

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SECOND SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020  
(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 reference on the demise of Pu LALTHANKUNGA, former Deputy Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**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 a copy of the Economic Survey 2019-2020, Government of Mizoram.
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 18.1.2019 – 8.11.2019) Taxation Department Government of Mizoram.
5. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Annual Report 2018-2019 of Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Government of Mizoram.
6. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following:
  - i) The Mizoram Legislative Assembly (Grant of Loans and Advances to Members) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2020 Parliamentary Affairs Department.
  - ii) The Chite Lui (Prevention and Control of Water Pollution) Rules, 2019.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

7. Discussion on Motion of Thanks on the Address of the Governor (to be concluded).

S.R. ZOKHUMA  
Commissioner & Secretary

**SPEAKER** : *So, give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.*

- 1 Kings 3:9

Today, we have an obituary to observe in respect of the departed leader, Pu Lalthankunga, ex-Dy. Speaker of this House. First, I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to have his time.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Pu Lalthankunga passed away at 2:30 AM on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at his resident in Tuikhuahtlang. He was 76.

He was born at North Serzawl on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1943 to be the eldest among 7 children of Pu Doliana and Pi Serthangi. He had 2 brothers and 4 sisters. He married Pi Sawizingi on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1969 and had 2 sons and 3 daughters.

He studied primary school at North Serzawl, middle school at Darlawn and high school at the Adventist Training School, Jowai. He studied at Gandhi Memorial School Champhai and Sawleng High School. He studied college at PMG College, Aizawl and St. Edmunds, Shillong. He left for East Pakistan along with his friends to join the Mizo National Movement. Being educated, he had played an important role in the movement.

Soon after he had served under the government in Statistic Department, he got promotion to the Assistant Research officer in a short span of his career for his efficiency. He left his job for politic in 1984 and was elected from Ratu constituency in the 4<sup>th</sup> Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 1988 as MNF party candidate. By winning the favour of his party leaders, he was elected as the Deputy Speaker of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in 2010.

In weakness or strength, Pu Lalthankunga was a man who always served for churches and NGO's in every locality he resided. In 1979, he underwent stomach surgery at Civil Hospital Aizawl and then again at New Delhi in 1980. In 1994, he was diagnosed of blood sugar. He then went for treatment to CMC Vellore in 2001 for treatment of thyroid. It was here that he was dignosed of a silent heart attack that he had in the past. In 2011, he underwent lung surgery for lung cancer at Mumbai; he occasionally received a medical check-up at Escort Heart Institute, New Delhi for heart disease. While he was under regular medical treatment, he had a mild fever which was ordinary cold, he breath his last breath on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 2:10 AM.

I have known Pu Lalthankunga since 1960 when he was in Champhai High School which later banded us in the same battalion of northern area and working in the same office during our time of underground. We then moved to East Pakistan with his wife who had been living besides him; they had three children then. With

his family to attend, he was amongst those who have being selected to return to Mizoram.

As we have heard, his condition deteriorated due to various problems beyond control. Today, we deeply mourned his demise. His demise is indeed a great loss for Mizoram. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Anyone to speak from Group Leaders? Alright, Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As already stated by the House Leader, Pu Lalthankunga was from Serzawl, a small village famous for producing great political leaders. Pu Lalthankunga and I used to be in the same political party and he generally holds the post of General Secretary for his efficiency in dealing with the administration. Though senior in age, he was lively to chat with and a man of principle, self-confidence, and knowledge. Various complications pervade his health in the last period of his life as he is now laid to rest peacefully. May the peace of God be with his family and love ones that he had left behind. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : It may be noted that time which may be spent in access for obituary consumes time allotted to Questions & Answers. Next is, Pu Lalchhandama Ralte, hon. Minister.

**PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I would also like to make a brief speech in honour of the late member, Pu Lalthankunga for he was my predecessor as a representative of Ratu Constituency which is now called Tuivawl Constituency. Even now, he is highly regarded by the people of his constituency for his peculiar visions for the development of his constituency. I would also like to mention that most of the plans which have been laid today are of his initiatives. We also have observed obituary in my constituency. His name will be remembered.

Pu Speaker, Pu Lalthankunga left us on Sunday morning 9.2.2021 and the news of his demise immediately occupies a headline in various newspapers and social media. It is sad that we are no longer having a topic to read on the changing of politics and development of our state he used to post in various social media. That is all I have to say on behalf of the people of Tuivawl Constituency. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu KT Rokhaw.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, being a representative of the same term of Mizoram Legislative Assembly with Pu Lalthankunga, I find myself to be the one from CLP Legislators to deliver an obituary speech.

Pu Speaker, on his debut as a Member of this Legislative Assembly, he was appointed to Chairman of the Estimate Committee and the Deputy Speaker in the following term. Before that, he held the post of Vice Chairman of KVI. I remember

him inviting all Members for tea in his official chamber as he was appointed to Dy. Speaker. He was a man who had deeply concern for the welfare of the Members; it is remarkable that he made a home visit to all members knowing the importance of a leadership post he had held as a Dy. Speaker. Besides, his unbiased judgement from the Speaker's Chair was worth-mentioning. I once was on a tour with him and found out his extraordinary nature of selfless and amiable personality towards others. He had a well-established God-fearing family behind him, I have even learned from his daughter that his father had even organised a home crusade for his family that attitude which I respected highly of. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next is hon. Dy. CM, Pu Tawnluia.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. Today, it is sad we have to observe an obituary in honour of Pu Lalthankunga, the late ex-Dy. Speaker who had once guided this august House. We both once lived in a hostel of GM High School, Champhai. I remember that he was a man with self-control, fond of singing with a vast knowledge of tonic solfa and one who had given up his study for the love of his land. Likewise, he was well-educated who rendered all efforts for the underground administration. He was the one who used to draft any of the resolution from MNF party. He loved reading and even completed reading out the entire Bible verse a couple of time. My family is deeply grieved for his demise due to our mutual neighbourhood for the past decades. I must say that he truly deserves this obituary being observed in this august House. I pray that God be with his family and loves one he had left behind.

**SPEAKER** : As we are observing this obituary, it may be noted that family members of Pu Lalthankunga are witnessing this programme from the gallery and some from TV at home.

Now, let us all stand up and observe one minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed leader, Pu Lalthankunga.

*(One minute silence is observed by the House)*

We may now take our seat.

Now, I call upon hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No. 1 which he has shared with hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 1 the answer which may be given by the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare:

- a) How the percentage of HIV/AIDS infected is determined in Mizoram?
- b) How many of HIV/AIDS infected are found in Mizoram?
- c) Which age group is of the highest among the infected groups?
- d) What is the status of Mizoram in the country in this regard?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare to give the answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answers are: -

- a) There is the Nation Working Group on HIV Estimation to determine the percentage of HIV/AIDS on global by using a Software Spectrum set up by UN/AIDS. The same is used to determine the percentage of HIV/AIDS infected in Mizoram.
- b) With effect from October, 1990 – December, 2019, there are 21,538Nos. HIV +ve detection in Mizoram.
- c) Out of the total Nos. of HIV +ve detection, age group of 25 – 34 ranked the highest.
- d) As per the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Mizoram ranked No.1 in the country.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask Supplementary Questions.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, Doctors posted at MSAC is generally done on deputation basis and the work is executed through NACO funding. Is it appropriate to reflect such funding in the State budget? And, considering our high-ranking status in the country is not it necessary to allocate a separate budget fund for MSAC?

Secondly, Pu Speaker, it is learned that the Legislators Forum on AIDS had been set up during your tenure as Health Minister. My question is, if this still remains in function and, if any Member benefitted the forum? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next, hon. Member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, my question is, if the existing agreement on healthcare scheme is done as per the demand of private hospitals or the rate fixed by the government?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask the last supplementary question on this question.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, I came across on some social medias criticizing the process in used to determine the rate of HIV/AIDS infection in our state which only cause us ill-reputation as a society. We have learned from the hon. Minister that it is estimated as per national standard. I would like to ask if the said national standard is determined from the percentage of the total number of tested sample or from the percentage of infection which is determined from our population.

**SPEAKER** : let us call the hon. Minister to give the answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Mizoram Healthcare Society has been set up under the chairmanship of the hon. Chief Minister with a wide range of committee members such as NGOs and various departments like Finance Deptt. etc. After carefully examining the process, it was launched in October, 2019.

While this is the situation, we have number of private hospitals of different standard in our state with different opinion regarding the rate. With the need of the government to have a notified rate, an appeal has been made to the private hospitals for their cooperation and it is appreciative that we receive a positive response. Even so, all problems could not be cleared up immediately and the notified rate of the government could not be followed as yet. When healthcare society is functioning practically, it would be easier to solve any problem which concern healthcare and any suggestion will then be entertained.

Regarding the question of Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, deputation is done not only with posting of doctor but also other staff. We are now beginning to have the problem of over-staff and many other problems to be straightened up. Thus, we need to give more and more efforts. Despite regular maintenance and funding from NACO, it is regretted that we have topped the list of most infected state in the country. Our state has a separate budget head for AIDS control which may be used in future; I believe we are now having 20 thousand or more in token. In order to put this into function regularly, we approach Finance Deptt. and a positive outcome is expected.

The question of setting up the Legislator Forum, I believe it is true and we have in mind to call its meeting after this Session is concluded. Though not in function appropriately, Pu Speaker, what you had initiated during your tenure as Health Minister is of a good thing which could be of much beneficial. So, necessary step will soon be taken to revive this forum.

Pu Speaker, since this problem is not a matter which should be contained solely in the Health Deptt., a joint meeting of various NGOs representatives such as Synod, MKHC, Central YMA, MGDA and IMA was held last year. Apart from these NGOs, MZP and some Youth Department of several churches offer their cooperation and various steps have been taken in this concern.

Regarding the question of Pu Lalduhoma, I am afraid I did not strike the target as it is somewhat technical. I too have learned the pervading criticism on social media and it surprises me as well. We too have some doubts in the system but Software Spectrum is provided by UNAIDS for global use. I request Pu Duha for his understanding on my shortcoming of this knowledge and let us expect our experts to provide the detail information later on.

Anyway, I would like to inform all the people through this House that the government is taking all possible efforts to combat this deadly disease and will continue to do so. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Starred Question No. 2, to be asked by Er. H. Lalzirliana.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA:** Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 2. Will the hon. P&E minister be pleased to state -

- a) How far has the construction of 32 kV line from Bairabi - W. Phaileng via Mamit have been done?
- b) What is the progress and expected time for completion?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to give the answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is: -

- a) So far, 40% of construction of 32 kV line from Bairabi - W. Phaileng via Mamit has been done.
- b) Expected time of completion is March, 2021.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question from hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Some areas of my constituency such as Bawngkawn - Edenthar though located within Aizawl city has not yet been electrified. Likewise, there is the same shortage in the area of Bawngkawn Brigade - Slaughter House of Veterinary Deptt. In which power supply is available to the department but not to the general public. Apart from this, we have many demands for extension in the areas of Durtlang Leitan and Suaka Veng. It will be much appreciated if the hon. Minister attends to these problems.

**SPEAKER** : Owner of the main question, Er. H. Lalzirliana to ask Supplementary Question.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA:** Pu Speaker, it seems that the main set back in the project is, it has been taken up departmentally despite shortage of manpower. It also seems that there is delay of bill payment for supply of materials. What is the reason and if it is possible to expedite the process?

At the same time, I would also like to ask the progress of each of the 33 kV line of Mamit - W. Phaileng, W. Phaileng - Rawpuichhip and Mamit - Zamuang.

**SPEAKER** : Next, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, the work under Saubhagya Scheme is carried out in my constituency Diltlang and I would like to know the estimate amount, and if the post is concreted.

Secondly, allegedly the electric wire of this project is split into half for use which is quite uncommon and I assume to be unsafe. If that is the case, what is the reason and if it is done so for lack of fund? May the government verify the case if it is a fact?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the hon. Minister of P&E to give the answer.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** What has happened in the constituency of Pu Nguna is quite uncommon. Pu Speaker, I regret that I could not give estimate amount of the project presently. As of construction of its post, I have once complaint as it was done without cement concrete; we will look into the matter.

Regarding Saubhagya, it started in the previous term, I am afraid the member himself is exposing inefficiency of his party in the previous term. So, I suggest that it would be wise to not produce his document for the House's property. Pu Speaker, what is most shocking is the report of splitting up electric wire as i have never heard of such practice; I wonder if the splitting wires are functioning. Anyhow, we will look into the matter.

Regarding Pu Vanlalhlana's question on the possibility of powerline extension, I believe it is possible, yet, it depends on the budget allocation.

Coming to the answer of Pu Zira, hon. Member from Mamit constituency, I believe it is the most progressing projects being taken up as 40% of the work is completed. In this connection, I express my appreciation to the concerned Member for witnessing day to day progress of the project. As of payment of supply bill of the materials, the department has not received the materials in full. It will be paid once the materials are received. It may be noted that it is our desire to expedite the project for completion.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No. 3 to be asked by hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, when will the vacant post of Dental Surgeon and X-ray Technician at Tlabung Hospital be filled?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister may give the answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the vacant posts in question cannot be filled as yet due to shortage of staff. X-ray technician will be posted as soon as permission for recruitment of 10 new posts is obtained as so is for Dental Surgeon.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary Question Pu Nihar Kanti.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, it is an old hospital with an extensive coverage and was established in 1989. The problem is, it is a common practice of the department transferring a govt. servant with his/her post. Is it possible not to transfer a govt. servant if it should cost a hospital of losing such post?

**SPEAKER** : The next member to ask Supplementary Question is Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, what measure is taken taken so far by the government for improvement of Lunglei Civil Hospital? Secondly, if there is any initiative for Zobawk PHC to function immediately since it has been completed long ago?

**PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, it often occurs that x-ray photo processed at Kolasib District Hospital is obscure and unfit for further use which may be due to inefficiency of the concerned technician or the machine itself. What is opinion of the govt. in this regard?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call the concerned Minister to give the answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** To answer the question of Pu Nihar Kanti, Pu Speaker, I recently visited the said hospital and witnesses the condition which needs immediate attention. Unlike the past, it is now difficult for the government to engage MR or a substitute employee. Thus, nothing much could be done at present but to wait for a better tomorrow.

There are many things to be said regarding steps taken by the government for improvement of Lunglei Civil Hospital. The project of setting up trauma centre at Lunglei is now being carried out; we also have plan for construction of number of staff quarters for doctors and nurses; plan has also been initiated for construction of CMO office and many more.

Regarding Zobawk PHC, we will look into the matter for its functioning as soon as possible. The problem with filling up of vacant posts lapses due to delay in the procedure. Anyway, priority will be given for filling up the vacant post including the newly established 3 districts.

Regarding point raised by Pu Andrew H. Thangliana, it is learned that the problem with x-ray machine occurs not only in Kolasib district. It is possible that the concerned technicians are in short of the technical knowledge indicated in the process of recruitment of job. The government thus keeping in mind the situation will prioritize quality improvement.

**SPEAKER** : Now, Starred Question No. 4 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Will the hon. Minister for UD&PA be pleased to state. Is there any proposal to allot garbage truck for Thenzawl?

**SPEAKER :** Let us call the concerned Minister for UD&PA, hon. Dy. CM to give the answer.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is - There is no plan to allot garbage truck to Thenzawl as of now.

**SPEAKER :** Pu Lalduhoma Supplementary question.

**PU LALDUHOMA :** Pu Speaker, Thenzawl is an important junction where the north and south roads of Mizoram met. Also, it is a place where Tourist Centre, Horticulture College, important place of AH & Veterinary and Police Training Centre are located; it will also have the only golf course in our state very shortly. So, this place needs to be maintained very clean. Public occasionally hire a garbage vehicle on their own expenses. Thus, Pu Speaker, if the government could provide garbage vehicle for Thenzawl town.

**SPEAKER :** Supplementary Question Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, supplementary question to the hon. Minister of UD&PA is – When will boundary declaration of Urban Area be done to the newly declared Districts? Is the draft already being completed?

**SPEAKER :** Let us call the hon. Dy. Chief Minister to give the answer.

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, as per the record of the department, 4.5 metric tons garbage at Thenzawl town is disposed every day. Presently, a site has been identified at Thailiam which is 2,300 mts wide. Regarding allotment of garbage vehicle, it is generally allotted to district headquarters only. Thus, the 3 new districts will be given. As of allotment for Thenzawl, it depends on the coming budget.

Regarding the question of urban area demarcation raised by Dr. Vanlaltanpuia, it cannot be done unless it is declared by the census. In this connection, it may be noted that any of the district capital is regarded as urban area. I feel the need for demarcation of urban area like hon. Member Pu Tanpuia does, since development fund can not be utilized, in Civil Sub-Divisions such as W. Phaileng, Ngopa and Khawthah which are not of district capital. So, what we can do now is to wait for the next census operation.

**SPEAKER :** We will now move on to *Laying of Papers*; I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to lay, “The Economic Survey, 2019-2020, Govt. of Mizoram” on the table of the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I hereby lay “The Economic Survey, 2019-2020, Govt. of Mizoram” on the table of the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. Next is *Discussion on Motion of Thanks*. I call upon Pu H. Biakzaua, the hon. Member to move the Motion.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Pu Speaker, I, first of all thank you for the opportunity to move *Motion of Thanks* on the Governor’s Address.

At the outset, the speech highlights a peaceful atmosphere which prevails in our state under the leadership of our leaders. This indicates the needs for our leaders to give more efforts so as to maintain the situation.

The Governor further expresses his appreciation on maintenance of transparency in the government as committed during the election campaign. It is also appreciated that intensive effort is given to achieve the main objective of the government that is, self-sufficiency in food production and development of industries especially of bamboos. The speech further emphasizes steps taken by the government in generating the talent of our youth through sports.

The Governor further expresses his appreciation to the government in achieving peaceful agreement with Brus (Reang) community and on the role played by various NGOs, church communities and the public for the achievement. As a whole, the role played by the hon. Chief Minister is truly remarkable.

It is appreciative that a stabilized administration came into being following achievement of the first election of Shinlung Hills Council. It should be noted that the government is giving all efforts in promoting this Council and the economic condition of its people.

Barely after a year of this ministry, we are beginning to witness a positive outcome of various development steps taken by the government as our economic growth rate rises to 14.82%, which is among the highest states in the country.

The Socio-Economic Development Policy (SEDP) as known to us all is an important programme which concerns development of our state. It has 14 Boards which comprises of Ministers, MLAs, experts and officials of 25 departments. Since majority of our population are engaged in manual labour, emphasize is given on development of labourers.

The government has set up District Level Coordination Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary and Dy. Commissioner in the district level to alleviate the economic condition of our labours by doubling their income by the year 2030. Horticulture is now concentrating on dragon fruits and mandarin orange plantation; we are beginning to have some successful farmers to name with such

farming. It is the aim of our government to provide training to our farmers on the application of scientific method through organic soil.

Likewise, in rural areas, we have a project such as BADP, PMKSY, MSRLM, SPMRM and PMVSY which are all concerns for uplifting the economic condition of rural area.

The development of the state is incomplete without inclusion of the three Autonomous District Councils. Thus, the government efforts to develop these districts on development of education, supply of drinking water, electrification of every household, solar power generation and disposal of garbage is notable.

Under Nationwide Smart Cities Mission, Aizawl city has also been selected with the effort of our able leaders. Likewise, 23 towns have been selected under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) as a model township regarding health. With this programme, we hope to develop Mizoram as the cleanest state in the country.

It is one of the main objectives of the government to explore the talent of our youth with this view; our state has hosted the State Games successfully. Step has also been taken to provide Sports infrastructure and equipment for all concerns which happened to be the result of hosting the States Games. At the same time, it is worth-mentioning that our very own Miss Lalremsiami, Olympian Hockey Player has been awarded “Rising Star of the Year, 2019”; it is truly appreciative that she placed the Mizos in the global sports arena and we truly are proud of her achievement.

It is priority of the government to provide the best health to the people. While this is the case, it is unfortunate that there are many women and children infected by the deathly disease HIV/AIDS. So, the government, in cooperation with various NGOs and voluntary organisations has put intensive effort to this concern so that the disease is eradicated.

Healthcare programme is now in full swing and what is important for the government is to give awareness so that it is benefited by all.

Regarding power supply, it is appreciated that the government is taking initiatives on solar and hydro power generation with the help of various projects and by upgrading the existing.

To improve industrial sector, there is a proposal for reviving ZOHANCO and Industrial Development Board and Entrepreneur Facilitation Centre are being set up under SEDP; the Detailed Project Report (DPR) have already been submitted for approval. We will then set up Integrated Industrial Promotion Centre and the Mizoram Handloom Facilitation Hub so as to promote our industrial sector at a higher level.

Keeping in view of various convenient places for setting up Tourism Hotspot and Tourism Service Industry, we have a lot of work in hand on development of tourism. During 2019, we had 1, 42,352 tourists visiting our state which is higher than that of 2018 by 63%. It seems the number of tourists visiting Mizoram will be increasing every year. For preserving our culture and true identity, it is necessary to organize celebration of our traditional festivals regularly. It is notable that the government is taking initiatives with that respect.

The government, for preservation of our forests is taking various initiatives. As per the record of Public Distribution System, the people receive per-standard food security; it is learned that none of the family in rural or urban area experience starvation at the present situation which indicates that the government is providing enough foods to the people. At the same time, Supply department is making all efforts to provide a sufficient supply of cooking gas to every household; this can be proved by announcement made in every local area on regular basis.

Knowing the objective of Digital India, there is a proposal for setting up Mizoram Telecommunication Infrastructure Policy in order to provide better service to the people. Preparation now is in full swing for improvement of bill payment system of water and electric, improvement of ration card management system and for ILP online portal.

Regarding maintenance of law and order, the performance of our police forces is quite remarkable as even our Governor pointed out in his speech that Mizoram is now deserves to be called "Garden of Peace". Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Coming up next is, hon. Member Pu Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Speaker, I have studied the speech and would like to praise achievement of peace settlement with Brus (Reang) community which is a mention in the Governor's speech. Secondly, it is truly appreciative of the first election of Shinlung Hills Council which had been concluded peacefully.

There is a mention of Miss Lalremsiami, Olympian hockey player who has been honoured with "Rising Star of the Year, 2019". It is truly an honour for her as well as the Mizos as a whole for achieving global recognition in the field of sports. It is the responsibility of the government to give her special attention in settling her future.

The Governor has pointed out that we are now living in a peaceful situation and I do support the opinion as the insurgents who have threatened peace had now vanished. It is our mutual responsibility to maintain the situation for years to come.

Pu Speaker, what comes to mind from my study of the Governor's speech is that there is no specified achievement of the government to be highlighted. So, I hardly find a reason to appreciate the speech.

We have seen the Governor's speech mentioning steps being taken for improvement of our education; while this is the case, it is regretted that establishment of the Southern University Campus is not a mention despite its interesting topic which occupy our newspapers headlines and social medias. So, it is questionable if the government actually has in mind to achieve this Southern University Campus.

Pu Speaker, the term, "step being taken for improvement of power supply" is the words commonly heard but to no avail. Pu Speaker, what our states needs today is reality; Pu Speaker, it is my appeal to this august House that we all rise up and work for achievement of the reality. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next is, hon. Member, Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Unlike the hon. Member who spoke before me, I have many reasons to appreciate the Governor's Speech as it highlighted steps which has already been taken and yet to be taken by the government. It is remarkable that there are various achievements to be highted.

I am delighted for the achievement of peace settlement with Bru refugees who have caused concern for the government and NGOs for 22 years. I truly appreciate the House Leader who believe in "For God and our Land" as a motto. I believe repatriation of Bru refugees back to Tripura will become a remarkable feature in the history of Mizoram.

Secondly, achievement of the govt. in maintaining free and fair election of the first Shinlung Hills Council is worth-appreciating. Hopefully, the people will now be able to receive development through proper channel.

Pu Speaker, the policy on self-sufficiency through SEDP also is worth-mentioning. Apart from this, we have even learned about increase of our economic growth rate by 14.85%. We are among the fastest increasing states which truly deserves a mention.

Besides the aforementioned points, there are many other plans being carried out such as Smart City Mission programme in which Aizawl has also been selected plus the same in 23 urban notified towns and the Mizoram State Games which was held last year successfully.

Going back to SEDP, the previous ministry was able to allocate budget provision for NLUP only after 2 years of its term whereas under this ministry, we are able to allocate 750 crores for SEDP barely in the first year of the term indicating efficiency of our leaders compares to the previous ministry.

Again, Pu Speaker, it is worth-mentioning that under the Healthcare scheme, a provision of 2 lakh is allotted at the expense of each family and more than 800 new

teachers are recruited under SEDP, numbers of tourist visiting our state during 2019 is increased by 63% compares to the previous year, strengthening of the police forces etc. etc. There are many points yet to be mentioned but I have to end here due to limit of time. Thank you.

*(Dy. Speaker at the Chair)*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, Lalrindika Ralte.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Speaker today is set for discussion on Motion of Thanks. There may be some reasons to be thankful to the Governor's speech but we have to keep in mind of other things as well. Issues such as transparency and the practice of corruption are reiterated but what borders the mind is our Treasury which allegedly is now almost empty. The general people could predict the financial strain for the state has no financial sources of its own. While this is the case, I am afraid the people are given so much hope for the future which will not become reality. We have seen the Governor statement which goes. .... (**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You should ask for permission of the Chair to read out.) With your permission, Pu Dy. Speaker, it goes, "I am hopeful that with your clear vision and tireless efforts towards making Mizoram a model state of peace and progress; it is desirable if the government leads the people towards reality instead of hopeless dreams. If we truly are concern of corruption, why not deal with it while in power.

Agriculture, I do not think it is appropriate for the government to instil in the minds of the people to attain self-sufficiency without labour. for we have learned from the Bible that God creates human beings to work for his life, and it is not his plan to gain any profit without labour. Thus, we should encourage the people to work hard instead of showing an easy means on any of agricultural or industrial business for success without labour.

Para 17, is regarding development of industries and I opine it is better for the government to not directly involve and leave it to privates for it is difficult for the government to achieve, as problem of raw materials and transportation in remote state like ours. If we have to do so, we may only deal with revenue from some private businesses.

Regarding repatriation of Bru refugees, achievement have been made by the government. But the plan has been initiated by the previous ministry. The fact is known by the hon. Minister of P&E who was the then home minister at that time.

Regarding economic growth mentioned in the Governor speech, it has increase by a remarkable percentage of 14.82%. As per the list given by the Business Today, the highest states during 2018-19 were West Bengal with 12.588% and followed by Bihar and Telangana. Thus, the statement is doubtful as our state is shown higher than those of the three highest states. I opine it is appropriate for the government to have courage of showing our actual condition to the people. (**DEPUTY SPEAKER:**

Your time is up.), I have to conclude my speech. The reason to be thankful and not to be thankful to the Governor's speech is of 50/50.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA :** Pu Speaker, I too have studied the Governor's Speech as far as I could and found not many reasons to appreciate. Generally, the speech highlighted achievements of the government and its visions but it seems to have no sense of self-assurance. Comparing with the Governor's speech of the previous term, one can notice self-confidence and courageous moves in the previous one but this is absolutely different.

We have seen in para 3 of the speech regarding self-sufficiency in foods and plans for the best use of our bamboos but the wording which is exactly the same with that of the previous speech. So, I opine the speech loss sense of inspiration.

Likewise, at para 18 of Tourism Department, it is pointed out that the number of tourists visiting Mizoram during 2019 as 1,42,353 with increase percent of 63%. If we put the percent in figure, it is increased by 74,674 which mean we had 390 visitors every day and I find it hard to believe. I wonder in which places such visitors got their accommodation for we have only 2 tourists' accommodations at present. Thus, I am afraid this speech has no truth in it. It is further regretted that the speech hardly contain plan for improvement of power supply which is regarded as our No.1 need.

As stated by my fellow members before me, the point given on improvement of agriculture seems to me is an imitation of the central BJP. It may be noted that the central, with a plan for improvement of farmers allocated ₹25 crore as a consequence of the plan. As for this government, there is no provision being made for the same plan. We have a committee being set up for this policy with the Chief Secretary as its Chairman; I wonder how the Chairman will proceed without any provision being allotted for the plan.

Last year, we have heard from the words of our Governor here in this very House that measures will be taken for the maintenance of Mizoram Household register to safeguard the interest of the citizens living in the border areas and other part of the state. Accordingly, the hon. Minister has laid the Bill to this concern for approval of the Governor yet, he, himself could not give the assent till today which further indicate our lack of efficiency. Thus, I find no reason to appreciate on the Governor's speech.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I opine the Governor Speech is too short to include many important initiatives of the government such as PAHOSS scheme, Bamboo Plantation and the globally concerned Climate Change which unfortunately are not a mention in the speech. Likewise, the Mizos reunification which happened to be concerned by

all Mizos, setting up of Mizoram University Southern Campus and implementation of the three newly districts too are not a mention.

Likewise, the Mizoram Subordinate Service Selection Board which had been proposed to relief excessive work-load of MPSC remains unsettled till today. This seriously impedes the development as there are numbers of recruitment to be made.

Since it is from the Governor's Speech that we usually learn the performance of the government, but it is difficult in this government to make out as to what extent we have to rely upon the government; I opine there is hardly anything to expect in the whole context. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, Pu BD Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA :** Pu Dy. Speaker, to start with the para 3 of the Governor's Speech, let me read it out the line which goes, "Govt. of Mizoram is committed to provide efficient, responsible, accountable and transparent administration at all levels of government". This is confusing as there is no transparency in this government. Taking Chawngte RD Block as an example, there are people who had not received the scheme despite their being No. 1 or else in the beneficiary list. Likewise, discrimination is existed even in the farmers who are selected to receive assistance as per the central scheme in which only the ruling party members are selected.

Regarding a reiterated issue of bamboo industry, the hon. Minister has often approached the central to that effect but nothing comes out as a result as to how it will be harvested, in which geographical area the plantation should be done, if there is a prospect for its marketing and how the products will be utilized.

At para 6, our economic growth rate is determined as 14.82%; I opine it is doubtful and so is the Mizoram Economic Survey.

Regarding SEDP which is a mention at para 7, there are 14 nos. Boards being set up under the chairmanship of each concerned Minister and MLA from Ruling party as Vice-Chairman with the rank of Parliamentary Secretary; I do not understand for what purpose they are established since no work is allotted under SEDP. Apart from this, it is not clearly specified how much from 750 crore allocated under SEDP will be spent for the benefit of the people and the individuals.

At para 8, Pu Dy. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to refer the Governor's speech which states, "To alleviate the problems faced by our farmers, my government set up the State and District Level Coordination Committees for doubling farmers income by 2020". I wonder how this should be achieved and I opine it is impossible under SEDP.

I am glad that we have seen about Autonomous District Councils at para 10. Taking CADC as a reference, the budget had been laid with a deficit of 11.95 crore rupees but the ruling MNF Executive Committee does not stop recruitment and creation of new jobs. I am afraid our deficit this year will rise up above 50 crores. So, Pu Speaker, it is necessary for the state government to take control of their administration to prevent mismanagement of Budget. I do not know the condition of MADC and LADC, but confirmed that CADC has 93% of their budget as salary and only 7% for development works.

Regarding the Total Literacy Drive as mentioned at para 12 of the Governor's speech, Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to refer the speech with your permission "Among my government's top-priority it is to provide excellent primary healthcare to all the state's citizens especially those of young mothers and children in rural areas". I find this appreciative and hope for the success. At the same time, I would like to suggest the government of implementing *Abhyan Bharat* under which 5 crore rupees is made available to each family for medical treatment; yet, I do appreciate the provision of 2 crore rupees provided under healthcare scheme.

Para 18 of the Governor's speech stated that importance as being given to Art & Culture. At the same time, I would like to make an appeal to the House regarding provision which is made only for the celebration of Chapchar Kut whereas there are a separate traditional festival observes by the sub-tribes such as Lai, Mara and Chakmas. So, I request the hon. Minister of Art & Culture to also make lumpsum provision to the said sub-tribes for the celebration of their respective traditional festivals.

We also have seen at para 20 of the Governor's speech which states, "My government aims to realize the vision of the Digital India programme in the state and the Mizoram Telecom Infrastructure Policy which is soon to be introduced to ensure better services for consumers"; I find this policy appreciative as people in remote places are now able to use the facility which have been improved. Yet, it is regretted that important initiatives of the central such as *Abhyan Bharat* and *Swachh Bharat* are not mentioned in the Governor's speech.

Lastly, the Governor seems to forget the portfolios of one hon. Minister since important issues of his departments such as MLCP Act and Social welfare are not mentioned. Likewise, the government initiatives on roads, bridges and highways too are missed out. Thus, I find that, the Governor's speech is hard to appreciate. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Only 3 minutes left. Alright, we will now take a break till 2:00 PM.

**2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu F. Lalnunmawia, the hon. Member from Aizawl South-II Constituency.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, as I have studied the Governor's speech and I find many points which deserves appreciation as it concerns many developments of the government.

First, the speech highlighted the main concern of our government that is road communication which may be included in the infrastructure development. It is truly appreciative that improvement of road is in full swing under this government.

The speech further highlighted plan which have been made and yet to be made. As known to us all, SEDP has its extensive coverage with holistic development as the main objective. It concerns not only distribution of funds but also uplifting the economic conditions of poor labourers. At the same time, development of healthcare is one of the main objectives of SEDP and we are truly fortunate today for being able to enjoy fund provision of 2 lakh rupees each by a person under healthcare scheme. At the same time, it is truly appreciated that the problem of shortage of doctor at PHCs especially in rural areas has now been resolved. Likewise, initiative has also been made for shortage of other staff such as nurses and health-workers.

Pu Speaker, it is appreciative that one of the main concerns of our Govt. is Development of Manpower. The Governor's speech has also mentioned that MYC too has made initiative in paving the future of our youths for reliable career. While this is the case, it is sad to learn from the Governor's speech that of our high-ranking status in HIV/AIDS. I opine it is intensive for the concerned department to give more efforts and invite more supports of our NGOs to fight back this deadly disease which invades our society.

Last, but not the least, I appreciate the celebration of our traditional festival which is mentioned in the Governor's speech as this festival is an important mean of our unity as the Mizo tribes as it is celebrated around the globe. At the same time, I do hope the initiative under SEDP for development of Agriculture, Horticulture and AH & Veterinary will bring us a favourable result for the future. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, hon. Member, Dr. K. Pachhunga.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, the term, 'development' in the Governor's speech signifies various achievements of the government which could not be specified in detail due to limit of time. I would like to mention the point which emphasizes repatriation of Brus refugees which has been achieved after a long struggle of 22 years. It is an issue which destroy our reputation as a Mizo society since these refugees wrongly framed us as forcing them out of Mizoram. It is truly appreciated that the problem has now been resolved through peaceful means with the efforts of

the hon. Chief Minister, the students' leaders and NGOs. This truly is an achievement of the government and a milestone in the history of Mizoram.

While this is the case, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is unfortunate to learn that our state has topped the list of HIV/AIDS infection the fact which spoils our reputation as a society. I opine this is a problem which needs common effort of all political parties, all churches and NGOs as a society instead of blaming each other for the cause. After providing free access to liquors during the last term, the government, this ministry, condemned selling of liquors as it is the main reason for increase of HIV infection among the Mizos, immediately reintroduced total prohibition of liquors in Mizoram. and takes alternative measures by concentrating on sports. In the process, the State Games was organized covering participants from the whole state which consequently yields positive results among the youths. The State Games was truly an achievement.

Besides, Pu Dy. Speaker, it is truly remarkable that the hon. Chief Minister in cooperation with the hon. Minister of Education, in an effort to reform our education system makes 800 newly recruitments through SEDP. The Governor's speech thus truly deserves appreciation for mentioning these points.

Another achievement which is not mentioned specifically is establishment of MZU Southern Campus; thanks to the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister, the hon. Minister, Higher & Technical Deptt., the Students' Welfare and Coordination Committee of various NGOs of Lunglei, an approval has already been obtained on 17.1.2020. This is a development not only for students of southern area, but the entire students in the country depending on the subjects opted. Even when Look East policy is achieved, this university will attract foreign students as well which will then be able to generate more employments for upcoming youth.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it may be noted that increase of our govt. economy by 14.8% is due to the road connectivity initiated under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister, effort is made so that we may be able to make the best through SEDP. In fact, initiative of the government on road communication in the first year of this ministry is well-appreciated by all. As a whole, our Governor's speech is appreciative. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next, is, hon. Member, Pu Zodintluanga.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Dy. Speaker, we are now discussing Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Speech moved by the hon. Member. My first impression is that most of the words of praise on the performance of the government are of the repetition of the previous speech indicating enough importance have not been given in preparing the Governor's speech. Likewise, on the celebration of the Republic Day, the Governor highlighted government achievement of the previous ministry since no performance of the present ministry is yet to be mentioned except the ongoing projects which had been initiated in the previous ministry.

Regarding transparent administration governance pointed out by the Governor, I doubt if the speech was properly edited, since it is not practiced in the recruitment of recent jobs. Soon after the MNF party assumed the ministry, the authorities of MPSC for recruitment of Group B employee and below have been divested. Apart from this, the Engineer-in-Chief of PWD have been authorised for issue of advertisement for recruitment of a regular post of nos.50. Thus, Pu Dy. Speaker, we no longer have a Public Service Commission which is reliable for job-seeking youths; studying has now become meaningless as so is hard-work since the system of MPSC is manipulated as per the desire of one political party.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have also learned from the Governor's speech regarding infrastructure goods. Despite the abundant resource of our domestic bamboos, the flagship programme of ruling MNF ministry is processing bamboos from non-domestic but imported ones such as *brandisii* which is quite conflicting with the main objective.

As we have learned from the Governor's speech, it is quite appreciative that the first election of Shinlung Hill Council is concluded peacefully. We have experienced disturbances during the 10 years term of the previous MNF ministry and when the Congress party came into power, the then Home Minister had made so much efforts in prevailing peace in our state; he had approached anyone who were concerned for peace and held talked; he was always ready to bow down before anyone if it should cost peace which eventually brought a peaceful election of Shinlung Hill Council.

Regarding our economic growth which is stated in the Governor's speech as increasing at 14.82%, I request the detail explanation as to why and how it is growth. Pu Dy. Speaker, there is a sustainable development goal of UN under which Mizoram ranked the highest in achievement of the programme in 2018. However, in 2019, our status as per SDG becomes considerably low. DoNER Secretary when he visited Mizoram in February, 2020 had even emphasizes decrease of our SDG and the need to put more efforts in this regard. This is our economic condition and so it is important that the report claiming increase at 14.8% needs clarification.

Regarding the point mentioned on SEDP, I find the Governor hardly have anything to say except formation of 14 nos. Boards and its allied department of 25 nos. Which only costs huge amount of expenditure to the government; it is learned that the government has an expenditure of 2.22 crore at the cost of such Boards within the short period of its term. Apart from this, 1.32 crores go to salary and 1.19 crores to office expenditure which compels one to determine the works of such Boards, so as to cause such huge expenditure. I wonder for what purpose huge amount of funds we have passed in the previous ministry were spent as no performance have to be seen. It is sad indeed, Pu Dy. Speaker. While this is the case, Dr. K. Beichhua, hon. Minister expresses his confidence before the Press to fulfil their party's election manifesto of 3 lakh provision within a short time while some members claim the reverse. Since he is the only member claiming the possibility, I

opine he deserve to keep his ministership even in the half-term reshuffling of this ministry.

Pu Dy. Speaker, para 8 of the Speech further emphasises plan for doubling the farmers' income yet I opine it is doubtful since the farmers are just beginning to clear-off the forest for their plantations. I wonder how their harvest could be doubled or else the areas selected are doubled in size. Pu Dy. Speaker, how can the government declare such kind of presumptuous plan? Within the same topic, we have seen the government plan of enhancing organic farming. I find this conflicting; the department on the other hand recommended 132 nos. new licenses for supply of *Urea*, a chemical soil in addition to the existing supplies of 15 nos. It only indicates lack of reality plan in this government. At the same time, I opine it is unnecessary to highlight in the Governor's speech schemes such as BADP, PMKSY, MRLM and MPGSY for they are of centrally sponsored schemes which will come in the ministry of any political party.

Regarding development of Autonomous Councils as mentioned in the speech, nothing is specified except renewable power energy and supply of drinking water which are of the ongoing projects under NABARD.

We have seen at para 11 regarding Aizawl Smart City and I truly appreciate achievement of the plan which had been initiated during the previous ministry.

Pu Dy. Speaker, Industrial Promotion Centre also is a mention at para 17. While this is the case, there is rumour of our industrial centre as being proposed to allot to some privates and for that measurement as being taken by surveyors. If this is a fact, it is quite conflicting with the govt. policy of promoting our industries. Thus, it is my humble request to the government not to give away the said land to privates. At the same time, it is questionable if there is a fact in the statements made on our industrial achievement, policy, programme and a vision in the Governor's speech.

Last, but not the least, it is regretted that matter regarding Southern University Campus is not a mention in the Governor's speech despite hopes of the concerned people for immediate functioning. I wonder if the importance is ignored for it is the initiative of Pu R. Lalthangliana, the hon. Minister as he himself had even pointed out this morning in Question Hour the difficulty of availing permission for MR employment for his department the same which is easily availed for Education Department. I believe there is a reason behind exclusion of Southern University Campus in the Governor's speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga is next.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, there are many reasons to appreciate the Governor's speech particularly for pointing out attainment of peace in our state and prohibition of liquors. It is truly appreciative that the problem of Brus infiltration has

now been settled through peaceful mean and with the efforts of the hon. House Leader.

With scarcity of job and relatively increase of unemployment among the youth, it is remarkable that the government is able to maintain transparency as in the recruitment of MR Grade-IV and teachers which had been achieved without any political inclination. In regard to development of our education system, efforts made by the hon. Chief Minister and the hon. Minister of Higher & Technical Deptt. are well-appreciated. With their initiatives, our college students are now beginning to enjoy development infrastructure as many colleges are relocated at the outskirts of the city to bring about free atmosphere for the students.

It is indeed an achievement of the government that Aizawl is selected among the Smart Cities. In the meantime, I would like to extend my appreciation to the hon. Minister for Sports for achieving various developments in sports; and much as well, I thank him for the plan to set up a standard football stadium within my constituency indicating his true concern for the welfare of our youths.

*(Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Chairman takes the Chair.)*

**CHAIRMAN** : Next is, hon. Member, Pu VL Zaithanzama.

**PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA:** Pu Chairman, as we discuss *Motion of Thanks* on the Governor Speech, I would also like to express my appreciation on a peaceful election being held on Shinlung Hill Council election, peace settlement with Bru refugees and credit given to Miss Lalremsiami, our Olympian in the Governor speech. However, if we examine the speech point by point, there are many achievements worth-mentioning which are not included such as fund provision of 3 lakh to each household etc. But instead, we have started with setting up of 14 Nos. Boards for implementing SEDP under which most of the ruling members are assigned as Board Chairman consume huge portion of development funds.

At para 8, we have seen regarding Horticulture and Agriculture in which plantation of mandarin and dragon fruit are emphasized. We once introduced plantation of teak and tung-oil tree but we have abandoned shortly. Concentration should have been given to gingers the production rest assured. Whereas irrigation and agriculture marketing though important means for development of the farmers but were not a mention in the speech. At the same time, I opine it is high time for us to formulate rules which concern protection of converting our land pass to a house pass.

As of the State Games which also is a mention in the speech, I find nothing to appreciate as it was arranged in haste and without much time for preparation yet incurring huge expenditure. Pu Chairman, if those members on your right should tell their true opinion on that game, none would like to be held regularly during their

term as MLA; it is further learned that the concerned department have not cleared up the expenses till today.

Regarding healthcare scheme, though a mention in the speech but incomplete as it is not accessible to BPL family as yet. Thus, I opine it is too early to give our appreciation on the plan.

We have seen at para 15 plans for development of power supply and is listed at No. 5 of the election manifesto of MNF party that effort will be made on hydro and solar power generation. However, the speech does not specify as to which process power supply will be developed. Even if there is a plan to revive Tuivai project, it is desirable if the work is not assigned to NEEPCO; we should be alerted of losing our belongings to some companies by profiting just 12% of the production.

Regarding the project of Smart City, intensive effort is being made in certain localities but none has yet been done for the plan at Upper Khatla. Pu Chairman, what occupy my thought regarding this project is, 'if Smart City plan will actually be achieved'. In my opinion, Aizawl needs master plan in order to have a smart city. Not to mention of Aizawl city, even the New Capital Complex does not have a master plan till today.

For the last point, we have seen regarding HIV/AIDS at no. 14 of the speech pointing out steps taken by the government to combat this deadly disease. But right from the start, we seem too busy with changing of De-addiction Centre of Sethawn by a new name 'Jordan Centre'. Pu Chairman, I wonder what is the benefit of having a new name. The truth is, nothing can be completed in the state which some people called it, 'Garden of Peace'.

**CHAIRMAN** : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo, hon. Member is next.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Chairman, the hon. Member who spoke before me criticized changing of name and I think we need to remind ourselves teaching of the Bible to rejoice with the rejoicing and to weep with the weeping.

As I studied the Governor speech last night, the thing which drawn my attention is an ideal setting of the speech which starts with efforts made by the government with the hope of prevailing peace in our state. It is truly appreciative whereas there are some parties who had moved forwards without issue base and appropriate vision.

Secondly, I would like to praise the government for confidently declaring the plan to bring about transparency in dealing of the official works, a policy of self-sufficiency in food-stuff and development of communications. The reality can now be seen from improvement of roads within my constituency. There are many points yet to be mentioned such as on sports, skill developments and industry but could not be given in detail due to limit of time.

Another point which cannot be missed out is regarding attainment of peace settlement with Bru (Reang) the people which caused a headache for our government for more than 2 decades. This achievement is truly appreciative particularly for my constituency in which about 848 Bru voters are there. As a representative of this constituency, it is a relief that step has been taken for exclusion of such voters from our state's electoral roll.

Likewise, after a couple of futile agreements with PHC, it is truly appreciative that this government is able to conclude a peaceful election of Shinlung Hill Council which truly a remarkable achievement.

At para 8, we have seen plan to alleviate condition of the farmers in which district level committees are established. The main objective of these committees is to promote the farmers and increase their productions by means of double cropping system. Regarding fertilizer dealership, I believe the hon. Member of Thorang constituency is misinformed as none of the dealership has been appointed but the hon. Chief Minister is proposing 1.23 crore rupees for the establishment bio-fertilizer unit laboratory by means of SEDP.

As seen in para 12, it is appreciating that literacy drive is in full swing in various districts under the Special Eradication of Illiteracy Project in order to attain the highest position in literacy. At the same time, the same drive is carried out to provide quality education to disabled that truly is remarkable. As known to us all, the previous ministry assured us quality education to the students but what had been done during their 10 years term was rescheduling the school timing. While that is the case, it is remarkable that this ministry is driving our education system in parallel with our custom and religion.

At para 14, there is a mention of healthcare scheme which will be restarted with a more developed and satisfactory. It is appreciative that this government headed by the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga has now provided a much-improved provision which may be benefitted by all levels of the society.

From para 17, we have learned that the government have a plan to revive ZOHANCO which had been terminated by the previous ministry by offering compulsory retirement to all concerned staffs. It has now been restarted through SEDP by forming Industrial Development Board for setting up Entrepreneur Facilitation Centre, Integrated Industrial Promotion Centre and Mizoram Handloom facilitation Hub. We now have 22 nos. Extension Officer posts which was once reduced to a single post in the previous ministry. Thus, the Governor speech indicates that this government is truly an ideal parent for our industries. (**Chairman:** You have 1 minute left.)

In the previous ministry, we had experienced various problems on LPG like scarcity of the supply, excessive rate and underweight cylinder which all has now comes to end through the strong leadership of the hon. Chief Minister.

It is also appreciative of the Governor speech in highlighting the effort of our police forces in maintaining peace in our state which deserved a name 'the garden of peace'. At the same time, we have seen various steps taken by the government for development of the Autonomous Council areas which truly is appreciative.

With the aforementioned points, Pu Chairman, I express my support on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor speech. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN** : Next is, hon. Member Pu L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA:** Pu Chairman, most of the points have already been mentioned, yet, I would like to emphasize in between the lines which are not put in written.

From the light of the Governor speech, performance of the government which I opine as much appreciative is resumption of the projects which have been initiated in the previous ministry and not bothering in renaming or shifting any projects or places which had already been decided. The cabinet has even prohibited such kind of practices in this ministry.

Apart from this, the point which deserves reiterating is a responsible and accountable government that we now have since it is a common practice in the previous ministries of blaming the officials or other parties on any of an unfavourable outcome.

At para 20, we have seen regarding initiatives of the government for achievement of the Digital India Programme, our office system is expected to change for good very shortly through this programme. Likewise, the phase of every locality is about to be changed with improvement of internal roads under this new ministry. *(Hon. Speaker takes the Chair)* Thus, I have nothing more to say than support to this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Next is, hon. Member, Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have grouped points I have to say in two such as Governance and the Economic Programme.

At the outset, the speech indicates good leaders that we have and a speedy progress of our state since then. I do accept the statement wholeheartedly as we are beginning to witness a peaceful atmosphere under the leadership of our hon. Chief Minister. I am glad that a government which concerns the poor and prioritizing good governance is in action. This further indicates transparency and efficiency in the government. Besides, efficiency of this government can be seen from development of road communication running at a fast pace.

To mention personality of each of our Ministers as well as the Members, it is appreciated that none seem to have unfavourable past relating to corruption practice. I am glad that we are having an accountable and responsive government for the people and the most craved system worldwide i.e. good governance will also be implemented. As already pointed out by various Members, it is a gratifying that the government achievement peace settlement with Bru (Reang) which has been a problem for our state for long 20 years and the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister to that effect is truly remarkable. Likewise, under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister that we are able to conclude the first Shinlung Hill Council election under a peaceful situation. Our state having a good dialogue and cooperation with NGOs and churches able to achieve peace in dealing with the aforesaid issues of Brus and Shinlung Hill Council which truly is appreciated.

One thing which is a must for development of a State is digital technology. With a view of the importance, it is gratifying that the government takes its step for promoting e-office through Digital India Programme and The Mizoram Telecom Infrastructure Policy which will ensure the general public a more convenient management system for payment of bills, ration card application, traffic challan and online ILP portal etc. Besides, this digital technology will also help the government in preventing the practice of corruption which will further ensure transparency in the government.

Certain Members expresses their doubt on the increase of our economic growth by 14.82% and it may be noted in this connection that NLUP fund of 5,000 crores had also been utilised in the previous ministry and the achievement we have to see also could partly be the result of such expenditures as well.

Pu Speaker, SEDP as stated is a holistic approach that concern micro-development to macro-development whereas NLUP of the previous ministry was of micro-development benefitted by each household in small amount. With the execution of SEDP, we have a favourable healthcare system, a favourable road communication, PAHOSS scheme etc. which may be noted by each of our people. A development work does not mean a small amount of fund being distributed in each family but should be a sustainable and long-lasting development.

Another important thing which appears in the Governor speech are the programme for improvement of agriculture and horticulture, youth's empowerment through the Mizoram Youth Commission, Education Investment Programme, skill and entrepreneurship development. I strongly believe that our youths will soon be put under control through the aforementioned programmes. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Coming up next is, hon. Member, Dr. Vanlalhlana.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA:** Pu Speaker, the Governor's speech delivered yesterday was rather smooth which can be divided into 11 points.

First, there is a mention of *transparency and accountable government* as being set up; yet, it is doubtful since answer to my question during last year's session could not be given within the stipulated time. The question was of alleged misappropriation in one particular department on which no action taken till today indicating lack of accountability in the government. As seen in the newspapers, Pu Speaker, numbers of new recruitment will be made in the near future in which transparency and accountability in the government will be reiterated in the process then we will see if it is executed practically.

Secondly, we have seen the wording 'a profitable industrial activity' in the speech. In this connection, I am deeply hurt by the practice of favouritism in the process in which those applicants who are applying only for the fund provision wear selected instead of those working practically. I opine it is utmost important to sort out this problem.

Regarding a mention of peace settlement with Brus, I appreciate effort made by our government, the central and the govt. of Tripura as well, our NGOs. Likewise, step taken for improvement of skill development is appreciative as we all have high expectation for the achievement. As of plan to double the farmers' income, I opine it is a courageous step of our government to implement it by 2020 whereas the central has the plan to implement the same only by 2022. I opine it is difficult for the government to double the farmers' income as we all have learned that our budget on agriculture this year decreased by 23% whereas the same in the central budget increased by 2.9%. Also, Pu Speaker, we are anxious to know the strategy of this plan for which our Chief Secretary and concerned DC are given the charge to execute the work.

Point No. 10 concerns improvement of education infrastructure. As we are expecting to see improvement in overall students' enrolment with recruitment of number of newly teachers, it is sad to learn from the latest economic survey that number of student enrolment in Higher Secondary, High School and Middle School and even the total number of male and female are exactly the same with that of last year. It is therefore doubtful that our schools are well-attended by the government. Pu Speaker, I appeal to all members concern to bear true sense of the need to improve our education system in order to alleviate the economic condition of poor people. To that effect, we expect to see a sufficient budget amount on Education Deptt. Which will be laid tomorrow?

At para 11, we have seen plan to transform Aizawl into the cleanest city in the country despite our drainage filled with various waste materials. I daresay our dreams of transforming Aizawl city to the country's cleanest city are yet a far-fetched in the present situation. In order to achieve those dreams, what is important first is covering our rivers from mountains to valleys so that they are not polluted with waste materials and that we may be able to have clean rivers with clean city.

We have seen at para 13 regarding Sports & Youth Service. I appreciate the working atmosphere of this directorate office and that the staffs always attend any customers with politeness. Besides, I do appreciate remarkable achievement of Miss Lalremsiami, our Olympian hockey player.

At para 17, there is a mention of the proposal for reviving ZOHANDCO; I am afraid it is again collapse unless it is setup with appropriate administration. In the process of making appointment, it is important for the government to exercise its power so that priority is given to professional than that of political appointment. In this regard, I would like mention that I am ready to watch any development in the process.

Regarding increase of tourists visiting Mizoram, there is a question of which countries such tourists are from. It is unbelievable to witness such increases despite the budget allocation to the department decreased by 24%. The celebration of our *Zo Kutpui* is widely publicized in the media and many of our fellow *Zo hnahthlak* are invited to attend the programme. But the problem is, some invitees have not been declared officially as of scheduled tribe as some even claimed they are being manipulated only for the success of the programme. So, our system needs to be examined more carefully.

We have seen at para 19 regarding Public Distribution System of LPG. Being consumers' welfare member in the previous years, I have to point out that there are many problems which need to be sorted out and the courage of the government to do so. That is, available of LPG on black market particularly in rural towns and this problem need immediate attention of the government.

Pu Speaker, our state is often claimed by some members as of the most peaceful state in the country which unfortunately is not so. The effort of our police forces is appreciative but we are not the best in crime per capita as per report of the National Crime Record Bureau, 2018.

Regarding plan to construct a multi-storeyed road within Aizawl city, I incidentally met with the hon. Chief Minister and the hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia at Mizoram House, New Delhi on an important programme to attend; I was told of their plan which will cover Chanmari to Kulikawn the same which I put in the record.

Lastly, regarding growth of our GSDP which is said to be increased by 14.82%, I appreciate it happens and I cannot imagine at what stage we will be even after fulfilling 3 lakh provisions to each household. If we search in google of our current status, GSDP is shown as per current price which should be shown as per constant price i.e. 9%. Accordingly, it is stated in the Governor's speech as 14.82% which deceive not only the people of Mizoram but worldwide. This is absolutely of incorrect GSDP report, Pu Speaker and the government should admit the same to the people.

The government is deceiving the people by means of false report which is deeply regretted.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member, Pu KT Rokhaw is next.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I, first of all would like to express my appreciation for the achievement of peace settlement with Brus which brought us problems for decades. I thank the government, NGOs and various churches for their efforts in the process. In relation to this, I regret for not hearing any point as to how protect our boundary from foreigners' infiltration on Bangladesh side. So, it is questionable if the government truly concern for this problem.

Regarding SEDP, we had learned from hon. Governor's speech of the previous year that 750 crores being allotted and we expect some portions for the benefit of every household. Yet, nothing is seen except setting up of 14 Boards. It was due to commitment of 3 lakh provision that MNF came into power but nothing is done even after completion of one year of this term.

Regarding HIV case in Mizoram, it is pointed out by the hon. Health Minister that we have more than 20,000 of HIV cases which means 9 new positive cases being discovered every day. If that is the case, the Governor's speech should have highlighted steps taken by the government in this regard as of how many test centres being set up and if there is a need to increase manpower.

Regarding the State Games, I appreciate the programme as participants from my constituency, though remote in location took home 2 gold medals. Yet, what I would like to mention in this regard is enough time not being given for selection of participants. So, anyone who are interested came expecting TA/DA from their MLAs and we were compelled to bear the cost for fear of vote in the next election. What I would like to suggest for the next game is giving more times for preparation and selection of participants.

Last, but not the least, I would like to express my appreciation to the point that our state's development is not completed without developing the Autonomous District Councils. The government accordingly put intensive efforts by improving supply of water and electricity in such areas which truly is appreciative. At the same time, I would like to urge the government on the need to enhance financial and executive power of the District Council so as to alleviate burden of the state government. For that, approach has now been made to the central authority and it will be much appreciated if our government also give it support and recommend for the same so that it is achieved.

Pu Speaker, I regret for not seeing step taken for setting up Southern University Campus which is regarded by people of the southern region as an important matter. The question is, if the government truly concern for this initiative. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Next is hon. Member, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA:** Pu Speaker, I, at the outset would like to express my appreciation to the Governor's speech for highlighting plans and initiatives of the government.

Regarding criticism on the speech for not including some initiatives of the government, it may be noted that there is no time to mention each and every detail for there are many works which have been taken up within this short period of time. It may be suggestive the next time that the speech may be published in book form so that each and every point is included.

First, I appreciate the government for making a milestone for Mizoram within a short span of this ministry. Though this ministry is barely a year old at present, the working season is approximately 5 or 6 months only as the rest is occupied by MP election and Bye-election. Even so, it is notable that various initiatives have been made by the government within this short period of time.

Most of the members had pointed out their opinion on healthcare scheme as there are none in the country that excel Mizoram in the implementation of this project. Certain members criticised the implementation of ABPMJYs Golden Card that Mizoram as ineligible; it may be noted that it is applicable in every private hospital. It is also criticized by some members that utilization of SEDP funds as yet unseen. In this regard, it may be noted that the hon. Chief Minister has kept 50 crore rupees as corpus fund of healthcare scheme and 20 crores for general purpose. Truly speaking, healthcare scheme is initiated during the previous MNF ministry in 2008. Since then, no fund provision had been made for this scheme under the next ministry of congress party and the only fund provision is of 150 crore which had been received from Asian Development Bank during MNF ministry.

Pu Speaker, Health & Family Welfare concern with one of the 14 Boards set up for the implementation of SEDP which happened to be the most remarkable achievement of this government through the efforts of the hon. Chief Minister and hon. Health Minister. At the same time, I am proud to announce in this House that as on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2019, Mizoram ranked no. 1 (in terms of health) amongst the small states in the country. Besides, The India Today (2<sup>nd</sup> December issue) listed Mizoram as of the most improved small state in implementing healthcare scheme and IMI rate of our state has decreased from 27 to 15. Apart from these achievements, it is a great pleasure to learn that 500 crores for the establishment of Super Speciality Cancer Hospital and 480 crores for improvement of RIPANS are in process. All the aforementioned points indicate this ministry is not wasting even this short period of term but continuously works for development of our state.

Another thing which is worth-mentioning is promotion to 87 Health Supervisors and recruitment of new doctor and were posted to the newly districts such as Hnahthial, Saitual and Khawzawl. We even have a plan for upgradation of

the entire Health sub-Centre to Health Wellness Centre by the year 2022 in which B. Sc Nursing will be posted. At present, we have more than 50 nos. B. Sc Nursing posted in various places and the others 59 nos. on training. Despite financial problem, the government has given all possible efforts on maintenance of ZMC as our deficiency on faculty which was once 20 is now reduced to 15. Likewise, a new hostel and other buildings had also been constructed. Initiative has also been made under the hon. Health Minister for construction of more ICUs at the district hospitals and Synod hospital of Durtlang.

For all the aforementioned points, we better not criticize initiatives of the government but waiting for the outcomes quietly.

Despite the limit of our time, I have an urge to mention regarding improvement of road communication under this ministry within a short span of time. Pu Speaker, a journey to Champhai has now taken 6 hours only and 4 hours to Lunglei; the same will soon be done to Siaha route as well. As of setting up of 14 nos. Boards, we must know that it takes times to collect the material requirements which are necessary prior to construction of any building. So, we better wait patiently for a favourable outcome. (**SPEAKER:** The time now is 4; Should we continue with our discussion? ..... If so, you may continue with your point.) There is nothing much to say on Southern University Campus except that it is of a remarkable achievement as so are initiatives on tourism, NITI Aayog, sports, environment etc.

In short, the Governor's speech is reliable and we therefore have to appreciate and support this Motion of Thanks moved by our fellow Member. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We will now take a recess for half an hour and will continue with our discussion at 4:30 pm.

#### **4:30 PM**

**SPEAKER** : To start with our evening session, I call upon Pu C. Lalmuanpuia, the hon. Member to have his time.

**PU C. LALMUANPUIA:** Pu Speaker, I am delighted to see the speech that indicates the Governor's confidence in the ministry headed by Pu Zoramthanga, hon. Chief Minister.

As stated by other hon. Members as well, it is truly appreciative that under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister, we are able to achieve peace settlement with *Brus* which caused a headache to the government for more than two decades. At the same time, I opine the leaders of our churches and NGOs deserved the same credit for this achievement. It seems they are going to settle in Tripura and so is much desirable that they settled there permanently.

Likewise, we have seen at point no. 5 regarding Shinlung Hill Council election which had been concluded peacefully. I congratulate the people and the elected leaders for achieving a separate administration for development of the area. The area which many had been termed as 'dark region' is now becoming the gateway to our state with the ongoing plan for construction of bridge between Manipur and Mizoram via Vervek. Likewise, road approaching Silchar via Bagha has also been proposed under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister.

Point No. 11 highlighted regarding Smart City. It is truly appreciated that Aizawl is included among few cities selected for smart city project and that effective steps being taken by Smart City Ltd. of UD & PA.

We also have seen at point No. 7 regarding various boards for the implementation of SEDP as some members have questioned of the main function of such boards. Pu Speaker, it may be noted that through SEDP that we are able to have improved roads as well as education system.

As stated by some Members, the implementation of healthcare scheme has gradually been improved with proposal for more ICUs in our hospitals and allotment of 2 lakh rupees to each family. I am happy to be among the members who work for healthcare scheme through which gap between the rich and poor being abridged remarkably.

While this is the case, it is regretted that our state ranks no.1 on HIV (AIDS) infection in the country. I believe it is the result of our society that had long been invaded by drug and alcohol which consequently brought us in this adverse position.

Lastly, it is a remarkable achievement that building regulation has been introduced in AMC under the programme of Digital India and we can now apply for it online. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : Next is, hon. Member, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, we have listened enough of our appreciation as well as criticism on the Governor's speech and nothing much is left to mention. Though today's discussion concern only of the topics which are a mention in the Governor's speech, Pu ZR Thiamsanga has spoken of various points which are not included in the speech which indicates our differences as a party.

At para 3, we have seen regarding bamboos yet there is not a mention of introducing a new variety bamboo in the stead of our natural growth bamboos despite the flagship programme of this ministry.

At para 4, we have seen regarding relocation of Brus in which I opine the previous ministry, various NGOs and churches truly deserves credit for the achievement. As Pu Thiamsanga emphasizes the need of collecting materials prior to

any construction, I would like to mention that the previous ministry was one of the most important materials for this remarkable achievement and so are NGOs and churches.

At para 5, there is a mention of Shinlung Hills Council election and as pointed out by the Opposition Group Leader, it is clear that election is next thing to be done following achievement of peace settlement during the previous ministry. Thus, we must know that this election is the result not only of the effort of this government but of the previous as well.

Regarding a mention of various achievements of this government, I wonder what could be done by a government of barely a year's old. I opine our discussion would be more interesting if the speech highlighted only of fact.

Regarding initiative under SEDP, Pu Thiamsanga had stated only of Health Department and we all seem to know regarding healthcare scheme under which we had even passed 750 crore rupees in the previous ministry for recruitment of new doctors, certain amounts for healthcare corpus fund and for improvement of roads. Pu Speaker, my question is for what purposes rest of the fund provisions are spent. It is known to us all that the hon. House Leader made a commitment to the people during the election campaign that 3 lakh rupees will be given to each household. Pu Speaker, even if it is impossible to make such provision from healthcare corpus fund of 750 crores, it may be taken for granted if at least some portions are spent as committed for huge amount of fund is inherited from the previous ministry. If 750 crore under SEDP is actually spent for the purpose of improvement of road, I opine it is doubtful as the total length of road under construction is comparatively less for it covers only of Aizawl-Muallungthu within Aizawl District and Haulawng-Pukpui of Lunglei District where as the rest beyond Lunglei District are undone. Regarding appointment of vice-Chairman in various Boards under SEDP, we were informed the amount of funds spent for the same.

At para 12, we have seen regarding total literacy drive and in respect of the District Councils, it is covered by adult education subject. Since it is of elementary, I opine concentration should be given in Lawngtlai 'W' and the constituency of Pu BD Chakma. While this is the case, the concerned District Council has not fund to pursue this matter despite its responsibility.

Pu Speaker, I support the statement of the Governor emphasizing that development could not achieved without the Autonomous District Councils. Mizoram comprises not only the districts such as Aizawl, Lunglei, Serchhip, Champhai, kolasib and Mamit but it also takes Undivided-Chhimtuipui so as achieve development. While this is the case, it is regretted that no fund provision is made to District Councils for construction of school buildings despite their responsibility on elementary education. Thus, no step is taken in this regard. So, I appeal to the House for inclusion of such District Councils in the next implementation of SEDP so as to achieve all round development. Thank you.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, the member who had spoken before me seems in short of enough time for all the points he had raised were of within the context. Likewise, I may need more times to mention the points which are of within the context and I will need your understanding for that, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, the content of the hon. Governor's Speech, as we have seen is of appreciation on the performance of the government and I find it hard to understand why some members persistently cast their criticism. As for me, I will try to move my appreciation since it is a Motion of Thanks.

The most remarkable one is Healthcare scheme. It is appreciative that the government is able to achieve provision of 2 lacs expenditure to each family indicating this ministry is clear enough in their responsibility in serving for the people. Much as well, it is appreciative of the plan to increase ICU unit in Aizawl Civil Hospital which is the immediate need of the people especially of poor backgrounds.

I think it is a great happiness right from the start because of what the Governor of Mizoram said/viewed about the government. Our current government is guided by strong, idealistic, powerful leaders and development is growing rapidly unlike the previous leaders. If we are growing like this our state can be a model state all over India. The government also made great plans for the youth to improve their skills and for their development in the future.

Pu Speaker, at point no. 4 of regarding Brus, everyone of us as NGO's, government, the people, churches are concerned regarding this problem for long 22 years which has now been resolved by the government; it is indeed, a great accomplishment. The government achieved an agreement with the Govt. of India regarding the Tripura's Brus refugees and Sinlung Hills Council election was concluded peacefully. As the saying goes, "A good beginning is half done", our government is powerful enough to achieve the best plans it has so far which further dignifies the status of democracy in our state since preferences of the people is prioritized. At the same time, our economic growth is worth-mentioning as it is increased by 14.82% which indeed is a remarkable achievement of the government.

At point no. 8, we have seen plans for improvement of our farmers as well as their products so as to minimize import from other states and I opine the initiative is commendable.

Moving on to point no.10, it is appreciating that the government with its diverging concern have plans for the benefit of the Autonomous District Councils as well. This further indicates the capability of our government headed by a thoughtful leader.

Regarding point no.12, I must say that our development would be crippled without proper education. In view of the fact that the government concern for shortage of teachers in various schools and recruited thousands of teachers with fair

means. The government, with deep concern for the welfare of our student's sets up MZU Southern Campus the process which is now in progress thanks to the effort of the hon. Chief Minister and the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical. I thank Almighty God for this opportunity.

Last, but not the least Pu Speaker, the efforts of our police in maintaining law and order situation in Lunglei is worth-mentioning. We had a good atmosphere during Christmas and New Year as none were restrained at Lunglei Thana thanks to the effort of our police force that spends 24 hours on duty and patrolling so that the people live in peace during this Christmas. Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Er. H. Lalzirliana is next.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA:** Pu Speaker, I, at the outset would like to dwell on an important issue of Bru community. The largest Bru settlements i.e. Damparengpui and Tuipuibari are located within my constituency so far, we have some sort of connectivity with them.

The problem started in 1995 which was followed by the first exodus of 1997 when they had left for Tripura. The government made all efforts to bring them back but eventually BNLf militants came into being. As time passes, the second exodus occurs in 2009; some migrated as some returns to Mizoram. It was during the first ruling of MNF ministry when MoU with BNLf existed on the 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2005. Again, the second MoU existed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 with the hope that it will be successful this time; yet, failed again. For the third time, the same existed in 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 as Shri. Swaraj Kwaraj, the then Governor of Mizoram had even stated in the interview with ANI that the agreement is not to seek vote as alleged but their settlement is not of adhoc basis but for a long period of time.

One important thing that some members did not mention is why Brus entering our state as refugees did. More or less, it is true that they revolted against the government due to social and economical imbalance and for not receiving provisions for their development as a community as deserved. So, I want to say this on their behalf that equal treatment should be given. Once agreement is made, our Bru brothers and sisters should have their proper rights as the citizens of India and they should receive their proper share of development funds. There are about 55,000 people in the refugee camp with 12,000 voters; there are about 4,000 voters in my constituency as well.

Till today, majority of Brus wants peace settlement so that they are peacefully settled in Tripura or Mizoram with hopes to receive the development funds as being deserved. Whereas the Memorandum of Understanding existed between MNF and BNLf is expected to come into force very soon and we are very happy for that.

Next is Healthcare Scheme. In 2019, France topped organizational measurement in healthcare scheme followed by Italy, San Marino, Andorra, etc. In

the implementation of healthcare scheme, France government introduced a smart card, 'carte vitale' of pre-loaded which is used by any patient for their medical treatment in the hospital or when consulting a doctor and payment is then received within 5 days. It may not be possible to follow the system of such advanced countries but what we have so far with our own implementation is highly appreciative. I think we are beginning to follow a corporate system on healthcare scheme as any patient is able to get their treatment in some hospitals without advanced payment. It is remarkable that that any patients under the scheme will now be able get their treatments free of cost.

As pointed out in the Governor's speech, what is important for the government is to have *accountability*. It is commendable that this government willingly resumes any plans or projects initiated in the previous ministry the like election of Shinglung Hills Development Council which had been concluded peacefully. The performance of this government truly indicates the accountability itself.

It is impossible for anyone to be perfect; yet, the performance of Supply department so far, is commendable as our problem on LPG is improving despite the problem with the DPS which is of controlled product.

On Tourism, we are fortunate to have a minister with extraordinary outlooks and good vision. While this is the case, tourism in Mizoram is quite limited so as to receive any incoming tourists as we remain without tourist circuit to entertain the visitors. Keeping in mind of such problems and our potentiality in tourism, the hon. Minister is now giving all efforts to change the phase of Tourism department so that it contribute larger portion to our state's revenue from tourism alone. That is all I have to say, Pu Speaker. Thank you

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is next.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a great pleasure to hear a mention of Bru settlement. Many Brus settlements are there within my constituency and I am happy to hear that they can now live peacefully. Yet, we have encountered a problem in my area during Christmas as 144 families of Kumla-Bhagar were thrown out of their village and were compelled to live in the areas around of Nunsuri field under a silpaulin hut.

Some members emphasize the government as of a responsive and accountable government but I opine it is not. Serhmun (Kumla-Bhagar) was established in 50/60 years ago. Once the village was placed under Tlabung Village Council but due to administrative convenience it was replaced under Nunsuri Village Council in the 1980's. I am deeply concern for the grave situation they are in after their being thrown out from the village and it is surprising that none from the government side visited them till today. We bought a land worth ₹11 lakh but not paid in full and I arranged a relief fund of ₹5 lakh from my MLA constituency fund. This village was once quite constant and peaceful place with numbers of households, its even had

school being set up with the help of fund received from the government. So, I do not understand why they are being expelled in such a harsh. Where is the responsive government that many of us have claimed? I appeal to the government to immediately resolve this problem and to consider their welfare by allotting a convenient place for their settlement. Pu Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the condition of these people affected by jungle clearance project for it is impossible for them to build a new settlement unless government funding.

Lastly, I am glad to hear about the Southern Campus for it will be highly benefitted not only by the southern region but the entire state. We all should have been invited in the inauguration regardless of our political background for we all do appreciate this achievement. So, Pu Speaker, I give my support to the Governor's speech. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Ramthanmawia, MLA is next.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Regarding Serhuan village as stated by our fellow member before me, we should also take into account if it is built with the consent of the government. I think they shouldn't have been pushed out if the rules and regulations are followed. So, it is questionable if they were neglecting the rules and regulations.

Pu Speaker, a fellow member mentioned that our Chief Minister is blessed to lead our state and I think he is right. During a short span of this new government, performance of the ministry so far, is quite well as many things that the previous ministry failed to do so have been achieved. It surely is a good start for the government to achieve peace settlement with Brus as they are now able to settle peacefully in Tripura.

As known to us all, Brus people had once settled in Mizoram as well and their settlement in the eastern part of Tripura was not known till 1920. In 1939, it is learned that their settlement started at Kanchanphai which comprises only of 8 households. Only a few were there before 1960 and their settlement therefore does not include in the list of villages with a population of more than 1,000. However, their population suddenly increases to 9,828 in 1971 census, 64,572 in 1991 census and 2 lakhs in 2001 census. Despite the sudden increase of their population, our churches regarded them as our own offspring by providing good schools and religious teachings. As time passes, BNU came into being and later held a conference at Saipuilui of Mamit District on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1997 attended by more than 400 people even from Tripura. In that conference, they declared their demand for separation by slashing-off the south-western part of Mizoram for their settlement as a separate autonomous district council. That is how the situation was intensifying.

As the people particularly Students' Union of the Western belt came to learn the news of Brus' demand, they were so shocked and saddened and so immediately passed their strong objection at MZP Conference held at Rengdil on the 4<sup>th</sup> October,

1997 which is recorded as the immediate cause of our collision with Brus community.

Later, Pu Lalzawmliana, a forest guard at Dampa Tiger Reserve was killed by BNLf militants on the 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1997 which intensified the situation. Shortly after this incident, the police learned that BNLf leaders went to villages such as Tuirum, Khamrang, Falkawn, Hnahthial and Damparengpui and threatened their people to immediately move to Tripura. As they continuously made issues among themselves, their people had no choice but oblige moving-off to Tripura on their own accords. During their stay in Mizoram, they had caused various problems; they killed Pu Khuanglawma for money in 1979 and Pu Kaia of Lungphu village and the killers were arrested in 1982 after 3 years of hiding; their people in Lungphu village then gradually migrated to different places.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 Pi Lalrinpuii of Vaisam was again killed by the militants at Kanchanpuri road, Ronghinglova of Zawlpui also was found dead at Langkaih River. Besides, Pu Lalzawmliana was killed in 1997; Pu Laldingliana in 1998; Pu Lianzuala in 2000; Rosiamkima in 2003 and Hrangthanzama in 2004 just to start animosity between us. The aforementioned only were not those victimized by the militants, Pu Lalchhanhima JE, Pu Lalfakawma and Pu Sanglien were kidnapped in 2004 and Pu Zoramsanga, Pu Taram Jeet Singh of Teirei Mini-Hydel project and Lalrinzuala in 2005.

I should not point out each and every incident caused by the militants but they had caused us enough problem during they stay in Mizoram. Now, they chose to stay in Tripura and are settled by the Govt. of Tripura and the Govt. of Mizoram by signing MoU which happened to be of great news for us. Let us hope for a better future for the coming generations and I am happy that this appears in the Governor's speech.

Secondly, Pu Speaker, it's surprising that notification for releasing the Assam Rifles is issued at the outset of MNF ministry as it clearly indicates confidence of central government in the leadership of our Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga.

Now, I would like to thank on steps taken by the government in my area. Pu Speaker, we all took an oath of affirmation on the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2018; on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 (Sunday), I informed the hon. Home Minister, Chief Minister and some officials that we do not have any vehicle at Dungtlang outpost and had to hire private vehicle for some important duties. I am extremely grateful to our leaders that the demand I have made has been fulfilled barely after 15 days with a new Bolero for Dungtlang outpost. Much as well, it is truly appreciated that Dungtlang Outpost is upgraded to Police station on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 thanks to effort of our leaders. We are grateful to God for giving us a strong government which concern the welfare of its people. Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Now, I call upon the Opposition Group Leader, Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the Governor's speech emphasizes mainly on the dreams that the government has so far as it goes, "I am happy that the state will one day be an epitome of what ordinary man can achieve through extraordinary dreams". Pu Speaker, the meaning of "Dream" as defines in JF Dictionary is '*fantasy, vision, plan, and hope.*'

In my opinion, our leaders are the best in expressing their visions, their dreams, plans and hopes and that our government is much enthusiastic on reaching that visions and dreams. I am well-contented with thinking of these words but at the same time lose all hopes for the state when thinking of the reality. To achieve the dreams as stated, what is important first is enough funds. Just before the general election of 2018, our House Leader, in the inauguration of his party's election office at Diakkawn Kolasib announced in his speech that ₹1,00,000 crores will be provided to the North-Eastern States. If we divide the amount to each NE states, each will receive ₹1,200/- crore with ₹400/- crore remaining. But Pu Speaker, this is our condition. Not only this, he had further pointed out that crores and crore of funds will come and that we would not be able to spend even half of the amount. He had further elaborated in the Horticulture Service Association Meeting at Aizawl Club that Vice Chairman of NITI Ayog is invited to give a lecture in the meeting to be held at Guwahati on the 24<sup>th</sup> this month. Again, in his inaugural speech of Serchhip market, he had mentioned that the size of our budget is not less than ₹10,000 crores and that we may spend for whatever wants, we can spend it by steam or if fried and boiled". But Pu Speaker, we never taste boiled or fried budget and I am afraid if we actually boiled up our budget for nothing.

We were informed in last year's budget session that our budget is kept only as seeds. This January 31<sup>st</sup> at Aizawl Club, our leader had expressed his vision of turning Mizoram to a state where milk and honey flows and was very comforting to hear. In the past, the saying 'over-flowing budget', 'development in three years', 'to become the best income earning-state in India within 5 years', 'Little England' and 'Switzerland of the East' are repeatedly heard from the words of our leader. Now, we again hear the saying "we, as a special category-state will make an agreement with the central and show them our credit account so that we do not face any problem". Pu Speaker, it is in deed, a comfort to hear from the words of our leader.

But Pu Speaker, the actual condition of Mizoram is that we are not the best in economizing the budget being received and nothing more to say. The rulers today are the same party who had ruled our state for a decade and we are now in 1 year of their present ruling. The budget we already had passed is not fully received and cannot be received on time. As per GSDP list, Mizoram is one of the states with highest outstandings in India and for that reason our projects cannot be successful even by reconciliation.

Pu Speaker, I remember him saying, “As soon as when we are in power, we will no longer consume imported rice but of our own product”; it is sad that in the stead, we now receive supply of sour rice. It is a repeated chorus during their election campaign that every family will receive NLUP of not less than ₹3,00,000/-, their posters even quoted, “Vote MNF, if you want ₹3 lakh”.

**SPEAKER** : Wait a minute. Our rules do not allow any mention of the past. By the way, may I ask if the government still supplies sour rice?

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, the past deeds I have mentioned is related to the present issues. Pu Speaker, did I tell lies? No, things I have said are of facts with visual and document proof. Today in our Governor’s speech, we have not seen a mention of distribution of 3 lakh rupees. It is our desire to have a state with no traffic jam; we can’t wait to have fly-over roads across our city; and, we wanted for so long to have a college established at Tuirial. It is even stated in Central YMA Office that drug abused persons will be very fortunate for one of the largest rehabilitation centres in the country will be set up, but to no avail, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, the flagship programme of our government i.e. bamboo plantation in my opinion is preferring imported bamboos to our very own locally growth bamboo variety as it is further stressed that the Govt. servants, even IAS would prefer to retire from their service for pursuing bamboo business and that the project could alternatively be used for stopping terrorist activities in the NE states. So, we are now planning to start these two bamboo varieties i.e. Brandissi and Latiforus which unfortunately are not included in the list of Operational Guidelines of Bamboo Mission (Revised) June, 2019. As far as my knowledge is concern, Brandisii is mainly cultivated by Meitei in the areas of Jeribum and there is no success story to tell so far. If it is that good as elaborated out by our leader, larger portion of India will be covered by Brandasii bamboo plantations. Moreover, Pu Speaker, if transporting the harvest is supposed to be done by means of ropeway, apparently it will involve large amount of money. Thus, I opine it is a plan which may only be successful in many years to come.

Pu Speaker, we have also seen in the Governor’s speech (para 8) that farmers’ income will be doubled in 2020. Is this just a visionary or it happens actually? It is confusing as to how their income will be doubled when the areas for cultivation remains untouched? In this regard, it may be noted that farmers’ income cannot be doubled only by setting up a committee. Pu Speaker, I opine it is a must for head of the government how to proceed for the success of any plants. So, I would like to conclude my speech by saying that as stars are meant to shine only at night time, the ruling ministry with a symbol of *Star* and Mizoram is moving towards midnight which is very sad. It is now a time to sleep and dreams, but there will be a new dawn for Mizoram. As of now, we cannot let go the dreams though the people are eagerly waiting for the sunrise. Pu Speaker, thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Let us invite the hon. Chief Minister, the House Leader Pu Zoramthanga to wind up the discussion and say what he has to say.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. It is quite interesting to hear about the Governor's speech yet some members criticize that it does not contain many important steps taken by the government which I believe is true to a certain extent. It seems the Governor prefers to make his speech in brief and that he was once well contented with a short speech we had prepared for the celebration of Republic Day. I think this is his reason for not highlighting some important points such as of Southern Campus and SEDP etc.

There is a typing mistake at No.8 regarding farmer's income in which the year is given as 2020 where as there is no way to achieve the plan within this short period of time. It is proposed for 10 years and thus should be corrected as 2030. I request all the members to understand the mistake.

It is true that our work is not that much for it has been only a few months since we assumed this ministry yet, we will try to perform our best in the following years. We start-off the new government by the declaration of 3 new districts which had already been initiated since 2008 and are being implemented by providing DC respectively for the administrative head of such districts along with Medical Department; so far, the people are quite happy with their new districts.

Next is implementation of Sialkal Range Development Council which was initiated in the previous ministry. As we assume the ministry, we immediately constructed and then inaugurated their Council building as per request. Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize that intensive effort is given for development of Sialkal Range Development Council and that the election of Sinlung Council is conducted under a peaceful situation. So far, we have achieved what is committed. Yet, some works may not be satisfactory but we have to take them for granted as we still have a long way to go for improving.

Regarding improvement of roads, it is barely a year since we took over the ministry; yet, initiative is made on some roads which need immediate improvement. Our main problem in the process is insufficiency of road roller as purchase of 20 Nos. is thus proposed but the Election Code of Conduct restricted us so to proceed. We somehow continue repairing work with few available types of machinery within January, February and March. Since the Election Code of Conduct is put into effect till June, nothing can be done as expected; we will approach the central as soon as it is lifted.

Some members are questioning the progress of fly-over roads which has been proposed and I think it is too soon to ask as we are now only in the first year of this term and we need more time to initiate such kind of major project. Our problem right now is that the central government concentrates on construction of national highways and roads in which NHIDCL is appointed to do the work as the work has

already been started in some areas. So, it is not possible for us to take over the works; yet, we can urge to expediate the process of work.

There are many questions regarding SEDP which is the flagship programme of the government. It consists of development programme relating to socio-economic development with divergent projects. Congress ministry introduced NLUP as its flagship programme and provided 1 to 2 lakhs rupees to each household. But that is not our policy to make a provision in cash but to help the farmers in setting up their cultivation in a sufficient area of land. Initiative has already been made under SEDP for improvement of some lands for cultivation. We now have ₹700-800 crore under SDEP Head of Account which should not be confused as of the entire budget. It may be noted that our budget provision under the head of salary, pensions or essential expenditures cannot be used for SDEP but the rest. United Fund which is meant to be utilised as necessary is put under SEDP's Head of Account. This provision may be used for our socio-economic development programme such as education, health etc. and this is the point that our Governor's speech implies.

During the previous ministry of my party, I asked the then Union Finance Minister to provide ₹50 crores on loan for investment by means of healthcare scheme. The Union Finance Minister though appreciated the plan declined my request for fear that other states might get jealous for receiving such huge amount of fund. As a last resort, I made an approach to the Regional Director of Asian Development Bank and discussed my plan with him; we were then able to receive fund provision for healthcare sector. As the next ministry came into being, the upcoming congress ministry inherited ₹162 crores of the said provision to the upcoming ministry of congress ruling government. As soon as my party retain the ministry, I enquire if any supplement was made by the congress ministry during their 10 years ruling and learnt that none was made. So, we took up the matter and allocated ₹50 crore and the total becomes to ₹200 crore, plus ₹20 crore allocated for other purposes. The total, with its interest has now become ₹240 to ₹250 crore. Then, ₹70 crore is allocated in this financial year and we now have ₹21 crore at the expense of the people under healthcare scheme of SDEP. So, if anyone has a question on healthcare scheme, it may be noted that ₹2 lakh is placed at the medical expense of each patient under this scheme; yet, there is a plan to put more within this financial year. Regarding the amount allotted to each person, it is our desire to increase but no decision has been made. So, any expenditure under healthcare scheme such as shortage of nurses and doctors, improvement of ZMC etc are met from ₹100 crore allotted from SDEP.

Regarding the question of setting up of Board for Mizoram Sub-ordinates Service, it has already been set up but in order to appoint its members, there are formalities to be followed as of issuing the appointment order and waiting for their willingness respectively. Likewise, it is also necessary to process the staff required by the board as proposal has already been made. The Governor has given his consent for the board and the actual order is expected within 2 or 3 days from now. As known to us all, this subordinate board is proposed to relief excessive workload of MPSC. It

may as well be noted that there are initiatives which are in process before setting up the board and thus should be cleared before a separate board is in function.

It is regretted that certain members speak only half the truth and therefore it is important that we know the actual condition. Some members ridicule the possibility that I have mentioned for a constable to become DGP. The truth is, if LDC is able to become Secretary by means of promotion or departmental exam, why not for a constable to become DGP is not possible for they both has the same opportunity in their respective line of service. Regarding proposal for fly-overs roads under PAHOSS, it is too early for this newly government to take initiative on such a huge project for it will take more times to do so.

Regarding the bamboo project, many questions arise as to why we prefer imported bamboo than that of locally growth; our experts and scientists could not process seedlings of the local bamboo for multiplication. If we should deliberately process the local bamboos for seedlings, it will take more times and efforts and so is wise if we do not proceed. Secondly, our very own bamboo variety is not reliable for the project since mass destruction of bamboos, locally known as 'Mautam' comes in every 50 years. Thus, we chose *Brandisii* and *Latiforus* which can be processed for tissue culture. The area has already been selected for plantation and we hope to plant as much as possible by this coming monsoon as trial.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, only one question. Does it mean that the plant which is supposed to be started is taken up by some privates and not by the department?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we do not think it is a good idea to take up as departmental for it is inappropriate for any govt. employees to involve in such business. So, we decide to privatize it in the hands of those who are experts in the field of such plantation. The department will then procure the seedlings on due season and supply to the concerned people for planting. But the problem is, the seedling needs to be treated like immature baby born who need to be kept in incubator for sometimes. Such a tiny living bamboo sprouts will be kept in intensive care unit (ICU) so that they survive shipping process. It is true that the variety that we selected is not included in the list because the selection board might not have the knowledge of the variety that we selected. Thus, we sent our proposal to Mr. Tomar, Agriculture Minister who also took the charge of Horticulture. On informing the needs of link-road for our plantations, he gave us a blunt answer that construction of road is not his concern. So, we need more times to convince the central as they seem ignorant of the varieties that we selected. There are numbers of large variety bamboos such as *Giantin* etc but only *Brandasii* and *Latiforus* are worth-approving in view of the process.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, is it hopeful that the bamboos that we last planted would be success and if they are well-adapted to our soil?

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, allegedly the hon. House Leader have mentioned during the election campaign of Sinlung Hills Development Council that they themselves have taught the suppliers as to how to reproduce the seedlings. Did he actually say such a thing?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Like I have said before, the sprouts which we received from ICU undergoes our very own process of hardening for 1 or 2 days since there is no expert to come from Delhi to teach us the processing. So, it is done with the help of our very own experts from Horticulture and Forest Department. If we successfully multiply the sprouts to 40,000-50,000 Nos, we intend to start the trial by this coming June.

It is learned that *Latiforusis* adaptable in a high altitude of above 6,000 ft in Nagaland while *Brandasii* is suitable in plain areas as in Burma. So, we are confident that it suited our state as well. While this is the case, our very own variety of bamboo is not suitable in a high area. It may be noted that we study the case as much as possible so that it is successful. Yet, we are not satisfied solely with our own skills but there is no one who knows better than us and therefore we have to proceed with our best effort. So, Pu Speaker, I hope everyone is contented with the situation that we are present. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Pu H. Biakzaua, the mover of this Motion to wind up the discussion and appeal the House for adoption.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Our Governor's speech is brief which is only of 10 pages and so is assumed to contain only of few important works of this new MNF ministry so far. So, it is reasonable if anyone criticizes the speech for not containing the entire performance of the government sits only indicate MNF led government is strong enough and I am happy with it.

To wind up the discussion, Pu Speaker, I would like to compliment the government on its initiative of the Southern Campus. I agreed with what have mention that the effort of the hon. Chief Minister and the Minister for Higher Technical Education is not emphasized enough which is so true. Likewise, many have offered their land for construction of parking under PAHOSS which also is a mention. In this regard, it may be noted that the concerned authority cannot accommodate all the applicants for they are more than expected in number.

As already pointed out, it is appreciative that *Zo Kutpui* for Zo-Unification was successfully organized at Manipur, Tripura and Myanmar thanks to the efforts of our hon. Chief Minister and Tourism Minister but they themselves could not attend the function since it was held while our party was in the opposition. Likewise, our government is deeply concern for reunification of all the Mizos around the world and even some opposition members has expressed their support on this Motion concerning for the same cause.

It is true that there is no mention regarding implementation of the three new Districts but this newly formed government headed by the hon. Chief Minister is deliberately achieved as assured to the people as so in launching of MLTP Act. The government may lose a revenue of ₹70 crore but we are happy to do so as to save the lives of our youth. Moreover, as the hon. House Leader, long before he assumed as Chief Minister made a commitment to set up rehabilitation centre (De-addiction Centre), the work is now in full swing for the establishment at Sethrawn with ₹10 crore allocated for the purpose.

Since road improvement of Lunglei road is now in full swing, it has now been blocked on working hours for the time being and travellers on this road have to take their turn to cross the site of work which should be understood by the public. In the same way, improvement of roads within Aizawl district is in progress and it may be noted that the department is working really hard and that they barely have time to rest even at night time.

Keeping in mind of the problem of shortage of teacher in various places, our leaders, as soon as we assumed the government recruited 900 Nos. teaching staff and non-teaching staff, 72 Nos. Assistant Professors were recruited under RUSA as many part-time lecturers were upgraded as contract basis whereas Grade-IV employees in various departments were promoted to the next level by means of written test and interviews. Apart from this, various departments informed their respective shortage of staff to the hon. Chief Minister by filling up of form provided to them.

We all must have heard of TV news that the hon. Home Minister is planning to recruit 700 nos. police within this year whereas the same is expected in Excise & Narcotic and Supply Deptt. Likewise, there is a plan for recruitment of health workers and nurse with the initiative of the hon. Chief Minister. Improvement is also seen in Tourism Department whereas *India Today* has even selected Mizoram among small states as of the most improved state which truly is commendable.

As already mentioned, Pu Speaker, the major people of Mizoram, even NGOs and churches who once supported resettlement of Bru refugees had given up their hopes and thus made a solid opinion not to entertain them anymore. Some people who are familiar with the whole situation claims no effort as being made in the last 10 years of Congress ministry regarding resettlement of Bru refugees but to bring them back only. While that was the case, the hon. Chief Minister wisely set a meeting with leaders of Brus and discuss the problem and the detail of their discussion was then informed to Home Ministry on the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 along with proposal of the government thereof. The problem is then settled on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 as a result of the initiative of our hon. Chief Minister. I, therefore would like to praise the hon. Chief Minister for his initiative regarding this issue.

Regarding allegation against the government as failing to provide TA/DA to all participants of the States Games, the truth is, an order was issued regarding TA/DA

which may be given by concerned Minister to all participants at the same time but could not be done as planned since there were some who did not apply for it which should be done through TA/DA application form. It is learned from the hon. Minister for Sport & Youth Service that disbursement of TA/DA will no longer be delayed due to some participants as it has now been issued to those who applied.

To conclude my speech, Pu Speaker, I would like to emphasize this government concern for minority community in our state. Keeping in mind of the welfare of minority, intensive efforts has been made by the government for development of Sinlung Hill Council and for resettlement of Bru refugees in Tripura. Apart from this, employees under the three Autonomous District Councils are given the same opportunity to enjoy the 7<sup>th</sup> Pay salary as so by employees under the state government and the three Autonomous District Councils receives the entire amount of their budget provision thanks to the special concern of the hon. Chief Minister towards minority. Much as well, the state government, from its own budget provision further met matching share of CSS in the area of such Autonomous District Council which truly is commendable.

I am glad today that this House has the opportunity to discuss on the Governor's speech which had been delivered yesterday. I appeal to each of the Member to agree with this Motion of Thanks so that it is adopted by the House. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : 24 Members have participated in the discussion of this Motion of Thanks to the Governor's speech "that the Members of Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the address which he has been pleased to deliver in the Assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2020". It is discussed and requested to adopt it. So, we will now take votes of the Members. Anyone who agrees may say, "Agree" (**MEMBERS:** Agree). Those who do not agree say, "Not Agree". Since there is no objection, this House has unanimously passed the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's speech.

**PU H. BIAKZAUA** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have now finished our business for today; we will continue with our discussion on the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 10:30 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned (6:50 PM)*