

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 13th MARCH, 2019
(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'ble Chief Minister to make obituary reference on the demise of Pu F. Manghnuna, former MLA.

QUESTIONS

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

**CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF
URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

3. **PU LALDUHOMA** to raise a Calling attention to a matter of urgent public importance under Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly regarding Tax Deduction at source.

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, General, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31 March 2017.
5. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the The Mizoram Village Defence Organization (Amendment) Rules, 2017.

6. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of the 9th Annual Report, 2016-2017 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram, Aizawl.
7. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of The Mizoram Lokayukta Rules, 2016.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEES

8. **PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA**, Minister to move Motion for Election to Financial Committees.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

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

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : But let justice well up like water, Righteousness like an unfailing stream.

Amos 5:24

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundation, you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Street as with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12

Today, we have to observe obituary in respect of the hon. ex-Member, Pu F. Manghnuna, who died on the 11th January, 2019. Let us now call the hon. Chief Minister to make the obituary reference.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I regret to state that today we have to observe obituary in respect of hon. Member Pu F. Manghnuna.

Pu F. Manghnuna demised on the 11th January, 2019 at 12:15 AM at Lairam Christian Medical Centre, Lawngtlai. He was the eighth child of Pu F. Saihulha and Pi Chatlemi. He was born on the 7th August, 1938 at Saikah Village. He has 7 sisters and 5 brothers. He married Pi H.C. Lawnglaii, d/o Pu Zahia, Paithar Chief on the 29th Feb. 1972. They have two sons and two daughters.

He started his education from Saikah Village upto Class IX and completed BA from Shillong. After that, he completed B.Th from Guwahati University. While pursuing his further study, he works on part time as UD/Auditor under AG and as a clerk, under Assam Transport. As a college student in Shillong, he was the founder of Regional Students Association (RSA); he served as the first president and held the post for 4 successive terms.

Pu F. Manghnuna was appointed as the President of PawiLakher Region Congress on the 6th September, 1969 by the Assam Chief Minister, Pu BP Chaliha, and then begins his journey of Politics.

He held the post of MDC for 5 terms, 4 terms as CEM and 1 term as Chairman. He was elected as MLA on the 2nd Mizoram Legislative Assembly in 1989 from Lawngtlai constituency. During his tenure as MLA, he was Board Chairman of MIFCO.

Pu F. Manghnuna was admitted at Aizawl Civil Hospital in April, 2017. On the 13th January, 2018, he was taken to NEIGRIMS, Shillong and was diagnosed of pancreatic cancer. Later, he was taken to Mumbai and Kolkata for treatment. Pu Manghnuna was admitted at LCMC hospital, Lawngtlai for Chemotherapy. On 3rd December, 2018, he was readmitted in the same hospital due to dysentery and

unfortunately on 11th January, 2019 at 12: 25 pm he succumbs to his illness.

Pu Manghnuna was known to almost everyone; he was a true leader in Politics as well as in the church society. It is unfortunate to lose a person of his stature and is a great lost for the state as well. That is all I can say, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua, the hon. Member from Lawngtlai East Constituency.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. As we have listened, Pu F. Manghnuna is a renowned and respectable leader. Like hon. House Leader has mentioned about his Political career, he held 8 years and 7 months as CEM of LADC but unable to held his term in full.

He had several political achievements in Lai Autonomous District Council such as fund for District Council which was only ₹26 lakhs was raised to ₹130 lakhs with his zealous effort as CEM.

Pu Manghnuna is a well disciplined in every aspect of life, there was so much to learn from him and to look up too. It is disheartening that today we have to observe his obituary in this august House. It really is a great loss. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you for allowing me to speak as we observe obituary on Pu F. Manghnuna. Hon. House Leader has highlighted in details about Pu F. Manghnuna. Yet, I would like to add few points as well.

Pu Speaker, Pu F. Manghnuna grew up in a huge family with 7 brothers and 5 sisters. He himself had two daughters and two sons.

While attending College in St. Anthony's College, he worked as clerk in Assam Transport Corporation to support himself. As we have heard, he was the founder of Pawi-Lakher Regional Association. He held two top posts of his District Council and also among the founders of Lairam People Party (LPP) and was the President. He was Vice President of Lai District Congress Committee. He was a man who was able to convince people and of large hearted. It is a great loss for the people of Chhimtuipui District. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, as we have heard, Pu F. Manghnuna is a prominent politician of Lairam. During his tenure as the President of Lairam People

Party, I have followed him around and know him on personal level. He was a man of dignity with focused ambition and determination with will to walk on the street barefoot. As he grows old, he still was involved in Lairam politics as younger generations often goes to him for advice. It is a great loss. I pray that God be with the departed family. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now all stand up in silence to observe 1 minute as a mark of respect.

We will now move on to Question Hour. In the previous ministry, 2 supplementary questions were taken up. Are we satisfied with this? Now let us call the hon. Member Pu Duhoma to ask question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Home Ministry be pleased to state-

- a) If there is any state fulfilling the Supreme Court judgment in regard to Pay & Allowance of Home Guard? If so, which state are they?
- b) What step has been taken by the Govt. of Mizoram in this regard?

SPEAKER : I invite the hon. Minister, Pu Lalchamlia to answer the question.

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

- a) The Govt. of Mizoram does not have record as to whether other states fulfilling judgment order of the Supreme Court in regard to Pay & Allowance of Home Guard.
- b) There is the ongoing proposal of the Govt. to upgrade Home Guard pay.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Supreme Court judgment is dated back in 2015. As per Google, there are several states fulfilling the said judgment. Since there was a short span of time to collect information from the department, I would like to ask if the matter is pursued; and, if our government can fulfill the Supreme Court judgment as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon. Minister.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Home Deptt. made a proposal for fulfilling the Supreme Court order but the PRU is rejected by Finance Deptt. due to lack of fund. In this new Ministry, the same is again submitted to Finance Deptt. and is now in process. Since the strength of Home Guard is only 1079, we expect the finance Deptt. to accept the proposal since it is Supreme Court order.

SPEAKER : To ask the next question is Pu Vanlathlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister of District Council & Minority Affairs Deptt. be pleased to state -

- a) If CAG Report is laid every year in Chakma Autonomous District Council?
- b) If not, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us now call the hon. Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the question of the hon. Member Pu Vanlalthlana –

CAG Report is laid every year on the first day of the Session of Chakma Autonomous District Council.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Vanlalthlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, up to which year it has been laid?

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member, Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Due to declaration of MP election, appointment order of the Nominated Members of Chakma Autonomous District Council was released yesterday. Will this order be cancelled since it is barred by the Model Code of Conduct?

SPEAKER : Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, my question is - If there is any new village within Chakma Autonomous District Council formed for the settlement of Chakma foreigners from Bangladesh.

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

CAG Report is not received every year. It is received for the period 2009-2010 to 2014-2015 and any reports have been laid in the Session on 11.12.2017. CAG Report of 2015-2016 highlighted the misused of 1.2 crore fund. DC & MA issued a notice to clarify and order for clarification was sent to AG office on 9.1.2017. And, on 3.7.2017, answer was given by the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Secretariat and was then settled. As per CAG Report, 2016-2017, 2.87 crore was utilized for the purpose of Lawngpuighat-Kulurchuleya road which had not been mention previously. The clarification was given to AG office on 16.5.2018.

The AG Report has further highlighted inappropriate appointment being made and clarification was then given on 23.1.2018 to AG office. Pu Speaker, there is information of several inappropriate appointments made in the Autonomous District Councils and permission for enquiry has been seek to Governor.

In regard to Pu Zodintluanga's question, it will be withdrawn if the law does not permit and then released when required.

As of Pu KT Rokhaw's question, no new village has been formed after the MNF party formed the Ministry.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhoma to ask starred Question No 3. Let us call the hon. Member.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister of PHE be pleased to state -

- a) If there is any step being taken for Neihloh Water Supply Scheme?
- b) Whether there is a proposal for pumping of Sihphir Well?

SPEAKER : As the concerned Minister is absent, let us call the hon. Chief Minister to answer in his behalf.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. The answer to Pu Lalduhoma's question is as follows –

- a) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme, Rain Water Harvesting Scheme is being implemented for Neihloh water supply.
- b) As for Sihphir well, survey is going on if solar pump is applicable.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary question?

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Neihloh is of the most scarcity of water in Mizoram where as Sihphir well was damaged by landslide. I request if immediate action could be taken.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I ask if there is any proposal to implement Chawngte Greater Water Supply Scheme.

SPEAKER : Hon. House leader to give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. We were not in the ministry for a couple of years and now we have only begun. Supply of

drinking water will be a priority and adequate measure will be taken for Neihloh, Sihphir and Chawngte.

SPEAKER : Let us call the hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister PWD be pleased to state-

- a) Length of the ongoing construction of Neihloh road?
- b) Who is the contractor?
- c) The estimate amount?
- d) Target date of completion?
- e) If it will be done with black top?

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

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

- a) 0.00 kmp - 9.89 m
- b) H. Zoremthanga, Chhinga Veng.
- c) The estimate amount is ₹1610.25 lakh.
- d) 8th October, 2019.
- e) It will be done with black top.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, under which division the construction work is included? Why is the lengthier approach being taken when there is a shortcut?

SPEAKER : To answer the question, let us call the hon. House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, due to compensation demanded by Pu Zakhuma for encroachment of his land, the route was diverted via Kanghai South.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Pu Speaker, my question is if the government has taken any proposal for up-gradation of roads.

SPEAKER : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, who is the contractor of Seling -

Champhairoad? What is the proposed time for completion? What is the maintenance period as per MoU?

SPEAKER : I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to give the answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in regard to Pu Thiamsanga's question, there is a proposal to upgrade roads before rainy season with whatever fund available.

As for hon. Member's question in regard to contractor, we were not in the ministry for 10 yrs and we have come back now only. So, I have not been able to collect such information as of now.

SPEAKER : To ask starred Question No. 5 is the hon. Member, Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the hon. PHE Minister be pleased to state-

- a) When water supply will be given to Hermon and its surrounding areas of Thenzawl?
- b) If there is any proposal for gravitation water supply scheme at Ayush and Tualvung locality of Thenzawl?

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows-

- a) Construction of distribution line for Hermon Thenzawl is going on under NEDP and connection will be given as soon as the work is completed.
- b) There is no proposal for gravitation water supply scheme for Ayush locality of Thenzawl. However, extension of distribution system is in progress.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, will the distribution line be completed within three months? Pu Speaker, there is a convenient location for construction of tanky on a hill opposite to Ayush hospital. I request the department to look into the matter and consider the suggestion.

My next question is how long it will take for extension of PHE pipe line.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana to ask Supplementary Question.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Question is - What

proposal has been taken by the government to alleviate the problem of scarcity water in DurtlangLeitan and Durtlang North where there are around 30 households without water connection?

SPEAKER : Let us now call hon. Member, Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, the reservoir between Serkhan - Bagha road needs filtration system. I request if it could be rectified.

SPEAKER : If the hon. House Leader could answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHAGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, what is the question in regard to Bukpui?

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, if filtration system could be rectified.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: The department will be instructed to look into the matter. In regard to Pu Hlana's question, we will try and provide a new connection.

As for Pu Duhawma's question regarding gravitation source of water supply, the department will look into the matter. As for duration of extension of connection, we will instruct the department to complete as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over. We will now move on to the next list of business i.e. Calling Attention Motion. Hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma has moved Calling Attention as per rules. Now, let us call him to proceed.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Thank you, for allotting me time for Calling Attention.

It is regarding tax deduction at source. As per the Income tax Act 1961, section 10 (26), tribal are exempted from income tax. Tribal are specially safeguarded by Articles 366, clause 25 of the Indian Constitution. As per para 20, Part 1 and Part II of the Sixth schedule, there are four types who are exempted from tax such as tribal living in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura, those who are included in the notification issued by Assam Governor in 1951 and the Ladakh of Jammu & Kashmir.

Pu Speaker, in spite of not being included in the tax Act 1961, Section 194(A), Ministry of Finance, the Govt. of India issued a notification to State Bank of India

that it should deduct 10% annual interest from its entire customer whether tribal or non-tribal. As such, the case, all Govt. employees and customers of Mizoram will have to pay income tax. According to this order/notification, those who have tax exemption certificate will be exempted with one year validity of such and be renewed after every one year. In order to acquire this certificate, one has to go to Silchar every year for renewal and fund for the renewal will go to Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India and not SBI. In the case of SBI customer who is willing to transfer his account to other Banks, the Ministry of Finance may instruct such Banks to deduct 10% from such customer as well.

With your permission, Pu Speaker, I would like to quote the answer made by the Minister of State for Finance in Rajya Sabha that “gradual phasing out various exemptions existing in the income tax Act, no proposal for extending such exemptions to tribal of the rest of the country is under considerations”. This clearly indicates intention of the central Govt. Central Govt. of the present Ministry is so eager to invade the safeguard that we have as per Sixth schedule of the Constitution. This therefore is a serious matter. Our government, in coordination with other North-Eastern States should approach the authority in this regard. We are battling with Citizenship Amendment Bill as intention of the present Ministry in the central is clear; thus, we should safeguard ourselves. I request the ruling party to join hands any group in removing the Ministry at the central. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call the hon. House Leader.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, we all seems to be aware from the light of Calling Attention Motion of our being exemption from income tax. If there is a new notification being issued, the government will look into the matter and necessary step will be taken.

SPEAKER : This kind of Motion is not for discussion. So, we will move on to the next list of business, Laying of Papers. Let us now call hon. Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House copy of “Report of the comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, General Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ending 31st March, 2017.”

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay copy of “Report of the comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, General, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ending 31st March, 2017”.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

Let us now call Pu Lalchamliana, Hon. Minister to lay on the table of the

House the copy of “The Mizoram Village Defense Organization (Amendment) Rules, 2017”.

PU LALCHAMLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “The Mizoram Village Defense Organization (Amendment) Rules, 2017”.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

We will now call Pu R. Lalzirliana, hon. Minister to lay on the table of the House, "The 9th Annual Report, 2016-2017 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram, Aizawl”.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the copy of "The 9th Annual Report, 2016-2017 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram, Aizawl”.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

We will now call Pu TJ Lalnuntluanga, hon. Minister of State to lay the copy of “the Mizoram Lokayukta Rules, 2016”.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I lay ‘The Mizoram Lokayukta Rules, 2016. Thank you’.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

We will move onto the next business i.e. Motion for election to Financial Committee. Let us now call hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister to move the Motion.

PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Motion to Mizoram Legislative Assembly Financial Committees is -

That the Members of this House do proceed to elect in the manners required by under sub rule (1) of Rule 201 read with Rules 250, 251,252 and 254 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in the Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as member of Public Accounts Committee, Committee on Local Fund Accounts, Committee on Estimates and Committee on Public Undertakings, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for a period of thirty months. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister has moved the Motion as per rules. As practiced in previous terms, nomination will be done without election and in consultation with Legislative Party and different groups. The last date for nomination

is tomorrow till 14/02/2019 at 3: 00 pm. Nomination paper can be acquired from the Commissioner & Secretary Office.

Now, we will start discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Speech moved by hon. Member, Pu F. Lalnunmawia. 5 minutes will be given to each Member. Now Let us call Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I first of all thank the Governor for his address to the House. From his speech, I am grateful that this government will be a self-sufficient and will bring a new hope for the people of Mizoram. I would also like to thank for various steps that will be taken under SEDP as highlighted in the Speech.

I thank up-gradation of the police force and for the proposal of Household Registration. Nevertheless, it was enlightening to hear that Assam Rifles will be shifted to Zokhawsang by 31st May, 2019.

As per the Governor's Speech, this government is taking careful steps on agriculture which also is much appreciative. I am also grateful for Parking House Support Scheme, Smart City and various projects under Power and Energy.

It is pleasing to note that various steps will be taken for clean drinking water. It is also enlightening to know that various new programmes and will be taken up for Education Deptt. like Engineering College at Pukpui which will begin shortly. I am grateful that four colleges in Mizoram will be upgraded to a Model Degree College.

Pu Speaker, the people will surely be delighted to learn that better Healthcare Scheme will be introduced.

Also, the Governor spoke about bamboo processing technology with upgraded version. Hopefully, this will pave the way for our self-sufficiency. I expect during that this ministry, the people will learn the benefit of bamboo and that it is capable to generate our livelihood.

Pu Speaker, I am happy that yesterday the Governor mentioned about step to be taken to uplift the condition of youth on entrepreneurship and self-employment. There are many educated youth who are desperate for job and not knowing what to do. It is also welcoming to know that more steps will be taken in the implementation of Act East Policy and Border trade as it will bring a new development in trade. Also, in Tourism, rural tourism will be introduced in coordination with rural people for the development of rural economy. The State Institute of Hotel Management will be opened shortly and this is welcoming news to those who are interested in this field.

I am also very happy to know that this government will continue to accord with priority to the Sports sector. Steps will be taken for framing Mizoram Sports Policy on priority basis. The government will also commit to preserve and promote the Mizo identity, tradition and values. It is also welcoming to know that Information Communication Technology will be used as a medium of better governance. Mizoram Telecom Infrastructure Policy, 2019 has also been framed to address the problems of rural connectivity.

Pu Speaker, one of the most important aspects mentioned in this address is about the Social Development. This government will give priority to providing welfare programmes and services to the weaker and vulnerable sections of the society. The government will take measures to eradicate social evils especially drug abuse and drug trafficking. It is also grateful to know that a repeal bill of The Mizoram Liquor (Control & Prohibition) Act, 2015 will be tabled during this Session.

Likewise, the Governor also mentioned that all out efforts will be taken for combating trafficking of women and children. It also mentioned about efforts to facilitate equitable distribution of foodstuffs to the public. In order to preserve the quality of our foodstuffs and to strengthen the Legal Metrology, construction of Working Standard Laboratories will be constructed in different parts of the country.

Pu Speaker, one of our most important resources comes from collection of taxes. With the increase of our state income, we have to determine more sources of revenue by increasing the revenue collection. I give my support and convey my thanks to the Governor for highlighting the policy and programme of this government. Thank you.

SPEAKER : To start the discussion on the Governor speech, I invite Pu Zodintluanga; he will have 10 minutes and the others will have 5 minutes.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am happy to have the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the Governor speech. As the mover has stated, there are many things to thank for in the speech.

Pu Speaker, our first budget session in this new Government is on Vote on Account. It is the government intention in spite of having the detail budget from the Finance Commission. We will have a full budget session after four months and then we will only learn the progress of this government. Therefore, for this coming six months, what to be done is spending funds that the Congress government had left behind. Therefore, there is nothing to expect from the budget we are going to pass today.

I am very grateful that the Governor speech has highlighted many

developments comprising mostly of the result of efforts made by the previous Congress Ministry such as evacuation of the Assam Rifles and construction of 786 kms link road in rural areas. The Mover has pointed some achievements such as construction of new roads, black topping and building projects as being achieved by this government. It is to be noted that such developments could not be made within a short span of this Ministry.

It is also welcoming that widening of road within Aizawl city is a mention but unfortunately, widening of Pangi Peng was missed out. Regarding electrification of 25,755 households within two months, I believe credit should be given to the previous Ministry as so for steps being taken under the programme of open defecation free in India.

Pu Speaker, it is grateful that the first Engineering College in Mizoram is inaugurated by the hon. Prime Minister at PukpuiLunglei as it will be greatly benefitted in the coming generations. It is also welcoming that 500 crore is coming soon under the Smart City Mission. While such is the case, it is unfortunate not to hear about the alleged major plans of this new government such as construction of 2-storey road and distribution of 3 lakh to each family including those who had received NLUP fund already. In short, any achievements which have been mentioned in the speech are of the previous government. So, I give my support to the Motion. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Member, Pu Laltanpuia.

Dr. VANLALTANPUIA: Pu Speaker, I am grateful to the Governor for his speech ha had delivered in this august House yesterday. So, let me contribute a few points as well.

As we all know, we had a session in last 8th December in which there is nothing much to point out about our achievements. But only after two or three months, there are many being mentioned in the Governor speech such shifting of the Assam Rifles which is coming to reality. Besides, the flagship programme SEDP will accelerate progress and growth in all key sectors. Knowing the government intention in building manpower development programme, we have many reasons to appreciate the Governor speech.

The government intention to embark on a fresh development path in the field of entrepreneurship, capacity building, fashion designing and in others field where our true talent lies is also very welcoming and so is the plan to develop Mizoram into a self reliant and develop State. Therefore, I am thankful that programmes and plans made by this strong government to achieve all round development are highlighted in the speech. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Pu Speaker, I, first of all would like mention regarding household registration. In doing so, I think it is necessary to manipulate very carefully particularly in the western belt as there are numbers of illegal immigrant.

The next point I would like to mention is shifting of the Assam Rifles. I want to know if the Commandant quarter and Mandir are also to be shifted. I request the hon. House Leader to clarify initiative which may be made in this regard.

I am also happy to know that important will be given to Govt. Aided School, Private and Church Schools. We have science stream institution at College Veng and Govt. HSS the nearby. I ask the government if these two institutions be amalgamated. Likewise, I am glad that healthcare scheme is also a mention as the programme will be affordable for all. While this is the case, MIMER is not a mention in the speech surprisingly despite being the only Medical College we have in Mizoram and yet, many requirements to put into function properly. However, it is omitted in the speech.

Pu Speaker, the matter of global warming is a mention as well since it is of utmost importance to preserve our forests. In this regard, i suggest the government of establishing environmental institution by taking advantage of the existing Ratan Bamboo Research Centre and Forest Training Centre School. In this regard, efforts made by NGOs should not be missed out. In short, it is important for the government to carefully determine how to make use of our bamboos for achieving sustainable development and for resolving our environment crisis. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Pachhunga is next.

Dr. K. PACHHUNGA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy to learn from the Governor Speech vision of the government and steps which have been taken so far. Especially in road, we all know the poor condition of our roads, the most important means of our communication. It is appreciative that repairing work is in progress thanks to the efforts of the House Leader, the hon. Chief Minister.

Regarding bamboo as mentioned in pages 1 and 9, the speech indicates our potential in bamboo. As God blessed each country with their own natural resources respectively, we are blessed with forest, trees and bamboos. Extensive study shows that bamboo technology is the key to future development. Besides, we must accept that bamboo is the answer to our prayer in controlling climate change for it is known as the best carbon absorbent as it contains 60% of carbon. So, we can produce carbon like diesel, petrol and coal from bamboo as we can also generate electric power, clothes etc. from bamboo. Therefore, it is essential for our future development.

Pu Speaker, it is noteworthy that the government has stopped purchase of blood; before that, we used to purchase it at the rate of 550/- per unit which is now available at it free of cost. Besides, it is appreciative that the Assam Rifles are now actually moving out thus our dream is coming true. In short, I am thankful for the Governor speech. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We will now invite Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

Dr. ZR. THIAM SANGA: Pu Speaker, our Governor speech is full of worth-giving praise for us.

First, it is a pleasure to know that Mizoram is known as the most peaceful State in India which is the result of the effort and dedication of our Police forces. While this is the case, it seems we are neglected on infrastructure. Many of the staff quarters are no longer befitting for living where as their vehicles are old and do not serve the needs. It is great to know that step will be taken to improve the infrastructure.

Horticulture and AH & Veterinary will be given important and will be well-equipped. Knowing that, the people of Champhai constituency are very thankful with hope for improving winery at Hnahlan and Champhai which have been neglected for a long. It is further learned that there is a proposal for reviving Champhai Milk Processing Plant and priority will be given to organic farming which truly are much appreciated.

Regarding road maintenance, important will be given to widening and construction of roads across the state. The most important aspect in the speech is Healthcare System. After 10 years of being neglected, it will be given top priority and the government will take step to enhance its contents. Efforts to facilitate equitable distribution of foodstuffs to the public will also be made. In the meantime, rural development, education, foodstuff and power supply will be the key priority since development will not be inclusive if the pace of development is not the same in rural areas.

Within a short time, the hon. Chief Minister improved the condition of our roads and I am truly thankful to him and the Council of Ministers. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite the hon. Member, Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am happy that our Governor speech contains many points to be thankful for as it indicates achievement of the works initiated during the previous government. And, it is a known fact that there is

hardly any time for the new government to make all these achievements. Works done by different departments mentioned in the speech are truly praiseworthy. During the two successive terms of the Congress party, we had not face any hardship in maintaining law & order and our state have been known as the most peaceful State in India as a result of the work done by the previous government.

I am happy that the Governor mentioned about the need to equip the police forces with modern equipment and more manpower. I appreciate step taken for protection of our boundary, yet, will be wise if the government identifies any village occupied by the refugees coming from Bangladesh. I would also urge the government to take the step for strengthening our border at Zophai.

I am happy to hear about our Governor prioritizing border area and that the government too has given important to develop it. Regarding the government achievement on evacuation of the Assam Rifles, I opine both MNF and Congress party deserve the same credit. Regarding setting up of the vacated place, I think it is wise for the government to construct a huge stadium in it and the surrounding be transformed into a beautiful park so that it is accessible to all concern.

The Governor further mentioned about construction of PMGSY road in the previous government which truly is appreciative. Regarding improvement of our education system, what is important most is a good teacher that we lack. Within my constituency, Zawnling and Chakhang Govt. High school are in needs of teachers to replace 3 teachers who retired last year, and at the same time to improve the education system of my constituency. That is all I have to say, thank you.

SPEAKER : Before we have a recess, i invite Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PULALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Speaker, I, at the outset would like to mention regarding construction of link road. It appears that 786 link roads have been constructed but I think it is necessary for the concerned official to supervise the works more closely since there are some portions which remain incomplete and some completed with poor quality. Since link roads are of much important to our farmers, the construction should therefore be supervised carefully so that the quality is good enough.

Secondly, I appreciate our achievement in having NEC. So, I request explanation as to when class will be started, the condition of its faculty, teaching equipment and practical facilities. It will be much appreciated if class is started with all such requirements being equipped.

At point No. 6, there is a mention about Police Modernization; I am afraid we may go too far and that a controversial issue like expensive socks happens again. Pu

Speaker, it is learned that many vacant posts are there in the Police Deptt. What is important in this regard is how such posts will be fulfilled. I opine it is imperative to strengthen our Police forces considering their responsibility in maintaining Law & Order, and what is equally important is to prioritize physical fitness in the process of recruitment.

It is mentioned in point No. 14 that bamboo plantation will be given priority as the new government is giving important by setting up Bamboo Link Road Committee and Bamboo Development Committee. It will be appreciated if the members are informed the progress and plans involved in it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now have a recess and our discussion will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Pu H. Lalbiakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

The Governor, in his address highlighted steps taken for development and how to achieve. This government, under the leadership of the hon. Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga, though only a few months old does not mean development works mentioned in the speech are not of their performance. Yet, there are steps which will be taken like shifting of the Assam Rifles from the heart of Aizawl city.

This new government is the answer to our prayers as liquor permit will be terminated at the outset knowing the problems it brought to our state and our society, the increasing number of widows and an ugly position our state is holding with HIV+.

As development of roads is prioritized by the government, we begin to see the development from Lawngtlai to Aizawl and resurfacing internal road of Aizawl city can be seen everywhere. Apart from this, it seems that we are having a new development in Sports as the school timing rescheduled in accords with our tradition. Some of the development works mentioned in the Governor speech are completed where as some in progress. Thank you, Pu speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalhlana, hon. Member is next.

PU VANLALHLANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. As article 176 requires the Governor addresses the House, we come to learn many developments including the prospect of this new government.

We see in the first Para that this government will commit to providing efficient, responsive, responsible, accountable and transparent administration at all levels of governance. However, a very unpleasant incident takes place in Social Welfare Department in filling up of 22 vacant posts. It appears that 54 candidates were selected for computer test but the selected number increases to 74 on the actual time of test. A complain was lodged and the test was thus postponed a couple of time and was cancelled eventually. It is sad to learn such practice in the new beginning of this Ministry.

In Para 6, we have seen that the government intends to take stringent measures to protect our state borders. I hope that the incident we witnessed last year does not recur. It is highlighted in Para 9 regarding power but we have not seen plan for improvement of power generation. Knowing that it is the key to our development, the Governor mentioned last year of the government intention of taking measure for power development.

There is one major issue mentioned in the address and that is reviving ZOHANCO. The previous government decided to close down ZOHANCO but is now proposed for its reviving but without stating the reason. It is regretted that the Memorandum of Settlement is not a mention as so is Citizenship Amendment Bill despite the two concerns important aspect for the Mizo people. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Andrew H. Thangliana.

PU ANDREW H. THANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I am thankful for giving me time.

I am happy to see about SEDP in the speech and that it will be executed to cover the entire people. SEDP, unlike in previous government will not be given as doles but as a hand-holding support on the viability of projects and feasibility of livelihood income generation. It is also mentioned about construction of roads, skill development and border trade. The most important which is the source of our income is Agriculture & Allied Sector which will be given top priority. We anticipate the time when it will become a reality.

We see at Para 7 about agriculture farming and transfer of technology to farmer. For this purpose, our state has implemented centrally sponsored KVK in 8 districts. Having Agriculture Technology Mission Agency, we can now handover technology to our farmers. Our largest resource in Mizoram bamboo can also be processed in many useful ways.

With viable projects under SEDP, we can transform our state into a welfare state which is self-reliant. I hope that no projects will be cast aside for non-feasibility.

Let us hope that the government will ensure our future through SEDP. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu H. Lalzirliana.

Er. H. LALZIRLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I will try to make a brief speech.

The Governor speech, though fails to point out the work executed specifically is good in general. Basically, the statement itself is positive and there is vision and step to be taken.

Getting to the point, it is sad to recall how the system of our Elementary Education was manipulated in the past. I hope this new government will improve the structure with definite plan. You may not know that my constituency sits upon two districts having four BDO's to coordinate the government. I returned to Mamit after 30 years, I was amazed as it remains without any institution of science stream. I am thankful that this new government will now open science stream in Higher Secondary School. Besides, SSA teachers are now receiving their salary as this new government comes into power. I hope the same attention will be given in regard to placement of teachers.

Coming now to Tourism, we understand the objective of this department in the past as to construct Tourist Lodge; we build numbers of Tourist Lodge and then auction it later despite our state's potential in tourism; our forest alone is one of them.

We all know the condition of our roads and no need to dwell on it. Now, with the Chief Minister initiative, our roads are renovated as many new are constructed.

On Healthcare, I believe the need of this programme is most intensive in my district. It is therefore desirable if we improve facilities under PMMVY and Health Department should also give more awareness programme in rural areas.

I am grateful to the Sports Minister for proposal to build SAI Complex at Lengpui so that we are having our own our Football Stadium shortly. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. Today, I am thankful that we have the opportunity to discuss about the Governor Address. As mentioned by the hon. member of North-I constituency, the Governor delivers his speech with confidence by assuring that his government will be a responsible government for the people.

Regarding job interview under Social Welfare Department, cancellation of the interview was the right decision for it was conducted without the hon. Minister being notified. Besides, it does not meet the guideline set by National Nutrition Mission. So, the Minister acts as he is supposed to.

I am happy to know that priority will be given to border areas development and that Household Registration will be implemented. We will then be able to check influx of foreigners from Bangladesh more effectively.

It is also welcoming to know that our Police Forces will also be strengthened with better infrastructure, modern equipments, more training and with more manpower. It is wise for the government if refresher course training is arranged for the police forces as to how the modern equipments should be handled.

It is also appreciating that priority will be given to Sports and that it is under the charge of a befitted Minister. There is a prevailing rumor that he is the choice of All India Football Federation to be the next Sr. Vice President of the federation as I do so believe in his ability.

Next, on Tourism, the previous MNF ministry received 200 lakh from the central for development of tourism but the succeeding Congress ministry unfortunately did nothing to implement it. As of now, our Tourism Minister urges the Central for development fund and we received 200 lakh as it is highlighted in the Governor speech. That's much I have to say, Pu Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Next is Pu Vanlalhlana.

Dr. VANLALTHLANA: Pu Speaker, I will start from page 4 in which there is a highlight of priority which will be given to our agricultural products. In this regard, I opine its marketing is the key point which also is a policy that ZPM is propagating since long time back. It is sad that the speech highlighted only of increase of marketing infrastructure but not the marketing prospect. We need to have the marketing prospect that is where the problem lies. We have to make use of our experts and researchers to find some marketing agencies.

I appreciate that point 11 stresses education reforms to improve quality of our education at all levels of learning. As per the National Achievement Survey, 2017, we cannot even meet average standard of the national level from class V. Thus, we need to put intensive effort in order to achieve at least the national average standard. We have to teach the students not for a job but to stand on their own feet. So, I appeal to all members concern to make effort for we are the ones who can make the difference in the field of education.

Thirdly, I welcome the policy to transform Mizoram into a 'Cleanest State in India'. However, I am afraid it is not achieved unless we stop throwing our wastes in the nearest available side drain. I think it is suggestive to cover our drainage so that we may achieve our goal within five years or so.

Points 15, 16 and 17 mentioned about development in entrepreneurship, industry and tourism. We have the existing structure of entrepreneurship, MEDMOC and we may continue with it by improving the system whatever as necessary. It is high time for us also to have Entrepreneurship Centre to host any inter-states meeting. With the implementation of the Act East Policy, we need to prepare ourselves to make the best use of it.

We also see in point 14 about the plan to develop our environment. As per the Central Forest Report, 2014, 300 sq. m out of 21,000 sq. m of our forests is completely destroyed. And, as per the report of 2017, the total destroyed area exceeds 500 sq. m. Despite such condition, I am glad that we are not giving up hope but we have to examine the case properly.

Last but not least, Pu Speaker, I suggest prioritizing consumer affairs and land reform system. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Member, Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA: Pu Speaker, I first of all would like mention in a few points regarding selling of liquor which will be terminated. It is a social evil that consumes our live. I am truly happy that such evil which the Churches and NGOs too have been opposed for long will be stopped.

Secondly, there is a plan for better healthcare system. In this regard, I think better awareness campaign is necessary in order to improve healthcare facilities and strengthen the key infrastructures. I am therefore thankful that it is a mention in the Governor speech.

Thirdly, it is appreciating that the school timing is rescheduled as per best suited with our tradition and society. I, as well as on behalf of rural people express gratitude on this decision.

Next, it is welcoming to know from our Governor speech that SEDP will be executed accordingly. Its objective is to transform Mizoram into a truly Welfare State which is self-reliant. This will not only bring economic development but also social development. It is welcoming to know that 14 Committees have been notified to formulate plans for developmental works in collaboration with the concerned departments. Besides, it will not be given as doles but as a hand-holding support.

Lastly, I am happy to know that our Police Forces will be equipped. This is necessary as they are security of the state in enforcing law and order. That is all I have to say. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu LalrinsangaRalte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. There are many things to be thankful about in the Governor speech especially for our constituency.

Under able leader of clear visionary, we are hopeful to attain economic prosperity and all round development which is expectation of the people of Mizoram. It seems we have a new beginning particularly for the poor.

Pu Speaker, I am happy to know that the Governor mentioned about measure to be taken to safeguard our land and its boundary. As our constituency lies in the interstate boundary, we need special concern. The hon. Home Minister takes the step to improve our security system by placing the police check post at Phaisen. I hope the same will be placed at Phainuam and our VC is looking for a convenient place for it.

We are indebted to our House Leader and the hon. Home Minister as the long abandoned Fire sub-Station and sub-Jail at Vairengte have been completed under the new MNF ministry within a short term. Now, we are able to control fire spreading without acquiring help from Lailapur.

I am also happy to know that priority will be given to agriculture and important will be given to farmers as about 80% of land within Serlui constituency is covers by agriculture. I hope that this government will also make initiative for setting up a Farmers' Training Centre in this area.

Pu Speaker, the Governor has also mentioned about step to be taken for the achievement of self-sufficiency in power supply. In this regard, I would like to express my gratitude in the House that Keicham village which remain without power supply almost for 10 years will now have it thanks to the initiative of the hon. Power Minister and materials requirement have already been placed.

We also see development in Education with changing of school timing and in posting school teachers. Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : Who will be next? Let us invite the hon. Member, Pu LawmawmaTochhawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you. We have heard of many good things from the Governor Address; And, following the previous

discussion, I have to say only in two or three points.

Firstly, I am anxious to see the time when Mizoram is transformed into a truly welfare state of self-reliant through SEDP. We will see that each concerned department is implementing this policy, and within a short period of time, I hope that we are able to announce economic sovereignty by SEDP.

Pu Speaker, point 6 stresses evacuation of the Assam Rifles settlement from the heart of Aizawl city which happens to be the dream of the Mizo people. Their presence was much benefitted in the past though, but it now becomes a sore-eye with our growing population.

At point 8, the Governor mentioned about construction of road. Starting from Lunglei, we see the development works in progress and many bridges under-construction which truly are appreciative. Still, there are many projects which will be started soon.

Again, we have seen at point No. 10 regarding provision of adequate drinking water. I am truly happy to see step taken on Lunglei Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II and I do hope it is completed soon.

Last, it is great that preservation and promotion of the Mizo identity, tradition and values are mentioned in this speech. If we lost our identity, all our developments will mean nothing. Therefore, it is imperative to safeguard our identity and tradition. It is also welcoming to know that we have a policy of reunification of all the Mizo tribes across the globe. With these points I convey my thanks to the Governor speech.

SPEAKER : Now, the Opposition Group Leader, Pu Lalduhoma; he will have 10 minutes.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. We have learned from the Governor Address the proposed sources of our revenue but it does not mention about private, farmers, entrepreneurship and production. It appears that we are going to collect our revenue from the peoples' pocket as there is a proposal for increase of the electric bill from 7% to 10%.

Regarding vehicle tax, it is collected for 15 years and the majority opposed it. Since there is not a mention in the speech, I am afraid the decision is agreed by this government as well. Pu Speaker, I opine we need a government with vision for better production from primary and secondary sector.

In Para 3 and 14, we have seen regarding bamboos. If we have to implement it, why not use bamboo of our own. We can build Paper Mills from our own

bamboos. I opine it is wrong not to use what God gives us. So, it is imperative that we find means to generate our own bamboos.

On Law & Order, I appreciate that household registration and border security are mentioned in the speech and me and my party gives a whole-hearted support. Regarding maintenance of law & order of border areas, the government acquires help from the local VDP for which ₹5,000/- is given as remuneration. However, it has not been received during this financial year. As per the Mizoram Village Defense Organization (Amendment) Rules, 2017, ₹1,000/- should be given per month. If so, ₹5,000/- should be given to this financial year.

Pu Speaker, we need to take all possible efforts to have good quality roads. We have a road control division and we need to make use of it. Considerations should also be made regarding the suppliers of materials so that suppliers who are capable to provide us good materials are selected.

In Para 5 of SEDP flagship programme, I am confused with the meaning of political approach of the programme. I also do not understand why the Hon. Chief Minister changed his stance on how the scheme will be undertaken. Before the election, he said that every family will be given financial assistance of three lakh rupees. However, he has now said that it will be provided on the basis of project estimate. The people are really disappointed in this regard.

In Para 22, we see about rice supply. Before the election, the campaign slogan of this ministry is that there will be sufficient supply of rice. However, the reality today as we see in the Governor's speech is about the difficulties to buy sufficient rice. There is no plan for construction of flyover for solving traffic jam problem.

Regarding school timing, I opined that it will be better if we can give freedom to each village so that they may follow which is convenient for them. I also hope that when a new ministry forms, they may respect and continue the good things done by the previous ministry. Thank you, Pu speaker.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the Hon. House Leader to wind up the discussion.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am grateful that we have a good discussion on the Governor's Speech. It is only a very short time since this ministry come to being. The content of the Governor's Speech is mostly of the result of the previous ministry.

The governor's Speech is brief and is impossible to include all the matters of the government's activity. The said subject of evacuation of Assam Rifles from

Aizawl, it includes all the officer quarters and Mandir as well. I hope this could be carried out soon.

We need to remember that it takes a while to bring about developments. We will learn from our mistakes from the past and bring about more sustainable development in the future. Such is the case in preparing parking places also and we do try to improve the traffic jam problem in Aizawl.

Regarding Healthcare, it is supposed to be included in the budget so as to provide better medical treatment to the poor and the needy. This is one of the priorities of the government.

Even though there is no time to go through the detailed education policy of the government, I would like to state that this government is keen to improve the quality of education in Mizoram. More teachers will be recruited as necessary and proportionate transfer and posting will also be undertaken.

The government is also preparing to impose prohibition in the near future as household registration also is set to be implemented. This is necessary to safeguard our state from external assimilation.

We will go through the SEDP Scheme later on. I opine less than three lakh rupees may enough for some people while it is less sufficient for others. Thus, it will be given as per the necessities.

A big problem we are facing today is that increase of many cancer cases in Mizoram. The causes of some diseases like HIV AIDS are obvious but of cancer disease are unknown. It is vital to take action to minimize cancer cases in our state.

To sum up, Pu Speaker, there may be many more points to be spoken about. However, we will be having more time during budget discussion also. Therefore, I will end my speech here. I am grateful to see the developments and activities made by the government which is, already stated, the result of the efforts of the previous ministry as well. Thus, the credit goes to them as well. I hope we may pass this motion of thanks unanimously. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon mover of the Motion, Pu F. Lalnunmawia to beg the House for adoption.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I would like to thank all the members who participated in the discussion. I beg the House to adopt this Motion of Thanks on the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : 18 members have taken part in the discussion of the Motion. We shall now take a vote. Anyone who agrees to adopt the Motion of Thanks may now say, “Aye”. (*Members: Aye*) If anyone opposes the Motion may say, “Nay”.

Now, as we all agree to adopt the motion, I hereby declare “That the House deeply grateful to the Governor for address which he has been pleased to deliver to the assembly on the 12th March, 2019” adopted.

Dr. F. LALNUNMAWIA: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our business for today is completed. The House will stand adjourned till the next sitting commenced at 10:30 am, tomorrow.

Sitting is adjourned. (3:24 PM)