Mitigation Fund. I am regretted to mention that we are, at present unable to provide the disaster response vehicle to every district and the only immediate solution we can come up with at the moment is providing silpauline to any of the disaster areas. Another problem is providing a relief fund which could not be made on time due to process of files which need to go through various stages.

Regarding fund provision for dismantling a house, the case will be examined. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga to ask starred Question.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned Minister of Horticulture Department be pleased to state –

If there is any plan to upgrade sub-Divisional Horticulture Office of Champhai to a full-fledged Divisional Horticulture office?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister will answer it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is -
Proposal is submitted to the Central and we are waiting for the outcome.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, the hon. Member.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, it is possible that Horticulture Divisional Office at Tuidam is shifted to Mamit, our District capital? Plus, may the office of Horticulture Divisional and sub-Divisional be placed where SDO (Civil) administration is there? May the SDHO office be placed at West Phaileng?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I have visited Thenzawl Horticulture College while it was still under construction and I have even questioned regarding the financial and physical achievement, the proposed time of the second phase, name of the contractor and the estimated time of completion. Unfortunately, the officer in-charge kindly answered that it is under the Central Agriculture College of Imphal and regarding name of the contractor or the proposed time for completion etc. is out of his knowledge. So, I now ask the same questions with hopes for a specific answer.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Horticulture Department be pleased to state –

If the hon. Minister could make alternative arrangement for the office of Anthurium Grower Association in Ramhlun North Market building so that roadside vegetable sellers are accommodated in it?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER : Pu Speaker, on the question raised by Pu Rintluanga, it may be noted that there are offices established in the areas where the projects and workloads are high, SE and EE offices thus are placed there. Anyway, taking into account of the points he had mentioned, we will review the matter.

Regarding the question on Horticulture College at Thenzawl, I too have clearly stated on the note sheet that answer should be provided to the questions of the hon. Member and we are waiting for the reply.

As of Ramhlun Market, the building is meant for marketing and should be used accordingly; the concerned authority should find alternative arrangement for such offices. Regarding upgradation of Horticulture sub-Divisional Office of Champhai, it has often been discussed at the department level but since our budget for this year has not even been passed, it is not possible to make any conclusion. However, any suggestion is welcomed to this concern. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, hon. Member.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Will the concerned Minister of Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department be pleased to state –

- a) If the government certainly has in mind to strengthen land sinking area at Hunthar Veng which recurs every year?
- b) If so, what is the estimated time to begin work?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows:–

- a) Yes, the government has a plan to strengthen land sinking area at Hunthar.
- b) Detailed project was submitted to the Central Government and approval of the National Disaster Management Agency is received on the 2nd May, 2019. The work will soon be started as sanctioned has already been received.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, may the concerned Minister of DM&R take initiative on inspection of Durtlang rock cliff and take preventive measure from falling rocks?

SPEAKER : Pu ZR Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAMSSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. May the concerned Minister make initiative for strengthening a rock cliff of Thakthing area? I suggest transforming the cliff into a scenic view with a purpose to beautify our city.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, hon. Member.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, with the coming of rainy season, what preventive measure has been taken so far?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, regarding Durtlang stone quarry, it is better if our experts visits the site for necessary precautions. As of Thakthing stone quarry, I believe it is wise to consult the Urban Development Department.

Regarding land sinking area at Hunthar Veng, experts suggests we established a core committee with the Commissioner of DM&R, PWD and Geology. At the moment, the site is covered with silpauline to prevent further landslide. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is, Pu VL. Zaithanzama, hon. Member.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Art & Culture be pleased to state –

- a) If there is any fund provision from the Central for the celebration of our State festivals?
- b) If any, the amount received for the purpose and the amount allocated for a year?
- c) If there is a way to organize the Chapchar Kut celebration so that more people could take part in it?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer it.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows –

- a) Mizoram does not receive any central fund for the celebration of our festivals.
- b) Nil.
- c) ChapcharKut is celebrated according to the programmes set by the Organizing Committee and there is a way of celebrating Chapchar Kut festival in which more people can take part in it.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA: Pu Speaker, is it possible to set up a particular area for the celebration of our festivals like Chapchar Kut and for other important events?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have heard of financial provision from the central the like for Hornbill Festival of Nagaland. Anyway, my question for the concerned Minister of Art & Culture Department is - Whether the department continues with training course being given under Music & Fine Art; if so, is there means to acquire more and updated musical instruments for such training?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer to the question of hon. Member, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama is - There is no other suitable area for the celebration of our festivals at the moment. As mentioned earlier, it is wise for us to look for other suitable areas so that it does not bring problem for the general people.

Regarding the question of hon. Member, Pu Andrew, so far, there is no fund provision coming from the Central except from NEC. As of procuring more and updated musical instruments for Music & Fine Arts, it is our priority to do so if fund is available.

SPEAKER : Er. H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Home Department be pleased to state - If it is possible to place a Police Outpost at Rajiv Nagar?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer it.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is not possible at the moment to establish a Police Outpost at Rajiv Nagar.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, hon. Member.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Home Department be pleased to state –

If there is a plan to place a Police Station/Outpost within Reiek Block as most of the criminal cases registered at Kulikawn Police Station are referred to West Phaileng Police Station?

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, will the concerned minister be pleased to state - If there are any foreigners entering Mizoram but not as tourists? If so, how many are there and where do they come from?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, Rajiv Nagar is a border town and we have had faced many problems as the area is occupied mostly by the Chakmas and Brus. I want the hon. Minister to note the importance of this region, and if possible, to place a Police Outpost here to cover up to Tuipuibari and Dampa Rengpui.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to the question of Pu Lalrintluanga is –

Yes, there is a proposal to set up an Outpost at North Kanghmun which is within the area of Reiek BDO.

As of foreigners, the number of Burmese foreigners as per the record of the Assam Rifles and DC office is slightly different and verification is being processed. Some said they are about 238 and the other said 228. Anyway, we have received instruction from the Central Government to deport them and immediate action will be taken.

Regarding Police Outpost at Rajiv Nagar, initiative has been made but since most of the areas are of private property, the government has to acquire the land at a very high cost. In case to emergency, we at least have 5th IR Battalion at Tuipuibari to maintain the situation. The government has also taken various initiatives in this regard but due to financial crisis, it is difficult to implement as desired. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma, hon. Member.

PU LALDUHOMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the concerned Minister of Home Department be pleased to state –

- a) Nos. of valid ILP holders in Mizoram?
- b) If there are any who does not have ILP but remains in Mizoram?
- c) If there is any plan for computerization of processing ILP?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer is as follows: –

- a) At present, there are 21,757 Nos. valid ILP holders in Mizoram.
- b) The concerned DC issued 135 Nos. ILP through Home Department with 2 years validity w.e.f. May, 2017 to May, 2019. During January to May, 2019, there were 1,893 Nos. without ILP were sent back. Since then, we have no record of such case.
- c) Yes, initiatives have been made to computerize the process of ILP.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, may the department conduct surprise checking of ILP? I opine it is also wise to be more stringent on issue of ILP and particularize the validity of any ILP to maintain smooth and efficiency in the administration like the Central government deals with FRRO. So, when will computerization of the system be implemented?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, we have sub-Jail building at Vairengte but remain unutilized due to its location close to the border. May the government consider putting this sub-Jail at Vairengte into function? Secondly, may IR Headquarters be set up within the premise of a vast area of land owned by the Home Department? I believe this will contribute a great deal in protecting our borders. May the government consider the case?

SPEAKER : Now, the concerned Minister to answer the question.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to start with, let me reply to the question of Pu Lalrinsanga that there is no plan as yet for setting up sub-Jail at

Vairengte. Regarding ILP, the concerned officials are taking extreme measures to maintain strict rules on issue of ILP. Apart from this, we have a plan to conduct an awareness campaign on this issue. As suggested by the hon. Members, we will try to conduct a surprise checking more often. Regarding computerization of ILP issue, it is now under process. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to our next business.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I have asked for a copy of Tourism Policy; it was said to be enclosed but I did not find it. Anyway, I want to point out that written questions which I have sent to some Ministers or officials had never been replied which is against the protocol. So, I want you, hon. Speaker, Sir, to note this.

SPEAKER : I request all the hon. Ministers and officials to take note of what our hon. Member have stated. We will now move on to Laying of Papers. The hon. Chief Minister may now lay the following papers on the table of the House –

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SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Financial Business and we will start with Discussion on the budget for the year 2019-2020. What will be our timeline?

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, since it is a general discussion, I suggest each member is allotted 20 minutes.

SPEAKER : Our rules do not permit us 20 minutes. Anyway, I think each member should be allotted 10 minutes and each group leader with 15 minutes. Pu C. Lalsawivunga will start.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, I thank the hon. House Leader for laying a full budget on the table of the House. Anyway, it is decreased in compare to RE of 2018 – 2019 by ₹2,254.9 crore and the expenditure amounting to ₹2,288.78 crore also is quite less. So, may the hon. Chief Minister explain the reason?

The amount expected from the state-owned tax revenue is ₹573.69 crore and from Goods and Services Tax ₹3,885.19 totally ₹4,458.88 crore. So, if we compare with RE of last year, it has increased by 13.52%. An amount of ₹459.30 crore is expected from the state-owned non-tax revenue and it seems that our product will amount to ₹1,032.99 crore. From the capital receipt alone, ₹845.31 crore is expected which means we are expecting more funds this year comparing to the previous years. How can we expect such amounts when liquor Act is abolished? I request he concerned Minister to explain it later.

I am glad to hear from our Chief Minister that his Ministry would make all efforts to extract as many funds as possible from the Central Government. I suggest we should try our best to make more progresses with our infrastructures and utilize our budget wisely. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, I am glad that full budget is laid for discussion. Firstly, I will stress on the fiscal deficit which is estimated at 53.07 crore, 2.06% from the GSDP. So, it is important that this ministry should try to prevent increase of our fiscal deficit and utilize funds only for capital investment. It is estimated that the outstanding liabilities by the end of 2019-2020 will be ₹8,847.97 crore which is 33.66% from our GSDP and this is simply the result of efforts made by the previous ministry. I hope this ministry keeps up the good work.

It is stated that ₹750 crore is allocated for SEDP which is the flagship programme. If so, whether there is any guideline from the government for the implementation of SEDP? What are the aims and objectives?

Pu Speaker, if we carefully study the budget, we can see in which departments the government gives its priority and it is sad that agriculture department is not one of them. At the same time, I am amaze not to see in the budget concerning distribution of ₹3 lakh to each household and for construction of tiered road as assured during the election campaign. Let us hope such proposals are yet to be submitted in the central government. Likewise, regarding bamboo processing is not highlighted in the budget despite insinuation to be a good instrument for uplifting rural economy. I am glad that ₹11,000 lakh is placed for NEDP for continuation of the projects initiated by the former ministry. I express my best regard to this new Ministry. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu V.L. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: As mentioned earlier, Pu Speaker, our budget for the year 2019 – 2020 is ₹10,692.32 where as the estimated liability is ₹1,455.58. I request the concerned Minister to explain this more clearly. As mentioned by the hon. Member, Pu Zodintluanga, SEDP is not a mention while refurbishing highways and roads are highlighted; funds allocated for new districts is also highlighted but not any of filling of vacant posts for nurses and doctors. But allocation of budget provision for Sports promotion through SEDP is much appreciative. As for incentive cash award of ₹100, I believe this could be increased as per needs. I am glad that ₹100 is placed for the promotion of various disciplines in Sports. I hope our budget will be utilized wisely for overall development of our State. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Zothantluanga, hon. Member.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I appreciate measures taken for the functioning of 5 districts which was declared under the Congress Ministry indicating nepotism being put aside for the welfare of the people. This ministry truly set an example to others. It is unfortunate that implementation of 3 new districts initiated during the previous MNF ministry had been neglected during the previous Ministry of Congress party. Anyway, it is appreciative that this Ministry takes a fresh initiative for the implementation such new districts and allocated ₹885 lakh to that effect.

Knowing the importance of public health, I am glad that initiative has also been made for recruitment of doctors and nurses and for that purpose ₹5,000 lakh is placed. We are all aware of the need of more teachers across our state, and, in order to meet the requirement ₹3,000 lakh is allocated. All the points I have and not mentioned clearly reflect how this ministry plans to work for the development of our State. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu Andrew H. Lalthangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Under Head of Accounts (a) State Goods and Service Tax, we see that the budget estimate of ITC Cross Utilization of SGST and IGST is ₹27,500 lakh against ₹2,500 lakh of last year. So, may this be clarified? Secondly, under 'Receipt under the state motor vehicles taxation act' the estimated budget is ₹1,700 against ₹1,600/- lakh of last year. I find this a bit confusing since one-time vehicle road tax is abolished. So, what will be our main source of income from this when the estimated budget is increased by ₹100 lakh? If we look in the receipt of rural water supply scheme, the budget estimates is increased immensely comparing to last year. So, what will be our main source of revenue to increase to such amount?

I would like to tender some suggestions regarding the implementation of water supply scheme in several villages such as Thingdawl which is my constituency. The scheme was delayed as they were reluctant to pay for the installation charges. I would be grateful if the government could find a way to resolve this issue.

Lastly, I am delighted with the formation of three new districts. However, I would like to urge the government to not forget and ignore the existing districts and its development. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia is next.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Chairman, thank you. I am grateful and satisfied with the presentation of our budget for the financial year 2019-2020.

Due to sublime planning and management, MLA's will be able to serve their constituency with more efficiency with the release of untied funds. We will also be able to utilize funds from NABARD, NCDC through loans.

There is also better planning and management for centrally sponsored scheme, DONER, NEC, NLCPR and NEAD.

I am also thankful for the allocation of 500 lakhs for skill development and entrepreneurship for the young. There is also provision for better healthcare scheme and better healthcare facility and more allocation for road funds.

Lastly, I am honored to mention that our liabilities are decreasing while there is an increase in our GSDP. I am thankful that our revenue surplus is more than our revenue expenditure.

I thank our hon. Chief Minister and Finance Minister for formulating an excellent budget for our state. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : Who will be next? Dr. Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Chairman, thank you. I feel very privileged to be a part of the budget discussion. I have always been very interested in our budget as we are directly affected by it.

There was a sudden increase in our GSDP in 2015-2016 while there is no significant increase in our revenue. As such, i have some reservations regarding the method of calculation for our GSDP.

I believe more effort should be taken in manufacturing and production in order to raise our GST.

I have personally taken an interest in state debt for a long time and i regret that our state debt is phenomenally high compared to other states. State debt is calculated based on our GSDP and this is an area where more effort should be taken by our government.

Mizoram ranks second in terms of education budget and we need to make sure to utilize this budget to achieve better results. We also need to prepare our budget towards achieving sustainable development goals.

We must utilize SEDP for entrepreneurship development scheme for young people.

All in all, the presentation of budget is excellent and i hope that this ministry will try its utmost for the development of Mizoram. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN : It is now 1 PM and we will have a recess and continue our session at 2 PM.

2:00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now start our afternoon session. I would like to request our respected members to use Mizo language as far as possible as this session is broadcasted across Mizoram. This is also to preserve our language and we should be the one to start this process at this House.

Let us now invite Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga and start the afternoon discussion.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am honored that i am a part of the discussion for Mizoram budget 2019-2020. As a first timer, i am not familiar with the process; however, the presentation is straightforward and easy to understand.

First of all, i am elated to see that ₹75,000 lakh is set aside under SEDP which is the flagship programme of our current ministry.

I would also like to mention the continuation of NLUP which was the flagship programme of the previous ministry which display the broadmindedness of our current ministry.

Other proposition includes 500 lakhs for skill development, increased funding for Healthcare system and MR and creation of more posts for doctor and nurses.

₹17,000 lakh is set aside for state matching share through CSS, NABARD and other agencies.

Lastly, our revenue surplus has increased under the leadership of our hon. Chief Minister. With that, i pledge my support for this budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Prof. F. Lalnunmawia

Prof. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. At a glance, our budget is satisfactory and i applaud this ministry for their hard work.

Seeing that our budget increased considerably, i place my utmost confidence in this ministry so that it will benefit the public and be used for the development of Mizoram.

As mentioned by members before me, several provisions have been added under SEDP such as creation of more posts for doctors and nurses, sports and youth services and elementary education.

₹15,000 lakh is set aside for maintenance and construction of roads and ₹5,000 lakhs for general works. Also, ₹30,000 lakhs have been set aside fir SEDP normal fund and ₹11,000 lakhs for continuation of existing projects.

Another memorable achievement is the increase in GSDP by 16.15% and decrease in state debt.

Also, i would like to mention the availability of ₹17,000 lakhs for state matching share which i hope will be a considerable source of fund for Mizoram.

Lastly, i am satisfied with our proposed budget and would like to pledge my support. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now invite Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that our full budget for the financial year 2019-2020 has been presented. Our budget clearly displayed the expectations, vision and priorities of our ministry and i have confidence that our expectations will be met.

I take pride in the work performed by our leader such that our revenue surplus outweighs our revenue expenditure and our GSDP have increased. Our fiscal deficit has also decreased by 2.02%. On top of that, this Ministry aims to increase our state own revenue.

Another important point i want to mention is the amount set aside for SEDP which is ₹7,500 lakhs. Several areas will be included under SEDP such as Healthcare,

Sports, education, skill development, maintenance and construction of roads and others.

What is certain under our Annual Financial Statement is that more than 50% of our budget goes to government employees and as such they need to perform in accordance with their wages.

Lastly, our budget shows the progress we have made and i hope that our government will continue this so as to benefit the people of Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Pachhunga

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am fortunate that i could be present for the presentation of this budget intended for the development of Mizoram. It is evident that it is a budget for the lower class and i thanked our hon.Chief Minister and Finance Minister for their diligence.

Our revenue expenditure is high as a large amount went to the wages of government employees. Less than 6% are government employees and if they pay even 1% professional tax, the amount collected can be repurposed for healthcare.

Detailed management and administration of property and building tax is required so that there can be a fair system. Also, i believe professional tax should be taken from migrant workers.

As mentioned before, our budget is inclusive and has made provision for SEDP which include healthcare scheme, education, sports, road maintenance and communication and continuation of NLUP. Also, it has set aside Rs. 8,500 lakhs for muster roll employees.

Lastly, i am satisfied with our budget and am thankful that this budget will accommodate every citizen of Mizoram. The only thing we need is to ensure that this budget will be rightly utilized where it is intended. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am honored to be able to take part in the discussion for our budget and i believe that we are satisfied

with it. I commend our hon.Chief Minister and Finance Minister for preparing an inclusive budget which will benefit the people of Mizoram.

According to Revised Estimates from 2018-2019, our tax revenue will increase by 13.52% and our revenue receipt will surpass revenue expenditure by 5.58%.

As mentioned by the members before me, ₹170 lakhs is set aside for state matching share. Also, ₹750 lakhs is set aside for SEDP which is the flagship programme of this ministry. This will include healthcare, regularization of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers; education, sports, road maintenance, construction and communication.

Lastly, with the addition of 3 new districts, restructuring and better management and administration of district departments is required. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu H. Lalzirliana

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am honored to stand before this House and be a part of the discussion for our state budget. As mentioned by members before me, it is certain that it is an inclusive budget that will benefit every household in Mizoram.

Our budget system was revised under Niti Aayog and is divided into state budget and union budget. We are currently discussing our state budget.

Our tax system is also revised where VAT is replaced by GST. One important point i would like to mention is the absence of petroleum and petroleum products which could be a potential source of revenue for our State government.

The addition of 3 new districts will also generate more revenue for Mizoram.

I would like to mention a few important points that is included in our budget such as setting aside of ₹750 lakhs for SEDP, ₹15000 lakhs for maintenance and construction of roads, new healthcare scheme, ₹5000 lakhs for regularization of doctors, nurses and healthcare staffs, ₹2000 lakhs for medical reimbursement, ₹5000 lakhs for corpus funds; a total of ₹12000 lakhs.

Lastly, i have faith in our government that our budget will be used as intended and will be instrumental in the development of Mizoram. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalmuanpuia

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I thank God and my constituency Aizawl North-III for making it possible to be a part of this discussion for Mizoram budget 2019-2020.

21.40% of our budget is for capital expenditure which is a reasonable amount. Our state own revenue and state won non-tax resources have increased and i applaud our hon.Chief Minister and Finance Minister for achieving this great feat.

₹450 lakhs have been set aside for the functioning of our 3 new districts. Under our current ministry's flagship programme SEDP, ₹75,000 lakhs have been set aside. ₹2,000 lakhs have been set aside for regularization of doctors, nurses and healthcare staffs, ₹1500 lakhs for road maintenance and construction, ₹5,000 lakhs for healthcare, ₹11,000 lakhs for NEDP and other projects, ₹6,000 lakhs for Parking House Support System (PAHOSS), ₹3,000 lakhs each for water and power supply scheme.

Lastly, ₹3.71 crores have been set aside under Lok Ayukta to fight corruption and i have faith in our government that our budget will be utilized for the benefit of the people. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu C. Ngunlianchunga

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Several members have discussed about the positive aspects of our budget and i admit that there are some good points. The presentation is also clear and simple. However, i want to provide some criticisms and point out the negative aspects of our budget.

First of all, the full budget figure is overwritten and it is not the original budget. Also, there are several printing errors such as the year, pictures of our members were interchanged (Pu Rosik Mohan instead of Pu KT Rokhaw) and disappearance of Excise & Narcotic department in the statistical handbook. I would like to request our officials to be more cautious in the future.

In contrast to other members, we, on your left side have little reason to be jubilant about our budget other than the increase in MLA Fund from ₹100 lakhs to ₹150 lakhs. One of the main reasons is that only 21.41% of our budget will go to the public and i am doubtful that this budget will indeed benefit the people of Mizoram.

I would like our DCA Minister to look into the salary of District Councils and confirm if they will implement 7th Pay salary within this year.

Our hon. Chief Minister has promised a sum of 3 lakhs for every household under SEDP, i am doubtful that this will be realized considering the size of our budget.

We have 3 new districts and we are celebrating the birth of these districts and for the achievement of the government. I see no reason to celebrate as i am concerned about the source of funding for these districts considering we are unable to even resolve our border issue till now.

Lastly, i can only say that it is disappointing that there is no provision for the people of Mizoram in our budget. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu LalrintluangaSailo

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is a privilege for me to be able to take part in the discussion for our budget. It is an inclusive budget and is made for the lower income household.

Pu Deputy Speaker, i believe our hon. Chief Minister has achieved a great feat in setting aside ₹75,000 lakhs under our flagship programme, SEDP after only 1 year after the election. In comparison, the previous ministry put up their flagship programme, NLUP three years after the election.

Other notable achievements include appropriation of ₹5,000 lakhs each for healthcare scheme and regularization of doctors, nurses and healthcare workers; ₹3,000 lakhs for education and 17,000 lakhs for state matching share for centrally sponsored scheme.

Recognizing the importance of communication, ₹15,000 lakhs is set aside for road maintenance and construction as well as ₹8,500 lakhs for wages of muster roll employees.

Lastly, the overall presentation of this budget is simple and easy to understand. Having a few printing mistakes is understandable considering the short amount of time it has to prepare. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It is a privilege that i could be a part of the discussion for our state budget.

As i observe our budget, only 21.40% from our budget will be available for development since 78.59% will be for revenue expenditure. I feel that the plight of the people of Mizoram is precarious since the government will require a new source of income to generate revenue. Since our source of revenue from the previous ministry has been terminated, i believe the only source will be from taxes and this will affect the public. As such, it is a dismal budget for the people of Mizoram.

At a glance, ₹75,000 lakh is set aside for SEDP which is the flagship programme of our current ministry. However, there are several other projects that are under SEDP which will require funding. As such, the actual figure for normal funding will only be ₹36,600 lakhs. It is certain from this figure that distribution of ₹3 lakhs to every household will not be feasible as promised by our hon. Chief Minister during his election campaign.

There is a decrease in the funding we received from the 14th Finance Commission with a difference of ₹884 crores. I would be grateful if our Finance Minister could explain the reason for this discrepancy.

Lastly, i would like to request our hon. Chief Minister to clarify why his two important manifesto i.e, distribution of Rs.3 lakhs to every household and why no funding is set aside for Excise Department under SEDP. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have concluded our sitting for today and will continue our session at 10:30 AM tomorrow.

(Sitting is adjourned 3:55 P.M.)