

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 8th FEBRUARY, 2023
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

OBITUARY

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries:
 - 1) **Pu Lalhmingthanga**, Former Deputy Chief Minister, Mizoram.
 - 2) **Pu R. Khawpuithanga**, Former Member of Legislative Assembly.
 - 3) **Pu Lalrinmawia**, Former Member of Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

3. **Members** to elect Deputy Speaker.

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of the following:
 - i) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Fees, Fines and Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
 - ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Intra-State Essential Reliability Services Operations) Regulations, 2020.
 - iii) Notification on appointment of Er. H. Thanthianga, Assistant Chief (Engineering) of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram to the post of Electricity Ombudsman.
 - iv) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Recruitment, Control and Service Conditions of Officers and Staff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2021.

- v) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
 - vi) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fifteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
 - vii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Sixteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2022.
 - viii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Seventeenth Amendments) Regulation, 2022.
 - ix) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) (Second Amendments) Regulation, 2022.
 - x) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022.
5. **ER. LALRINAWMA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of The Mizoram Licensing and Regulation of Private Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics Rules, 2022.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

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

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours.*

- *1 Corinthians 3:21*

OBITUARY

We shall mourn the death of our former members, who have responsibly held their duties by serving for our state. They are:

- 1) Pu Lalhmingthanga, former Dy. Chief Minister
- 2) Pu R. Khawpuithanga, former Member of Legislative Assembly
- 3) Pu Lalrinmawia, former Member of Legislative Assembly

Let us invite our House Leader, respected Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga to conduct the Obituary.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, respected leaders and House members, it is unfortunate to conduct Obituary towards our former key state leaders. Let me read out about them.

Firstly, Pu Lalhmingthanga, Ex- Dy. Chief Minister, Mizoram passed away at his resident, Khatla on 2nd November, 2022 (Wednesday) at the age of 82.

Pu Lalhmingthanga was born to be the eldest son of Pu Hrangbuanga and Pi Lalziki Sailo on 9th June 1940 at Vanhne. He had 4 sisters. He got married to Pi Rothuami d/o Thangruma on 24th October 1968 at Shillong. They are blessed with 2 sons and 4 daughters. On 28.11.1989, he was inducted as an Elder of the Baptist Church.

He started his education in Mizoram itself. He passed matriculation exam from Govt. High School, Shillong in 1960. Then, he finished IA (Intermediate of Art) and BA from St. Anthony's College, Shillong. He studied MA English at Guwahati University but he could not finish as Insurgency had commenced in Mizoram. Just before giving finals, he dropped out to take care of his family. Later, he finished BT (Bachelor of Training) from Post Graduate Training College, Shillong.

During his studies, Pu Lalhmingthanga had worked for Assam Civil Secretariat, AG Office, Shillong and was the Headmaster of Mizo Modern H/S, Nongrim Hills Shillong from 1966-1972. He started settling in Lunglei from 1972 onwards where he registered himself under PWD and worked as supplier and contractor.

In state affairs, he was elected as the first President of the People's Conference (PC) Party's Sub- Headquarter at Lunglei. In the 2nd Mizoram Legislative Assembly (UT) of the year 1978, he was elected as an MLA representing Lunglei Town Constituency under the ticket of the PC Party. He was a Cabinet Minister. However, the

government collapsed within a short-time. In the 3rd Mizoram Legislative Assembly general elections, he was again elected under the ticket of the PC Party. He was the finance minister and headed Revenue, PWD, P&E etc. During his tenure, the department of P&E and PHE were carved out and promoted to independent departments. At the 4th Legislative Assembly, 1984, he was elected again for the 3rd time under the ticket of the PC Party.

After attaining statehood, Pu Lalhmingthanga continued to be elected as an MLA in the 3rd Mizoram State Legislative Assembly, 1993 where he stood under an independent ticket representing Aizawl North- I. A coalition was formed by the Congress and Independent (Janata Dal) wherein the mentioned was a cabinet minister. From 8th December 1993 to June 1994, he headed Finance, SAD, PHE, Excise & Taxation. In the 4th Mizoram State Legislative Assembly, 1998, he represented Aizawl East- I constituency under the Mizoram People's Conference (MPC) and won a landslide victory. That time, a coalition was formed by MNF and MPC wherein he was the Dy. Chief Minister. Due to various reasons, he left his post and became the Leader of Opposition. Later in the 5th Mizoram State Legislative Assembly, he was again elected under the MPC ticket representing Lunglei South Constituency.

Whether he served as a Minister, Opposition Leader or sat on the Opposition Bench, Pu Lalhmingthanga was a dedicated person who gives his thoughts for the affairs of the state. In and outside of Assembly House, he was a debater and a great parliamentarian. He was elected thrice during UT years and thrice after attaining Statehood. Till his death, he held the post as an Adviser for the MNF Party.

With various old-aged linked illness, he moved back and forth to Delhi and Aizawl hospital. He passed away on 2nd November 2022, Wednesday, at 12: 40 A.M.

The next Obituary goes to Pu R. Khawpuithanga, Ex- MLA, Mizoram who passed away at the age of 81years on 15 December 2022 (Thursday), 9:05 A.M. at Trinity Hospital Aizawl.

Born to Pu Hrangchhunga and Pi Vanbawihhi on 1st March 1941 at Mualcheng, he has 4 brothers and 4 sisters. He married Pi Ngurchhingi d/o Kailuaia on 12 January 1965 at North Mualcheng. They had a son and a daughter. On 14 October 1979, he was inducted as an Elder at Tlangnuam Presbyterian Church.

He finished Primary School at Mualcheng and Middle School at N. Vanlaiphai. In the year 1961, he finished matriculation from Gandhi memorial High School, Champhai and also successfully completed his PU via private examination.

For a while, Pu R. Khawpuithanga was among the underground personnels during the Insurgency. In 1975, he was sent to Tihar Jail (Delhi), however, even after the peace accord was signed between India and representatives from MNF, he managed

to keep up his good name. He was the President of Village Council, Tlangnuam Veng for 2 terms (1988-1993). In the 5th Mizoram Legislative Assembly, 2003, he was MNF's elected candidate representing Aizawl South II. During the second term of the MNF Party, he was the Political Adviser to Chief Minister, which is equivalent to Minister of State and he also helped the CM in building PWD portfolios. Till his last day, he served as a member of the Political Affairs Committee of MNF General Headquarters.

He had fever on 30th November, 2022 where he was driven to Trinity Hospital and headed straight to ICU. Even though the medical duties tried their best, he passed away in the early morning of 15th December, 2022 at 9:05 A.M.

Next goes to Pu Lalrinmawia, Ex- MLA, who passed away at the age of 75 on 26th January, 2023, at 9:10 A.M.

Pu Lalrinmawia was born to be the youngest (4 brothers and 3 sisters) among the seven children of Pu Lalruanga and Pi Hualzingi on 28th December 1947 at Darngawn village. He got married to Pi Chawngzikpuii d/o VL Sanga, Bungkawn, Aizawl on 13.10. 1990. Together they have 2 sons and 2 daughters.

He completed his Primary and Middle school from Khawzawl, Class- 7 and 8 from Champhai and Class 9 and 10 from Republic High School, Aizawl. With the commencement of independence movement in Mizoram, he discontinued his studies and left his home to voluntarily enlist as underground personnel.

He joined MNF Underground team in 1966 and was given the rank of Sergeant where he held the post of a clerk. He is master in communication; he had successfully trained quite a few individuals who later became useful staffs under the newly established Mizoram government.

He was the first President of the Mizo National Youth Front (MNYF) post the Peace settlement. In the First Mizoram State Legislative Assembly General Elections of 1987, he was MNF's candidate for North Vanlaiphai constituency wherein he was elected. He held several responsibilities such as Block leader, and was a National Core Committee Member of the MNF General Headquarters till his death.

On 24th February 2022, he visited a doctor and was admitted to Trinity Hospital for his cold and fever. After investigation, his illness was suspected to be Lung cancer. Then and there, they headed straight to Max Hospital, Delhi for further investigation and lung cancer was confirmed. He stayed in Delhi for 8 months (March- October). While getting home care at his residence at Aizawl from November onwards, he passed away on 26.1.2023 at 9:10 A.M. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Do we have any further comments from Opposition group members? Now, I invite our respected member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you.

It is unfortunate to have an Obituary for persons who have dedicated their life for our state - Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu R Khawpuithanga and Pu Lalrinmawia.

First of all, I knew Pu Lalhmingthanga personally, in his active days. He gave his heart and soul during the dark times of the Insurgency. the fact that he was elected six times in this respected House shows that he was an 'exceptional man'. As a Minister and as a dy. Chief minister during their term, he never has cases of defamation and that is what amazes me.

Before he entered into politics he published newspapers wherein, he translated Napoleon which was very interesting and through him we came to know about the said character. It is due to his starting of typing school at his house that I get to learn typing. Today I want to mention that he had the courage to start typing school in Lunglei at that time. Through our good and bad times, he had stood by family. Even during sickness, he'll visit and leave us with prayers thus, he hold great value in our family.

When I became an MLA at a young age, sitting timidly in the House, he was an experienced senior who would give advice and boost up my confidence. He would complement my motions outside Session and he was the one who made me feel warm when I entered politics.

I was an MLA in 2003 along with Pu R Khawpuithanga while he was in the ruling party and I was in the Opposition bench. Nonetheless, without any hesitation he would assist me for the needs of my constituency from the CM's Office. It is sad to observe obituary today.

Pu Speaker, I am deeply saddened to observe obituary on Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu R Khawpuithanga and Pu Lalrinmawia who had given all they had for our state. I pray that God bless them and be with the bereaved family, their wives and their children. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite our respected member Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, I believe that some of us from the legislature party want to stand, so I won't be taking much time.

Pu Lalhmingthanga and I used to be in the same political party and for 5 years, we sat closely together at this very House. Due to his great contribution and efforts in

Finance, I believe there was not much issue faced by our state during his tenure. Besides this, he worked hard towards self-sufficiency in Power generation and has taken effective steps and had left his legacy behind.

What is notable is that when I went to pay last respect at his house, his wife told me, "...We are grateful that each party seemed to own him. What makes him unique is that all political parties claimed that, "he is ours, our leader". Besides that, one of his songs, '*Kar a hla*' even though is a love song, it contains great lyrics so much so that even Pastors can sing along with it. Among the Mizo songs, this particular song is well-known, cherished and he was proficient in poetry and literature.

As we have heard about Pu R. Khawpuithanga, he not only dived into politics from the top, but started from the grassroots level and placed himself to where he is now. He was humble, does not aggrieve, courteous, obedient and is a good Church Elder. Among the Presbyterian Elders, he is highly considered, well-known and he will be greatly missed.

During our underground days, we use to settle together, sleeping under the same roof on Zaingen thatched hut along with Pu Lalrinmawia. He would carry a guitar wherever he goes, and would even sing his heart out on nights when situation seems unsafe. That is how much we stick together. He was also kind, gentle and friendly as well.

They all are a great leader and it's a great lost. I pray that the bereaved receives God's grace.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu Vanlalhlana. May he be reminded that he's taking up the Question-and-Answer hour.

PU VANLALHLANA : Our House Leader and our Opposition Group Leader has already talked about Pu Lalrinmawia. I want to talk about Pu Hminga since we belonged to the same party. While he served as the President, I was the General Secretary. In the Fourth Assembly, he was our legislature's party leader and I was the Secretary. Today, I am obliged to talk about his life. I am thankful for giving me the time.

As we all know Pu Hminga was a well-built man among Mizos. He had a good sense of dressing, fluent in English, well – read, had a good memory and one of his talents was that he was eloquent enough to narrate the things that he knew. As one of the best we have had among the Legislators, he had graced the House as ruling and opposition member. His Master Plan on Mizoram Road Communication is succeeding currently.

Two things I would like to say about Pu Hminga today is that firstly, in the year 1966, United Front came into being in Delhi with Shri Deve Gowda as the Prime Minister. Shri Gowda travelled to Guwahati to attend the North East Regional Party Conference. From Mizoram, Pu Lalhmingthanga and Prof. JV Hluna attended the conference too. There, Pu Hminga gave advice to Pu Gowda saying, “The best solution to end insurgency in Mizoram is to have a separate plan and to allocate a separate budget”, they discussed and departed on good terms. The NLCPR (The Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources) then came into existence after Pu Gowda went back. So, we go by, “This (initiative) was born out of Pu Hminga’s advice to Pu Gowda.”

In 1993, a Coalition Ministry- MJD and Congress Party came into being wherein Pu Hminga held an important position as a Cabinet Minister. In 1994, Pu KC Pant travelled to Mizoram as a representative of Central Finance Commission. When he was welcomed by the Government of Mizoram, Pu Hminga told him about airfield and how Mizoram, among other states still did not own an airport. He told him that there is a vacant land to construct airport and showed him Lengpui area from afar. Persuaded by that talk, Pu Pant went back to Delhi and sent back 40 crores to start the construction of Lengpui airport. That was when Pu Hminga was a Cabinet Minister of the Congress ministry.

So, Pu Hminga was engaged in the root of Mizoram development. We also learnt that he took great efforts as a Power Minister to be self-sufficient in electricity. Today, losing a great man like him is a great lost for the people of Mizoram. It is our prayer and well- wishes for the bereaved that the Lord continues to be with them. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now I invite respected member, Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU KT ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, it is saddening to have an obituary for our past members. I would not take much time and speak directly about Pu Hminga with whom I had enjoyed being a member in this very House. Even though he’s a senior to me, I believe I knew many things about him.

Pu Hminga was a humble and a kind- hearted man who adapted well to time and place. He was well- articulated and a good debater depending on the topics. Today, his gestures and speech in this House remains in my memories. He was all ears for his fellow members and succeeded in giving confidence to the junior members, especially myself. He used to give me advice for everything. During my initial days in the House, he told me, “Your speech was good, better than expected” which gave me a lot of confidence.

He led an exemplary life such as not over-powering others in his speech, he was not proud yet he was empathetic towards his fellow beings. He advocated for righteousness. He was respected and was among the great parliamentarians.

Today, I would like to emphasize that losing Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu Khawpuithanga and Pu Lalrinmawia is a great lost for the Mizo people. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now I invite respected minister Pu Lalchamlia.

PU LALCHAMLIAMNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding obituary for our former members - Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu Khawpuithanga and Pu Lalrinmawia, I know what to speak about each one of them. In order to save time, let me solely focus on Pu Rinmawia.

Most of us knew him as Lt. Col. Lalrinmawia, he dedicated 20 years of his life staying underground fighting for Mizoram's independence. After he came back in 1987, he won the General Assembly Election from North Vanlaiphai Constituency. Later he left active electoral politics. Till his death he remained a staunch supporter for his first love, the MNF Party.

Personally, since we had spent time together in the wild, I would like to mention that, I mourn his death. We would call, each other "Thianpa" (*meaning 'buddy'/'friend'*). On the day of his funeral, I was unable to attend as I had to attend a cabinet meeting and I apologized for that.

I would like to say two things about Pu Rinmawia. First, I believe that he stood for what he believed is right and just and strives to achieve that. During all those days of knowing each other, he never talked ill of others. It was difficult to change his mind towards what he believed was right and would hold onto that till the end.

Next, he succeeded in heading his family. When some of our underground mates failed to pay attention to their families when we returned home, he was unlike others. He had four children, his eldest is a B.Sc. (Agri) graduate, the next works under RD Department, next is an M. Com graduate and the youngest daughter is currently doing her Bachelors. His partner. Pi Chawngzikpuii is a good mother. Both successfully raised their children and had built a good home. Not only our underground mates but also others should take their family as an example and realize that taking care of our family and our home is the way towards having a progressive state.

I am sending my well-wishes and prayed for God's guidance to the families of Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu Khawpuithanga and Pu Lalrinmawia. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now I invite respected minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, during the previous and current Session, it is heartbreaking to see that we have three of our valued members,

our colleagues with whom we served the state had passed away. I must say losing them is heart-touching.

I have to stand by all means. I often used to think that during the PC party days, “If not for Pu Hminga, there would not be any other strong leader that serves as the foundation of the party”; that I believe is accepted by the Mizo people as well.

My colleagues have already mentioned so I would not be repeating that anymore. But I would like to share that he had a good memory and was able to explain what I couldn't explain; that is a talent from God.

Besides that, there would not be anyone like him who can mingle well with his fellow politicians; I have to learn a lot from him. He was sociable and we are fond of him. He welcomed everyone without showing hints of political barrier, which makes him a great person and a lot to look up to.

I would also like to emphasize that he had been one of the longest serving Church Elder who showed his commitment and loyalty towards serving the Lord. While he enjoyed personal free time, that was, not being an MLA, he was fully into supervising the construction of Church so much so that people even called their Church as “Church built by Pu Hminga”. For years, he was fully absorbed in doing that work. He was a person who was determined to achieve what is required to be done.

Pu Khawpuia, among our party members, was a useful member, he was faithful, trustworthy and whatever he did, he did it with full attention and that makes him a great man. I have also heard that even in the Synod level, he served as a committee member. It is a great loss.

For a long time, after coming back from underground, we used to be neighbors in Chhinga Veng. I believe it was 1987, the first State elections when he won the seat from North Vanlaiphai constituency. That time, vote counting commenced with North Vanlaiphai constituency “Pu Rinmawia won the seat”. I knew him well and how much he had dedicated his life for our land and our people. Till today he held a special place in our party.

As we have listened before, his specialization in the underground party was in ‘wireless operation’. Till today when we talk about underground movement days, the way he handled wireless operation and how he successfully taught others is one of the topics of our talks.

I still picture three of them in my head and I cannot help myself from saying few things about them. May God be with the bereaved family. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Now I invite respected Deputy Chief Minister, Pu Tawnluia.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is rightful that we held an obituary in remembrance of our respected members even though we do not want this kind of occasion to happen. Even though the House members have mentioned, it is my duty to add more points about them. First, I would like to say about Pu Lalhmingthanga, former Dy. CM and a former Minister.

When I went to Shillong in 1964, Pu Hminga was already settled. I lived next to his room and we started knowing each other. Till today he treated me as his younger sibling. He is someone to be looked up to.

Then, in the year 1998 MLA elections when MPC and MNF agreed to work together, we were the delegation leaders from our respected parties. There were several times we had to meet without our fellow members and often discuss that we should not let others down; eventually with his effective planning skills we won the votes of the people. It feels good to mention that I had seen how he had shown professionalism through that process.

Then, in 2011 when he joined MNF Party, he graced us with being a part of the Core Committee. As his health declined, he wished to be an Adviser instead of the former. As per his wish, our President granted him the post of an Adviser which he held till his death and sacrificed his time and efforts for our party.

He was a Stateman. He was a learned man, has logical understanding and had vision. In our ministry, his name is well versed in Finance and Power departments. Today, as he is no more, I grieve for his family.

Pu R. Khawpuithanga and our CM used to be our super senior in Champhai High School. He was a classmate with my elder sibling. As a good student, as far as I could remember, he just owned first to third position.

During our underground days, as the General Secretary of MNF he was helpful. Due to his poor health, our leaders sent him back home. Unfortunately, he was forcibly sent to Tihar Jail. He was a dedicated person for our land and our people. He was an Adviser till his death and a former PAC member.

Next is Pu Lalrinmawia whom we used to address as 'Col. Lalrinmawia' in the Mizo National Army. As an expert in WT and as a Chief Signal Officer, he is better off, compared to others when we had joint training with other armies from foreign countries. So, while we stayed underground, WT administered by him was of great use and a great help in information and administration.

Apart from all these, he was a good football player; a 'goalie', well-built and a good keeper. Till he succeeded in his plans, he was a person who never liked to step down. His presence is missed today.

So, I mourn their death along with their families. I pray that God protects them from all difficulties. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now I invite Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo. May he also keep in mind that he is taking up the Q&A hour.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank You, Pu Speaker.

Today, it is heartbreaking to witness this time in remembrance of our House members who had toiled and sweat for this state. I feel the necessity to speak about their contributions for our state.

First of all, Pu Lalrinmawia left a profound impact in my life starting from the days when he used to lead us during our underground days. Back in those days as our Dy. Chief Minister had mentioned, he was the Chief Signal Officer and the Chief Record Officer. He maintained records of everything when we came back from underground. Under his guidance, I've trained handling signal work. Every day at 3 P.M., we used to link and communicate with Capital Hqrs, Technical Hqrs, UT Command and Kachin stations. He maintained confidentiality at its finest and there was never a time when there was leakage of secrets.

I have also successfully trained clerical work under his guidance. He was a typist and was very talented that, someone like him among the Mizo's is very rare. He was a polyglot, he could speak English, Hindi, Bengali and other 9 languages. If he stays in another place for a month or two, he was usually able to catch up with their local dialects. He could even read and write Burmese. In WT, we have way of communication, '*dot-dot-dash*' and he could easily record all those. Just like that, when there is any miscommunication with Burma in the middle of operation, he could easily receive secrets between soldiers. He was helpful in all possible ways.

He was also an important representative between Bangladesh government and Underground government. He had office in Burma and would spend most of his time there. At times he would hand over controlling signals to me thereby establishing all good relations there.

He's a tall and handsome man who plays football, volleyball and badminton. He used to teach me how to swim as well. I want to state in this House that a man like him is a great lost for us and personally he had a deep impact in my life.

Pu R. Khawpuithanga was a useful person for the state; right from underground he held an important place. He held the post of Secretary as well as Finance in MNF party which shows that he was faithful and never greedy.

As far as I have been friends with Pu Lalhmingthanga and as a Local Council President for many years, I assume that he is not selfish at all by looking at the way how his children and their families live here in Luangmual. They have lived Proverbs 15 at its fullest. He was not selfish and was not proud.

People like them who had contributed a lot for this state are deeply mourned at this time. In the meantime, I pray that God be present in all their empty spots at each of their homes. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Now, let's all stand silently for 1 minute in honor of the deceased.

(All the members stood for a minute of silence.)

Let us sit. This moment of obituary is witnessed by the families of the deceased here and is also watched through TVs.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Moving onto *Questions & Answers* hour, I invite respected member Dr. K. Pachhunga to begin with Starred Question No.1.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question for Irrigation & Water Resources Minister is-

“Thlisam- Ngengpui Zau of Lunglei South Constituency, potential link road is under excavation right now. Is there any institutive for farmers to get water supply and technical support?”. Thank You.

SPEAKER : I call upon respected minister in charge, Pu. C. Lalrinsanga to answer.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon. member from Lunglei South Constituency is -

“So far there are no initiatives in terms of water supply and technical support for Thlisam- Ngengpui Zau of Lunglei South Constituency.”

SPEAKER : I invite Dr. K. Pachhunga to ask *Supplementary question*.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is –

“Regarding PM-KUSUM, could you please elaborate what steps have been taken so far?”

SPEAKER : I invite Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Supplementary questions*.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question for respected Minister is-

On 2019 February, Mizoram Water Policy was released. Till this morning, no updates have been posted on the website. Has the Cabinet passed and how is the water policy being exercised so far?

SPEAKER : Three members from the ruling are raising their hands. Among them let me invite Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am aware that my questions are related to ongoing process, I would like to ask some questions.

Pu Speaker, in the current government-

- i) How many MI projects have been undertaken at Champhai District?
- ii) Where is these projects work?

SPEAKER : To answer in whichever way possible, may I invite respected Minister, Pu C. Lalrinsanga to answer the questions.

PU C. LALRINSANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, let me first answer the previous question.

PM-KUSUM, an abbreviation for “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana”. Since last-to-last year, PM- KUSUM became a central scheme. 200 units have been given to Mizoram government. But the complexity with the *pro-rata* matching share component is that 50% is funded by central, 30% funded by state government and 20% by the beneficiary.

Due to the favor of the hon’ble house leader 30% of the matching share is sanctioned. We sent this matching share to the central government which in turn, issued tender for vendors. After floating the tender, Tata Company responded to the tender. However, they later hessite to provide the benchmark cost. We even forced Pu RK Singh, the Central Union Minister to push toward. Recently, apart from the 200 units that was granted, additional 1500 units have been given to us by the Central government. To make it more organized, 1500 matching shares was effectively managed through NABARD funding. 200 units out of 1700 units went to the farmers. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that the remaining 1500 is being planned by the department for disbursement.

Then in 16th December, another tender was floated. In a short time, we expect PM-KUSUM to reach the hands of our farmers.

Answering to Dr. Vanlalhlana's question- the Council of Ministers passed the Water Policy on 1.10.2020. I won't be getting into all the details and the memo. Right now, the Water Resource Management Regulation Bill is under process. It is one big task as we have to prevent unplanned groundwater extraction in different localities and villages; so, we plan on doing it fast. However, since this has to be made into law, we are not ready as yet. There are many plans regarding this well. So, let my answer be, "The Council of Ministers had passed this in 2020."

Answering to respected member, Pu Ramthanmawia's question- we are undertaking nine projects at Champhai. Out of nine projects, two have been completed and seven ongoing. Our new project under PMKSY is *Har Khet Ko Paani* (HKKP), under this scheme DPRs under 5 projects have been formulated. Places where we are planning to further impose new projects are- Phunchawng MI Project (Thekpui), Phaichuan MI Project (Hmunhmeltha), Lungdup MI Project (Dilkawn), Pumphir MI Project (Farkawn) and Tuikual Zau MI Project (North Khawbung).

Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu Lalduhoma to ask *Starred Question* No.2.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industries be pleased to state -

- a) If the government of Mizoram have deal with Numaligarh Refinery in making Ethanol?
- b) How far is the undertaking?
- c) If agreements were made, could you send the copies?
- d) What advantage would it bring to our economy?

Pu Speaker, according to the answers provided by the department, it is stated that, "We have no knowledge". It would be grateful if our House Leader could provide answers for this.

SPEAKER : Question and Answer hour is over. Nevertheless, do we agree that the recent question be answered? (*Members: Agreed*). Let me call respected minister, Dr. R. Lalthangliana to give the answers.

DR.R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, here are my answers-

- a) There are no initiatives taken by Commerce & Industries.
- b) No agreements were made and therefore no copies of it.
- c) If there is any initiative coming from Commerce & Industries, economic impacts will be further studied.

Pu Speaker, adding further to Pu Duhoma's points, even though this did not fall under my department, department wish to know more when questions arises.

Ethanol is an important organic compound used for various purposes. Notable ones being- in the making of medicines, cosmetics, 10% blending with petrol, etc. The Central government put great effort towards *Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme* in various states of India with the main aim of *reducing import of petroleum*. Another aim is to make best use of grout - residue and by 2030, 20% ethanol blending is aimed to achieve. The Petroleum & Gas Minister had released 'Long- termed Ethanol Procurement Policy' in November 2019. Different species of bamboo can be used in the making of ethanol. The most common bamboo species in Mizoram, '*mautak*' would hold great potential in this. Once it reaches 2 years, it can be made in the production of ethanol.

According to researchers, 200-300 liters of ethanol can be produced from 1 metric - ton of bamboo. We know that we have lots of bamboos in Mizoram. I would like us to be aware that recently, there are various companies that lend their ears and have shown their interests in the huge number of bamboos that we have. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Even though I am aware that Question & Answer hour is over, I was looking out for anyone else, since raising a question from just one individual seems not enough.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is written here, 'Aizawl Tlang Food Fisheries Laboratory' at Thenzawl. I don't think there is Fisheries Laboratory in this world and I don't think I had written it like this, it might be a mistake. Could you please rectify this by correcting it as 'Food Testing Laboratory'?

SPEAKER : I am sure that this laboratory was set up during my time. Respected member Pu Duhoma had clearly made a mistake. Let us conclude as of now.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Now, let us move on to another Business that is election of Deputy Speaker. As we are all aware, there is an empty slot for the post of Deputy Speaker wherein we issued a notification and last day for filing of nomination. We have received only one file and that was proposed by respected member, Pu Ramthanmawia, seconded by Dr. L. Thangmawia. I would like to announce that it is uncontested election, Pu H. Biakzauva is elected as the new Deputy Speaker. I thank the opposition for their cooperation.

Now, we will take our respected Deputy Speaker to his new seat. Our respected House Leader, Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga, respected group leaders, Pu Zodintluanga and Pu Lalduhoma may come out from their seats and assist Pu H. Biakzauva to his seat.

Let me call our Deputy Speaker if he has anything to say.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the time.

I thank God for his guidance and the respected House Leader, Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga in favoring me and by electing me as the Deputy Speaker. I thank the people from my constituency Lawngtlai East for electing me to be a part of the highest legislative body in Mizoram. I wholeheartedly thank them for giving me a chance to be in this position.

How fortunate of me that even though there are multiple parties in this House, I have been elected as Deputy Speaker without contest. I thank the ones sitting in your left for their support. I wholeheartedly thank the hon. Member from East Tuipui, Pu Ramthanmawia and hon. member Dr. L Thangmawia for proposing me.

Pu Speaker, I thank you for your unbiased leadership and your middle ground stance. Standing here to follow and back you up is a great privilege. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now we have a Dy. Speaker with great experience. He has been elected four times at Lawngtlai District Council and has held EM and other important positions. In the line of education, he is BA, B.Ed. graduate with teaching experience in High Schools. It is a great addition.

LAYING OF PAPERS

Let me invite respected Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to lay these papers on the Table of the House: -

- i) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Fees, Fines and Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Intra-State Essential Reliability Services Operations) Regulations, 2020.
- iii) Notification on appointment of Er. H. Thanthianga, Assistant Chief (Engineering) of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram to the post of Electricity Ombudsman.
- iv) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Recruitment, Control and Service Conditions of Officers and Staff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
- v) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fourteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
- vi) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Fifteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
- vii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Sixteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2022.
- viii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Electricity Supply Code) (Seventeenth Amendments) Regulation, 2022.

- ix) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) (Second Amendments) Regulation, 2022.
- x) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker Sir, I lay on the Table of the House, a copy of each of the following: -

- i) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Fees, Fines and Charges) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- ii) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Intra-State Essential Reliability Services Operations) Regulations, 2020.
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- x) Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

Thank you.

SPEAKER : Please distribute the copies.
(Copies were distributed.)

Now, respected Minister Er. Lalrinmawia may lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Licensing and Regulation of Private Veterinary Hospitals and Clinics Rules, 2022”.

ER. LALRINAWMA, MINISTER: The copies may be distributed.
(Copies were distributed.)

MOTION OF THANKS

Now, moving onto Motion of Thanks, I invite respected member Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to move the Governor's speech.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Yesterday, 7th February 2023 at the Eleventh Session of the Eighth Mizoram State Legislative Assembly, our respected Governor Dr. Hari Babu Khambampati gave a speech thanking various departments and complimented their prominent initiatives. I would not delve into all those and besides there are many more progress under the Government. I would say only in brief.

Pu Speaker, as we all witnessed, the Covid-19 pandemic caused difficulties for the whole world and did not miss out Mizoram as well. Even the Finance Minister of France had committed suicide as their economy had drastically deteriorated. Thinking of all those difficulties Mizoram had faced, the speech made by Governor was pleasing to hear. Amidst the difficulties in our State, the government took immense steps to strengthen security. In terms of law and order, not much issue had been faced due to the government's initiative.

Regarding the border disputes, our government was able to handle efficiently the heated tensions. Pu Speaker, regarding the border disputes, there was a great coordination among our Chief Minister, our Home Minister, the Police and the people. The remarkable efforts of our brave Police force when our neighbor state Assam had troubled us greatly was praiseworthy.

Amidst all these issues, Mizoram secured the Happiest State according to the Happiness Report among all the other Indian states. It was a great pleasure. It was also great to hear that he had highlighted the efforts taken by our government. The setting up of Police duty post worth lakhs, various buildings currently under construction inner-state border area using funds from SEDP and projects undertaken for water supply scheme are remarkable progress.

Our Mizoram Police continuously work towards controlling and prevention of drugs and alcohol. In a year, they have ceased drugs worth 289 crores measured as per international market. I praise them for their hard work.

Pu Speaker, as we all know, there was forest fire at Lunglei. Due to the tremendous effort by Lunglei Fire Station the fire was able to be put off. The Union Home Ministry even awarded them Subhash Chandra Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar, the ward carry's 51 lakhs. It was due to the effort by the people, Police and Fire departments that the raging fire that was about to destroy the city and the forest was put off. They really deserved that award. It shows the reliability and alertness of our Police in emergency situations.

Pu Speaker, it was also a pleasure to hear that respected Governor mentioned about the government's *flagship programme* which will especially benefit the rural areas including the urban in the form of Social Economic Development Programme (SEDP) Phase-I, with 1st installment sixty thousand beneficiaries were given ₹25,000 each. 150 crores were spent on Phase-I. 2nd installment will be given out before March 2023. It will be great benefit for the people.

Pu Speaker, it was also great to hear that, how our government fought against Covid-19. Today, it is great to know that due to the efforts of our Ministers, Health Minister and Health Department, NGOs, Church and the general public, there are no longer Covid-19 patients today.

Due to the various National and State health programmes undertaken there is reduce in *Infant Mortality Rate* and *Maternal Mortality Rate*. It is pleasing to note that, last year Niti Aayog conducted a study on Small Indian states wherein, Mizoram scored the highest in terms of various measures of health. Due to the efforts in exercising various National and State programmes, Mizoram secured the 3rd position in terms of lowest Infant Mortality Rate among all the Indian states; meanwhile Infant Mortality Rate all over India is 28%. It is because of the efforts of our government that Mizoram is able to score the highest in terms of health.

Notable upcoming project is that, currently there is a project proposal of 700 crores by the Government of India which will be funded through DAP and JICA to set up Mizoram's *Super Specialty Cancer Hospital & Research Centre*. To materialize this proposal, Govt. of Mizoram and JICA, Ministry of Finance and Govt. of India signed an agreement on 12th January 2023.

Pu Speaker, since Mizoram has plenty of cancer patients, huge amount of money is often spent on various Indian states. If this Super Specialty Cancer Hospital & Research Centre is set up, it will be one of the best not just in India, but also in the whole of Asia. It will be of great value.

Pu Speaker, in order to maintain the health and well- being of the people we have received administrative approval sanction under NABARD which is a huge amount of fund. The figures are huge, so let me not mention to prevent myself from making a mistake. Under this, we have received funds to set up Primary health Centre, 30 Sub-Centers, 19 Isolation Wards and 23 Medical Quarters in 2022. Also, on 18.11.2022, the State Testing Centre, a well- set up laboratory was opened. It is a great achievement.

Even though our Governor did not mention this, I would like to elucidate that for the villagers who did not get access to doctors and health-workers and to optimize the Primary Health Centers under SEDP, the government set up 230 Clinic Centers which will be taken care of by health workers.

Pu Speaker, as we all know, Mizoram's record in HIV is very high. However, it is good to know that our government have passed '*Mizoram Humane Immunol Deficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immunol Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Prevention & Control Rules, 2022*'. It was published in the Gazette on 1st November. It gave provision to set up State Research Centre to take care of people living with HIV/AIDS, Ministry of DoNeR under NESIC accepted this and the work will commence soon. It is believed to effectively help in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Also, it is good to know that Mizoram recorded 90% in Voluntary Blood Donation in collaboration with association for Voluntary Blood Donation and various NGOs, educational institutions and Church youth groups.

Drug abuse and smuggling are on the rise not only in Mizoram but also everywhere and it has given a headache to the governments. To take control of this, Excise & Narcotics department are taking great effort. Last year, Excise & Narcotics department ceased 4348 people; despite their busy schedules, they were able to register 4755 cases. From these, they were able to receive ₹1,31,38,791. All these highlights the hard work and efficiency of our Excise Force which is praiseworthy.

When Covid-19 shook the state and while tensions in the border was intensified, our government tried its best to provide food supply and as a result we were sufficient enough in food and commodities like petrol and gas. Adding on to this, bags of rice grain bought through NFS and Non- NFS amounts to 6,83,441 quintals and sugar amount to 3,270 quintals. Also, The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) being 100% within the state, signifies the efforts taken by the Supply Department.

It is good to hear from the Governor that despite the difficult circumstances, we were able to be sufficient in food, gas and petroleum. By the Grace of God, we were able to make it with the help of Supply Department and the Minister.

Our government receives grant-in-aid of 19 crores in Storage and Godown Scheme under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and got 10 storage houses. Besides that, 21 more storage houses were built under NABARD funds. Currently there is a motive to construct 23 more storage houses.

Right now, LPG home delivery, a pilot project which is being exercised in 36 localities of Aizawl and 23 localities in various District Headquarters is a significant move.

Pu Speaker, like the governor mentioned, the government give priority to agriculture especially in sustainable agriculture. Currently 6 districts namely- Champhai, Mamit, Serchhip, Kolasib, Khawzawl and Saitual falls under FOCUS. The project accommodates 300 families, 12 blocks which includes 3,22,500 people and 5,500 families which will be a great relief for our farmers and wage labourers.

Also, 727 lacs of funds are allocated under IRDF, NABARD; 484.67 hectares of various WRC lands are allocated for Land Development. This project is planned in all the 11 Districts of Mizoram, with 48 villages and 55 clusters. If this is successfully implemented, Mizoram's rice produce is estimated to be increase by 1211 metric tons which is yet another improvement.

Pu Speaker, few more words with your permission. Our government is praiseworthy in their efforts to promote agriculture. The agriculture Minister himself have received *Outlook Agritech Sumit and Swaraj Award, 2021* (Best Performing North East State in the Field of Agriculture) from Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. In 2011, we have received first prize in *Good Governance Agriculture & Allied Sector in Hill State Category* which was another great achievement.

Under family oriented SEDP, from all the Districts of Mizoram, 4,511 beneficiaries have been chosen and they have received ₹ 2,500 each. we have seen growth in cultivation of tomato, watermelon and cabbage. In our Dy. Chief Minister's constituency Tualte, they were able to receive income of ₹2 crores; from 1,600 metric tons of cabbage that were sold out. Also, in the year 2022, dragon-fruit growers in Mizoram were able to benefit 6 crores from their produce.

Under this government, we have seen great developments in roads and building infrastructures. During 2022, PWD is able to do formation cutting on a stretch of 351 kms, 280.5 kms of flexible pavement, 212.5 kms of rigid pavement, built 12 bridges and 18 buildings. What a great deed by PWD despite the pandemic.

Pu Speaker, the NHIDCL and World Bank are rigorously working in different areas of Mizoram. Before, it takes around 12 hours to reach my constituency that is Champhai. Now, with the support of our able government, we are able to reach within 4 to 5 hours. Seeing that we have good roads in Mizoram, I want to say that our government is 'not staying idle'. We will even be able to reach Lawngtlai within a short period of time.

Other mega projects include construction of District Court building at New Secretariat with a sanction of ₹4,624, wherein 90% of the work is done; it will be occupied within no time. Under NABARD, construction of 6 storage buildings in 6 villages are still in process which is another great development.

Another necessity for the people especially remote areas is that, under Jal Jeevan Mission, till 16.01.2023, 97,423 families were given household taps. As of today, under the scheme, 224 villages have been covered so far; by December 2023, there is a proposal to cover all the villages of Mizoram.

The Governor remarkably pointed out that providing best education is the chief aim of the government. Number of schools have been constructed under Samagra and

mid-day meals are still continued. It is good to hear that, uniforms and books are distributed for free to students. Another notable point is that, for high school students, Mathematics and Science textbooks are prepared in English and Mizo which will be used from 2023-24 academic session onwards. The Education Department is doing a great job and no other states can go beyond this. It is good to know that Human Resource Development Board Vice Chairman has released the text book.

Notable achievement includes the release of Braille textbooks written in big fonts by the Mizoram Board of School Education for the blind students in High School and Higher Secondary Schools. The government is trying its best to bring the best quality education. 21 Colleges and 3 Institutions have been assessed by Accreditation Council for NAAC assessment. It is a great news as well as a great progress. Besides these, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education Office and other Government colleges are announced as *single use plastic free*.

Another great progress with Hnahthial and Saitual District is that District Rural Development Office (DRDO) started functioning for development of villages. Due to that, all DRDA's from 11 Districts will be converted into District Rural office which will ensure developmental schemes for villages. It is remarkable that a new Rural Development block has started in Kawrtethawveng and Tlabung RD Block.

It is great pleasure to know that Mizoram has '100- days labor'. This has not happened in the previous government which is a great benefit for both the village and city people. There are 2,13,299 job cards in Mizoram out of which 2,14,160 are active workers. 98.84% of the said active workers have linked their Aadhar, 1,41,891 workers will be able to receive Aadhar Based Payment (ABP) which is a remarkable achievement.

Pu Speaker, it was pleasant to hear that the Governor mentioned as to how the government paves way for the development of youth especially in sports and employment opportunities. There will be more sports infrastructure ahead which will be able to provide income opportunities in football and other sports. Right now, it is great to know that the artificial football turfs under sports infrastructure projects are set up in Lengpui, C. Thuamluaia Mual and Chawngte.

Under PMJVK Scheme, project for Kawrthah Artificial turf worth ₹549.91 lakhs and ₹532 lacs for Laldenga Football ground, Tuidam was built from 10.1.2023. We are also delighted to learn that the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India also set up plans for Minority Concentration Area project under PMJVK.

Pu Speaker, I am also happy to know that to reduce and prevent drug and alcohol abuse, 920.71 lakhs from SEDP is allotted for enhancing Jordan Rehabilitation Centre, Sethawn. As we all know, there are many drug abusers; for them the government is doing all these. Civil works for this center have been completed recently. As per the

Integrated Rehabilitation for Addicts (IRCA) norms laid by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, 137 workers have been enrolled at this place.

It is great to learn that the Tribal Affairs Ministry, Govt. of India permits to set up Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in 5 places at Tlangnuam, Bilkhawthlir, Zawlnuam, Tlungvel etc. The Governor also mentioned that construction of buildings will soon be completed. Besides these, the Ministry also gave more permission to set up 6 more EMRS at Darlawn, West Phaileng, Khawzawl, Khawbung, Hnahthial and Lungsen in which construction will soon begin.

It is a great development that rainwater harvesting projects have been completed in Industrial Growth Centre, Luangmual and Export Promotion Park, Lengte. These places have also received sanctioned under PM- Gati Shakti for further development. Under Smart City Project, the Aizawl New Market is currently under construction. The NEC has earmarked ₹14.50 crore for the construction of Lunglei market and Trade Centre.

Those are some ways in which the Mizoram government executes the projects under the Central government. It is good to know that under SEDP, 1261 beneficiaries that have fish ponds got their 1st installment of ₹25,000/-; for construction of fish ponds. 22.40 lakhs fish species were given out for the less fortunate farmers. The total value of the project is 2,168. 12 lakhs under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, this project has already been approved.

Pu Speaker, we have improved a lot in fish farming now. Before, there were huge number of chemically treated and unappealing fish taken from Silchar; nowadays imported fish have greatly reduced. It seems that we are going to be self- sufficient in fish product.

During 2020- 2022, the Central government has approved ₹79.45 crores in total for *Mizoram Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan* (RGSA). Under this project, ₹100 lakhs have been received by the state government as 1st installment. Also under RGSA, a new Panchayat Bhavan Village Council House worth ₹ 23 lakhs was constructed, three District Panchayat Resource Centre (DPRC) was set up in Saitual, Khawzawl and Hnahthial Districts, 'plate production out of arecanut' project at Bilkhawthlir, handloom Design -cum- Production Centre at Thenzawl, Rural Homestay and Agro- Tourism at Tuipui Darzo Kai are all great progress.

It was also good to hear from the Governor that in Khamrang village, tourism related promotion is underway where the Ministry of DoNeR allocated 800 crores under NSEIT for the development of Khamrang Village Eco- Tourism. Right now, Aizawl Convention Centre is constructed in Chite; it is under the Central government's PSU scheme worth 46 crores, the sanctioned amount is 236 lakhs. For developing Mizoram

Eco Tourism, NEC also gave for the construction of Mobile Ecological Park at Chakkhei of Siaha District.

We also came to know that the revenue till November 2022 under Transport Department is 2,816.86 lakhs. Notable point is that, the Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterway (MoPSW) announced Tlawng Lui as *National Waterway 102*. The proposal to conduct *Hydrographic Survey and Techno- economic Feasibility Studies* has also been submitted. E-tender for selection of contractor for *River Khawthlang Tuipui Inland Water Transport Project* is also underway and that is another great news.

Pu Speaker, earlier we hardly make use of Printing & Stationery Deptt., but now revenue under this department amounts to ₹8,13,536. From the sold Stationery items till December 2022, the revenue was ₹9,392,238. This shows that we make use of this department and this a good progress.

Under the Land Revenue & Settlement Department, the revenue tax and non- tax till December 2022 amounts to 524.56 lakhs. At the same time, registration fee and stamp duty collected amounts to 589.70 lakhs, 3,311 LSCs, 1352 House Pass, 281 Land Lease certificate and 31 LSCs for agricultural land were produced. As we know, Revenue Department is fully tied up with work; despite that our surveyors managed to give out LSCs, House Pass and Land Lease which is great to know.

It is also great to hear that the revenue earned till December 2022 was 717 crores. Multi- Facility Centre, Lianchhiari Run, 10 crores building funded by NEC is currently under construction and is almost ready. Under the *Journalist Welfare Scheme* 130 journalists had been given medical allowance, ex-gratia of ₹7,727,000 had been given out to families of journalists and in December 2022, the government sent Mizoram Journalist Association members from Kolasib to visit Meghalaya and study on the Horticulture and Agriculture related projects. It is an unusual practice of the government to send journalists so this was great to hear. I am also delighted to hear that the government is currently having deliberations on *Mizoram Journalist Pension Scheme*.

Pu Speaker, a part from the *Motion of Thanks* that the Governor highlighted, developments are jumping up amidst the hurdles. Pu Speaker, with your permission, I would like to highlight one more area that our Governor did not mention- the Mizoram State Health Care.

The Mizoram State Health Care is solely set up by the previous MNF ministry. Initially, 50 crores was allocated for the project. Then, during the previous MNF ministry, the government requested 117 lakhs from the Asian Development Bank. However, that was sanctioned only after the next government came to power. During the 10 years of dealing with Mizoram State Health Care, the previous ministry did not even spend a penny on healthcare scheme. The MNF government came to power in 2018, and in 2019, 50 crores were again put up for healthcare scheme corpus. Under the

previous government, we were able to bill only serious treatments for illnesses such as Cancer but now under this government, we are able to bill almost all treatment for illnesses. Under the previous government, roughly forty thousand people registered under healthcare, but now more than 1,20,000 people have registered under healthcare scheme. Almost all treatments are billable.

Right now, the government is expecting 1000 crores from Asian Development Bank, but the process takes time. By the grace of God, it will be disburse. The number of different illnesses increases, so does Covid and everyday healthcare bills is entering. If the previous government have allocated 50 crores every year, there would be no issue faced in healthcare. I don't think other parties should even state about healthcare, if they wish to, then they have to contribute as well. So, I would like to assure the House that it is only the MNF government that allocates budget for healthcare. The general public often argues over this, but the matter of fact is that, we all must cooperate. Right now, the MLAs have kept 1% of our salary for healthcare which is not much. The bills received from the whole state amounts to many crores. With all these, I would like to say that despite all the difficult circumstances, the government put its best foot forward.

Pu Speaker, looking at the Motion of Thanks I would like to thank the Governor. I would like the other members to also discuss the Motion of Thanks. Despite the difficult circumstances, the Governor had highlighted those undertakings in various areas such as securing the state, food and civil supplies, agriculture, horticulture, education, Fire department or be it Excise department, wherein we have to give a big thanks. So, Pu Speaker, I would like to request everyone to discuss and accept the motion that I have put forward. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Now we shall discuss on the Governor's Motion of Thanks moved by respected member, Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga. As usual, shall we give 10 minutes to each member? *(The House agrees...)*

Let us go ahead quickly. Were you impressed enough that you have no words left to say. Let me invite respected member, Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, thank you. I have a mild cold and cough, so please excuse me.

It is great to hear that today, respected member Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga proposed Motion of Thanks. I was glad because I have noted that in point number one- he clearly mentioned that there is peace in the state and in the border areas. It struck deep in my heart with the thought that our state guided by Pu Zoramthanga has not yet displeased the people and have a place in our hearts. At the same time, even though the state improves economically, if there is no peace and tranquility in the state and in border surrounding areas, the subjects cannot feel safe. Therefore we are in debt to give thanks

It is noteworthy that medical facilities have been provided to our force who have been maintaining peace and tranquility which has never happen before. Police Hospital has been constructed at 1st Bn. MAP Headquarter, Armed Veng worth 70 lakhs; he also mentioned that Multipurpose Football and Parade Ground was constructed which is pleasant to hear. At the same time, it is also a challenge for our police personnels who are ensuring the security of the state.

Next, I am also glad to know that SEDP Phase-I was given out to 60,000 families; despite Covid and border tensions in four to five places. In spite of our Mizo brethren refugees who share our rations and quotas with us, the government is able to disburse SEDP phase-1. Further, the announcement of 2nd installment of SEDP is a sign of relief and freedom for the daily manual workers in the village areas. For those of us whose constituency are in the rural area, it is a great sense of relief and happiness. From what the Governor mentioned about the government's initiatives and programmes, there are lots to be thankful for.

In Serial No.3, we heard that the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India took initiative to combat Mizoram's top illness which is cancer, by setting up *Super Specialty Cancer Research Centre*. To get funding of ₹70,000 lakhs by the project managers, Mizoram and JICA, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India signing an agreement is a great step taken for cancer patients and I know it will be dependable. I feel a great sense of happiness.

In Serial No.5 about Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. we heard that despite the circumstances, today our ration distributions are digitalized. Government also went through to provide food and other civil supplies to the people without much difficulty and we have to applaud the government for all these initiatives. It is a great progress that through the central government, godowns have been constructed from grant-in-aid of ₹ 19.22 crore, for example, in my constituency, in Reiek ranges- Darlung, Pukzing there are initiatives to start construction and also in Phuldungsei and Khawrihnim. With this we will be able to efficiently store clean and safe food items. I wholeheartedly thank the government for constructing quarters to accommodate the workers. Besides all these, earlier we use to see gas cylinders being picked up by Sumos, now we do not see those anymore, instead home delivery of LPG is done in 36 localities of Aizawl. Besides, the same thing is currently planned in 23 district headquarters. It is like a miracle and I am glad to announce this. As mentioned in Serial No.6, in Agriculture Department, FOCUS has reached Mamit District for the welfare of the people. I have the honor to mention that our ways have been paved, the number of seeds that the farmers received and the initiatives taken for us are to be thankful for.

Next, we are aware of the various developmental project that PWD has taken up. We are grateful that PHC building, has been reconstructed using NABARD fund specially in Reiek and Marpara. To be honest the previous building was in such

condition that, there was no space for caregiving facilities and also doctor for the past 10 years. Today, in all the five villages PHCs of my constituency, there's not even a second when there is no doctor. Our Governor's speech was very professional and it is important that we all appreciate.

Next, Serial No.11- PHE. Under JJM Scheme, our respected Minister took initiatives for my Constituency which consists of 33 villages. Today at the hill-top of Reiek, there is water connection. So, my constituency would like to give thanks again in the next elections as well. It was good to hear from the Governor's speech that, there are various developmental works that has been taken up.

In Serial No.12- Education, Samagra does a good job. Before, there were only classes up to Class- 10 and no more above that. Today, in Reiek, Phuldungsei and Silsuri, construction of buildings amounting to ₹100 lakhs is ongoing. Last year. We have started talking lessons, there is cent percent pass rate. we just started opening up to Class-12 under Samagra. I want to thank the authorities for providing us mid-day meal at the right time where students who did not get to receive proper healthy meals get a chance.

Under Rural development, there used to be 28 blocks which is now 27 blocks. Without any partiality, our leader has given us new RD Blocks without any partially, (which we really required) to all the constituencies under opposition. He is rightfully 'acting according to the Gospel'. In the meantime, the ones on your left did not see the godly side of it which I felt sorry for them. Let this be an eye-opener for them. Pu Speaker, I am almost done and I will make it short.

I want to talk again about Sports & Youth Services under Serial No.15. Even though the district of Mamit is not yet well- verse and is termed an Aspirational District, we have been given artificial turfs. It is also given in Kawrthah, Tuidam and Phaileng as well. Not only that, Sports School is set up using Rs.3,340 lakhs in constituencies under opposition. The CM, and the Minister in charge had given us which shows the right justice.

Setting up of Laldenga Football Ground to commemorate the Father of Mizos, Pu Laldenga, brought us pride. I also wanted to mention about LAD under serial No. 25, we have started erecting buildings for Village Councils here and there including my constituency, so that is a great development. I was happy that it is highlighted by the Governor as well.

In Serial No. 27- Tourism, the first ever *Tenth International Tourism Mart for North East States* was hosted in Aizawl where government's revenue was ₹152 lakhs within three days. Here under the *Ram Prashad Scheme*, we have received ₹4,488.52 for development of pilgrimage and heritage tourism from the Minister of Tourism. In

December 14, we received sanction. I am thankful to hear that the tourism department has grown a lot.

Lastly, I want to say that from the viewpoint of a regular traveler, in this fast-developing world, the inadequate facilities at Lengpui Airport are a reason to be shameful. But now that has been shoved and it is great to see that it has been renovated. There are many things to say but those are what I liked to mention. What all the Governor had said are worth to be thankful for and I assure that I support the *Motion of Thanks*. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I want to start my *Motion of Thanks* with Governor's speech, Serial No 2- SEDP.

Prior to 2018 Elections, the promise of MNF was, "You are going to receive 3 lakhs, even the ones who have received NLUP will also receive again". After they came to power, there are different ways of defining SEDP even in this House. In last year 2022 budget, our respected House Leader said, "We are planning to cover not less than sixty thousand families that will select their trades and go for SEDP to receive at least ₹50,000 per month.". However, in today's Motion of Thanks, we heard that, "More than 3 lakhs will receive in the form of SEDP, even the ones who have received NLUP will also receive again", but from the Governor's speech, it was confirmed that, "₹25,000/- was given to sixty thousand families" which is the truth. From 3 lakhs to ₹25,000, I believe our government is swaying around with SEDP policy which is devastating.

Not only this, our respected Minister in Hnam Run said that "where would they give out 3 lakhs of SEDP? That was unwise thing to do. Why should we not give out, if our leaders want to?". So does that mean, SEDP of ₹25,000 that we distribute is because of the foolishness of the people? is what needs to be thought. We the people still remember the saying, "Why should we not give out?" and "are we still fools?" and these important questions. No one asked for SEDP of 3 lakhs but they promised us, so everyone is prepared for that. Meanwhile our government had not just fulfilled their promises to the people but also it did not stand true to its promises. From 3 lakhs to ₹20,000/-, and then ₹25,000; this is disheartening. It is one's responsibility to fulfill one's promises. No one asked, "Give us SEDP", but it was promised, so the government has to take up this.

I am not sure if it was because of this, when the Governor complimented the good deeds of Lunglei Fire Station, he congratulated their bravery, their seriousness and dedication that led them to receive an award. However, he did not compliment the Government on their distribution of SEDP; may be our Governor is not satisfied with it. So, Pu Speaker, today I would first like to assure that there is no need for commendation.

Next, I want to discuss regarding Agriculture. In 2018 we heard, “When we become government, we will no longer depend on imported rice (Vai buhfai)”. In 2019, “We are planning to create Mizoram a land of milk and honey. In 2020 we heard, “We are planning to achieve self- sufficiency in food, meat, vegetables and oil”. Then in 2021, we heard, “This year our focus is towards sufficiency in food and importance will be given to bamboo”. In 2022, MNF said that, “We will help Mizoram to stand on its own feet”. Meanwhile, we are neither sufficient in food nor others. Pu Speaker, why don't we take our promises seriously? Why don't we stand for our promises? Even in our Governor's speech, there was no mention of our sufficiency in food, vegetables or any sort of produce, Governor did not know what to mention at all. Today, I don't think there is a need for commend in the agricultural sector.

Pu Speaker, let us move onto fishes. In Point no.-22, it is mentioned that those who made fish-ponds will be given ₹25,000/- which is very less. Whose families will develop only from that much? No one will be able to achieve that. In our Governor's speech, he just mentioned all those without any further commend. From the Governor's speech, there is nothing more to add.

Pu Speaker, what I want to elaborate more is- in pg-15, we see that in 2021, our revenue tax was ₹671.88 lakhs, ₹113.28lakhs non- tax, total- ₹785.12 lakhs. From Governor's 2022 speech, ₹524.56 lakhs from tax and non- tax revenue were obtained which compared to the previous year had reduced by ₹260.56 lakhs. What is the reason for this? In 2021, for registration and stamp duty ₹1,178.40 lakhs and in 2022, ₹589.70 was spent. We are unable to achieve by ₹588.70 lakhs. That was all mentioned in Governor's 2022 speech. Also, in 2021, LSC registration and Residential LSC was 888 and 3311 in the year 2022; here also we were far beyond last year. Last year, number of families were given LSC, it was mentioned that this year also it is planned to give to more families.

So, we are going downwards, it is clear that we are not progressing, our Governor is left with no remarks and did not say anything. He might be displeased that we are going backwards. It is disheartening to witness this today.

Pu Speaker, I would like to say few things about Excise. The number of arrested persons in 2021 was 2112, and 4,348 persons in 2022 as mentioned by our Governor. Case registered was 2,326 in 2021 and 4,755 in 2022. (**Speaker:** Time is over. Let him finish his speech.) the difference between this year and last year is 2,236, it means within a year, there are 2,236 law breakers. Within a year, cases registered against MLTP Act is 2429.

Pu Speaker, our government failed in all possible ways; it was evident in our Governor's speech. So, I would like to persuade everyone to disapprove this *Motion of Thanks*.

SPEAKER : Alright, our time has ended, we shall come back from break at 2 p.m. Our Dy. Speaker is going to have a blessing prayer for his new office which shall be followed by tea. We inform this to all the members.

So, we will have a break and we will come back at 2 P.M.

(Recess)

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Now I invite respected member Pu L. Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have reached quorum, so let me make it quick.

Yesterday, on February 7th, I think our respected Governor made a great speech when he addressed the House. Last year, we started recovering from Covid and are able to commence Church service again. I thought he won't have much to give reports regarding the impacts during the initial stages. But, with God's blessings and the hard work of our leaders, he is unable to put everything in to words.

Pu Speaker, I think the one's on your left did not read through clearly. The second paragraph of Governor's speech mentioned- the developments during this current year and the achievement of peace and stability by the Mizoram government makes me very proud and I thank them for that.

My first point amongst many other things is that, as Covid starts interfering with us, I have asked some departments what all problems we have faced. The lockdown orders were 3 pages long. Different kinds of lockdown such as total, partial and sometimes only AMC area was under lockdown. Lockdown was first announced in 25th March, 2020 and extended till June. On account of Covid, we even donated money and our MLA funds, for those who were willing to give. I am saying that because from a personal viewpoint, there could be a fright that we would not be able to give out our flagship programme that is SEDP. Even if our leaders are planning to give out, we have shortage of funds. Nevertheless, despite not being able to reach our goals due to Covid, we are going to give out ₹50,000/- to sixty thousand families, it will be given out as ₹25,000/- twice during this financial year. This is such a great move despite the hard days that we faced. No one including the government lives up to our plans. It is great that we are able to start what we have been saying before elections. it was great to hear the Governor clearly mentioning all these in point no.- 2.

In the process of fighting against Covid, I think more than 700 people had passed away; and I grieve along with the bereaved. I am glad to hear that at the end of his speech, he also mentioned that for Covid induced orphans, there are some Prime

Minister schemes and other ways to support them. Also, when it comes to fighting this battle, there was a good cooperation between the NGOs, Church and the general public in every locality. I wanted to mention all these in this first budget session post Covid-19.

We achieved a new chapter in education. For the first time in India and amongst all the other boards, translated textbooks of Mathematics and Science in Mizo are now available where students can learn in their mother-tongue. In November 10, our respected minister Pu Lalchhandama has released textbooks for Class-10 as they are about to give board examinations. Fortunately, on Monday, I got to release Mizo and English version of Class-9 Mathematics and Science textbooks. Pu Speaker, it has a strong connection with the Mizo Language Development Board which our Chief Minister gave importance to. Laborious efforts are taken for the effective functioning of the Mizo Language Development Board and their office was recently launched. I am including this because, there are certain *scientific words* which we did not have in Mizo language, for example Mathematics is ‘chhiarkawp’, but there is no Mizo word for science so should we discussed on whether we should accept this or not. So, translation becomes a heavy task and to fulfill this, our teachers and experts guided by the MBSE Academic Officer finished the task. I thank them through this respected House.

With the initiative from the Mizo Language Development Board, these scientific terms will soon be replaced in Mizo language. Now also there is clear example which I have already mentioned in the House, we may have come across many ‘C’s; like this kind of letters that does not exist in Mizo language will soon be modified and we are yet to witness the importance of the Mizo Language Development Board.

It is also great to hear that there will be two new BDO office. When we look at the other Northeastern states, they have more BDO Office than us, so I believe we should also open more offices. Opening up of two new offices in the midst of Covid-19 is a great one looking especially back at the past governments.

Pu Speaker, one thing I cannot hesitate to point out is that- to earn our ‘best’ recognition, we have bilingual textbooks in Science and Mathematics. Next is in point 23, Survey of India Report 2021 mentions that from the forest cover area state, Mizoram has the widest. This is due to efforts coming from the volunteer groups, fire prevention, preservation of water and water bodies and from the people. These are positive ways to secure first rank and it is a great achievement.

Pu Speaker, it is great to know that work has been completed in Science Centre and Digital Planetarium from Zohnuai, Lunglei. This shows that we use to continue the initiative started by the previous government. Without shifting the location, we finished the work then and there rightfully and we are thankful for that.

Pu Speaker, what struck my mind from the Governor's speech was that, 95% of the work has been completed for *Lianchhiari Run*; and I & PR through local tv network is telecasting our Assembly Session on live and this are good to know. Due to limited time, I hardly use to get the time to thank them so now I thank the I & PR department for their initiative.

It is remarkable that through the Journalist Welfare Scheme, 130 journalists have been given medical assistance this year, condolence known as ex-gratia were also given to bereaved families of late journalists which amounted to ₹77,28,030. Journalists disseminates the initiatives taken by the government to the public, the government doing these for them is really appreciative.

Pu Speaker, it is also good to know that *Drugs & Children Survey in Mizoram* during 2022 had Rehabilitation Board, Social Welfare Board and Tribal Affairs Board under Mizoram Social Defense. I believe there will be more surveys like this in the near future. Planning of these things shows the condition of our state which becomes useful.

In page no. 8, Mizoram again became the top in three things mainly- Aibawk Cluster qualified as cluster by fulfilling 14 components and is the first to complete the components among all the Indian states. To achieve this, the officers under Aibawk cluster and the people cooperate really well. Being first is not easy, Mizoram achieving this at the national level is really great. I also believe the minister, Professor F. Lalnunmawia, S-III MLA paved the way to a great extent.

For the last part, while we just got over with extreme Covid cases, there has been different initiatives that shows the diligence of our leaders as well as God's blessings, the cooperation from people is also evident. Now, that Covid is gone, more developments can be expected.

As it was great hearing all of the Governor's speech, I therefore support the Motion. Pu Speaker, if, you may allow, may I place the new Bilingual Text book (in which we became the first to publish in India) to you, at the library or as a property of the House, do let me know. Thank You.

SPEAKER : Alright, we could not form quorum few minutes ago and he started after two minutes. Now, may I invite respected member Pu BD Chakma.

PU BD CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, may I read out the first page from respected Governor's address- "I would like to invite this August Assembly to witness my government's commitment to provide an efficient, responsive and accountable administration at all levels of governance". However, the delaying of our salaries

(including the legislators) and not being able to give out in the right time shows inefficient governance. I believe that government employees have had met the Chief Minister multiple times to discuss how to give out salaries in the right time. But now they have manipulated our calendar, after a week or sometimes after 15 days, salaries used to be received. Since Banks use to give penalties, if we are unable to give EMI on time, it is vital that we receive salaries in time.

In the first para it was mentioned that narcotics and drugs worth 829 crores in the international market were seized. In a way, it can be assumed that government is only thinking about revenue by intentionally seizing these because Governor's speech was all about taking revenues. Other than contemplating only about revenues, government should think about how to reduce, and how to fight against it. Along with this, I wanted to point out that, Lunglei Fire Station has earned praise on controlling the wildfires so much so that they received cash prize of 51 lakhs from the Central Home Ministry. Just like them, we all should take up responsibilities to prevent fires.

In the 2nd para, SEDP is mentioned. SEDP has been appearing in Governor's speech since the last 4 years and now only a year is left. As of now, ₹25,000/- is given as first installment; here the government is at fault. So, Pu Speaker, the 3rd installment of SEDP should be given soon. I heard that now for the second installment, only ₹25,000/- would be given and the total amount of 1st and 2nd installment will be 300 crores. But from respected Chief Minister's budget speech, it was mentioned 350 crores! if 2nd installment would be given, then it will amount to only 300 crores. So, SEDP is a total failure. At the same time, I am glad to know that through NEC, Central Government is taking care of developments for Chakma and Bru brethren from Lai District.

The 3rd para of Governor's speech mentions about Super Specialty Hospital. Pu Speaker, as the old proverb says, "Prevention is better than cure", so before establishing a super specialty place, we must first think about 'preventive measures' rather than 'curative efforts.' The data from last-to-last year among all the districts of India, Aizawl district has the highest rate of cancer patients. Besides cancer, hepatitis and AIDS are also threatening diseases, Mizoram ranks first in AIDS all over India. So, a keen thought must be put towards health infrastructure.

Pu Speaker, while you were the Health Minister, you have set up Health and Primary Sub-Centre for my constituency. We are also glad that construction of PHC building has been completed in Borapansuri and Longpuighat. However, till today we could not function as AMO is difficult to obtain, the PHC from Borapansuri is ongoing as public/ private/partnership with the District Council. According to what I have heard just now, an Ayush doctor is placed as a medical doctor who just stays at Chawngte. So, PHC has been opened without any doctor. Such is our case. Pu Speaker, during your time, with your empathy, we had Sub- Centre, but it just stands there without functioning. That is the condition of Health in Mizoram.

Our Governor only mentioned that revenues from ceased drug trafficking amounts to ₹1,31,31,291. But Pu Speaker, it is first important to think about how can we fight against drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Yesterday, from our respected Governor's speech, it was mentioned under Agriculture and Life sector that, "Agriculture remains a chief focus of my government, with a mission to enhance sustainable agriculture crop productivity". In the first budget session this year, our respected Chief Minister said, "We will not consume imported rice from other states anymore, we will consume only Mizo rice; we are going to be self-sufficient in rice". But in the next budget detail discussion, we shall see what our current condition of production really is. But from what I have known, our current production is declining and agriculture is a total failure.

In the 10th para, roads, bridges and buildings are mentioned. Now, Aizawl – Lunglei (via Thenzawl) roads are in a really poor state. In some places, we see not more than 3 to 4 labors (dumkas) and there are only one or two road rollers from PWD. They even used to ask for addition of JE and Engineer and such is the condition of Aizawl to Lunglei road.

The Phairuangkai bridge serves as a lifeline for our constituency and the surrounding areas, but it needs to be repaired monthly so government fails even in construction of bridges too. On that note, the collapse of Lengpui Airport was "a very good example of poor quality".

There is a lot to say about Rural Development. As the Central Government dissolve DRDA, the RD Blocks from Meghalaya, Tripura and Assam District Councils were transferred to their own District Councils, but under Mizoram Government, rather than transferring it to the District Council, they have opened their own District Development Office. Rather than reducing, this can increase our expenditure.

Pu Speaker, regarding Air Connectivity, you and I attended the CADC Golden Jubilee inaugural programme. The last time we saw a helicopter that was on service was during the Art & Culture programme at the Helicopter Ground. After that, no one knows when the service ended and why did it stop. So, it would be thankful if Air Connectivity Helicopter service be resumed in Chawngte and other important areas. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Our normal timing is till 4 P.M., so who will continue? May I invite respected member, Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Pu Speaker, thank you.

It is an honor to give a vote of thanks with reference to the Governor's speech of the 11th Assembly Session. Our government is in its fourth year but work wise, we have

seen roughly a second year. In a way, it is like a patient with certain illness, who is at recovery stage and who can barely work. Despite all these, it is great that they have left multiple legacies that are worth mentioning.

Our most trusted Book mentions, “...*in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving*”. So, even if things do not occur according to our plans, even if we do not get our desired results, we are taught to give thanks so as long as we keep looking for it, there is always a reason to give thanks.

Firstly, living in a peaceful state without critical issues, where peace and tranquility prevails is worth celebrating and if were to be bought by Indian rupees, it would cost a lot. It is great that we get to spend our lives here in Mizoram. Government does not deny the efforts of the forces and the police who are consistently safeguarding our state. So, despite Covid getting into a tangle with our lives, to ensure safety and protection of the people, buildings are constructed under SEDP, clean drinking water is provided and borders being safeguarded all shows that government did not fail to look after the people. Besides that, for Police, Hospital building is planned to be constructed, Multi-Purpose, Football Stadium and Parade Ground, and also taking extra initiatives to provide for urgent needs, training centers, addition of training school in Thenzawl are another great progress.

In addition, the Lunglei Fire Station is praiseworthy especially for Lunglei town as they tried their best to stop the wildfires by willing to sacrifice their lives and even climbing on hilly terrains to stop the fires. Looking back the aftermath right at the spot, I highly feel that they really deserved their award.

Despite all the difficult times due to Covid-19, SEDP was given and for the beneficiaries, they would be appreciative however, I cannot say for the ones who did not receive. I do not have any say in terms of how much or how less it is since our condition did not permit me to do so. Anyway, it is great that we are able to provide for people so that they will be able to stand on their feet. It is just like when a tiny rice is sown, it grows bigger and bigger and each panicle bears many grains, so is SEDP and it is great that we are able to initiate. It is a blessing for the recipients and I am happy for them.

Our respected member had mentioned earlier regarding in what all areas we secure first position, one area he did not mention was- government taking initiatives to ensure sustainable growth for the first time and it is great to know that there is a plan of action.

We would not be able to highlight everything. It is appreciable that there are arrangements to prevent and to treat cancer, which is the leading cause of death in Mizoram. It is noteworthy development that 700 crores are arranged for Mizoram Super Speciality Cancer Hospital & Research Centre under Ministry of Health & Family

Welfare which is planned under DAP JICA. Once government completed this, most of our problem would be driven away for quite some time. So, let me say that, government is trying its best for the people.

In the meantime, a great effort must be given to combat against drug abuse. In the midst of all the obstacles, what had been a relief was that with our respected Chief Minister's leadership, people get to have rice, gas and other necessities provided during the pandemic no one got to rely on firewood. LPG Board has set up Mualkhang Bottling Plant in Kolasib, which will be bigger in size and will be more efficient as per plan.....

SPEAKER : Hold on, let me switch the chair with Deputy Speaker. Let him sit here now.
(*Dy. Speaker takes the seat....*)

DEPUTY SPEAKER : You may continue.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: It is overwhelming that there is a plan towards construction of a bigger LPG Bottling Plant, which is not just planning but putting the plan into action. There is hope that if this is executed properly, it will ease the problem of insufficiency in gas supply.

It is a great achievement to export Dragon fruits and Pineapples- fruits that used to be popular, have been exported in UAE and Qatar. This poses a great challenge and a lesson that, "we can do these from our state, we can produce and export, just like people conduct their business with a proper plan." With effective planning, the results will be worth the wait. In our whole state, there are many things that we can even produce.

Our progress in power generation is also observed from Tlawva Small Hydel Project and Kawlbem Small Hydel Project. Even in the most remote villages, we cannot do anything without power supply. The responsibilities taken by our respected Ministers to bring sufficiency in power supply makes me think, "Should we not thank them?".

Another remarkable point is regarding the upcoming of District Court building at New Secretariat in which law and regulations will be exercised. Also, let us hope that the National Highway, Aizawl- Thenzawl – Lunglei which is currently under maintenance will be worked on faster than this. Back in the days, 8-9 hours are needed for travelling but now within 5 hours it can be reached, there is still room for improvement.

Another thing to be thankful for is what we cannot make, but cannot live without, what we cannot multiply but what we can preserve is water. Central funding under JJM brings water connection to every household, for all the villagers we should thank them

by giving them a big round of applause. It is us, the people that receive all these benefits under this government which is very great.

As they have mentioned before, I really believe that the bilingual textbooks in Science and Mathematics would be really useful. We use to assume these subjects as '*Subject Sakei*' (Sakei means tiger). Having these subjects in our very own language is really effective for students. The mind behind this and the publishers deserves praise and I believe this will be one among our state- treasures.

We congratulate Kawrtethawveng and Tlabung wherein RD Blocks began functioning. In the near future Tlabung RD Block will serve a great purpose if Indo-Bangla border trade is initiated. With government's initiative, roads are currently being paved, even before we get ready, trade may start anytime soon. We are really glad with the giving and opening of Tlabung RD Block within our district.

There is a lot to say regarding our improvement under Sports Department and we cannot elaborate everything. Especially in Chawngte and Thuamluaia Mual, we now have artificial turf which we are really thankful for. From Lunglei and from the south in general, we also have great football players that earned their fame at national level and now among the 'top'.

It is great that during our ministry, gold medal was earned in weightlifting at Commonwealth Games. There are a lot other things to be thankful for but let me present this much. So, I urge everyone to be thankful and accept the Motion of Thanks presented by the Governor.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will continue next, anyone? I now invite respected member Pu VL. Zaithanzama.

PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I have looked upon Governor's speech from yesterday. The ones on the right knows areas where to give thanks to. Keenly looking on it, not that I say "there is nothing to be thankful for" but that it is very less. It looks as if it was a 'praise book of SEDP'. I believe that our Governor was not much into SEDP but he was able to elaborate well and it was very interesting.

In the first point, we have seen that for providing accommodation and water supply for the police that are posted in border areas, 495 lakhs were spent from SEDP. It is more likely an ad for SEDP. But as I keep on thinking, we have issues in our border, we had to send our police there; and I don't think there would be any government in this world that is unable to provide accommodation and water supply to them. So, this is not about promoting SEDP but our rightful duty which we are unable to effectively give our commitments.

I have also seen that the hardworking police had seized drugs which amounted 829 crores. It is good that these many were seized, but it is actually unfortunate. Right now, our youths are troubled by drugs and narcotics and there will be many more of these drugs compared to what was seized. So, we should not simply be at peace when drugs are seized but we should grieve over it. I believe that we should all try our best to fight against the source. Meanwhile, we need hospital building for the 1st Battalion Hqrs and I do not criticize that. Not only the police but even outsiders will make use of this.

Since they have mentioned about SEDP already, I won't be delving much into it. We have listened that ₹25,000/- was given to 60,000 families and by March 2023, phase-I is expected to be completed. 700 crores were allotted in our budget, 150 crores were spent in Phase- I, if the same amount was given put in Phase-II, it means we are going to spend 300 crores. 400 crores are left and I believe the remaining was spent on other things. So, it seems that Governor's speech this year is all about commendation of SEDP.

In the third point, we have seen about '90% voluntary blood donation', that is good to hear. It is not the immense contribution of the government but it came from the blood donors.

About drug trafficking was also mentioned. We have seen that 4,755 case was registered by Excise & Narcotic Deptt. and 4,348 people were arrested regarding this mater. I do believe these highlights the reality of our present state. In our state, the youths are ruined by problems that are caused by drugs, it is increasing and we are unable to control the problem effectively. Our government needs to take steps more than ever. For example, recently on the newspaper, it was written about how 'beans' are used in the making of drugs. 1.1 liters was caught in 2020, 410 liters was caught in 2021 and 2,796 liters was caught in 2022. It is hard to comprehend how drugs are heavily increasing, is it because of the inefficiency of the government or government is negligent- these should be thought of carefully. Pu Dy. Speaker, I request the government to please buckle up in order to reduce the said issue.

Regarding Food & Civil Supply, we have seen about LPG- Home Delivery. I want to mention that the area covered by LPG Home Delivery in Aizawl is not wide enough and not many make use of the system. When I inquired around, there is big problem regarding delivery boys; it seems that they did not get enough workers to carry around gas cylinders such as, on long steps. What has been critical in my mind and which is not often spoke about is that whenever LPG Consumers take gas, we have to show a xerox copy of our consumer card. There can be thoughts that government and the agents are using the consumers to lessen their burden. 10 – 15 trips are distributed daily and getting a xerox copy of consumer card may not be difficult for us who are sitting as this place, but it is very difficult for the poor people. If we calculate the whole state's expenditure in a year, many spendings are unnecessary. I was wondering, "Is there any other way?". So, I really hope that these will be lessened.

As the others have said about the seventh point, in Tualte, tomato growers produced tomatoes that cost almost 2 crores. It is also great that in Sialhawk 29,023 metric tons of pineapples were produced. From what I have heard from the Governor's speech, all those developments occur due to SEDP, so I made a call to some people to inquire about it. Pineapples were grown in Sialhawk since the past 10 years, even before the existence of SEDP. Now that they have seen the fruits of their labor, some of the favored growers were given SEDP, and now it is not satisfactory as all the credit goes in the name of SEDP. It seems like every successful farmer will be said that it is the result of SEDP.

Let me mention few things about the ninth point- that is power. The Tlawva Small Hydel Project 5 MW which was commissioned in 11th August seems a great initiative, but when I carefully looked into it, by the following months that was December and January, it did not generate power anymore. Pu Dy. Speaker we should first analyze how these kinds of developmental projects that requires a lot of spending will be useful and until and unless experts carefully looked into big infrastructure projects, we should request the government not to spend on these anymore as it is discouraging.

Textbooks and Uniforms given for free under Samagra Shiksha are never received at the beginning of their session so it becomes problematic for teachers. In some schools, it is delayed even on the verge of their first term exams so both the students and teachers used to face issues. Since school calendar is known by all, there must be effort to provide supplies to the students in time.

Lastly, I am happy that Science and Mathematics textbooks had been published in Mizo language and it is anticipated that any schools will be able to teach Mathematics in Mizo language itself up to high school level. Anyway, I like to mention that there is hardly any point of contentment from the Governor's speech. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I invite respected member Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Looking at the Governor's speech, there are lots of ways to thank the government from the various initiatives and works done that were mentioned. So, I will highlight the important ones.

Firstly, I do believe that the works done by Home Department, Police Department are worthy of admiration. I think it is great that there are great initiatives to solve the border tensions with Assam. Pu Dy. Speaker, here I want to mention that –all the parties should not use 'border tensions' as a propaganda in politics. When any government comes to power, it looks as if the Opposition parties compete with the

thought of being able to solve the disputes and it is never enough. Be it Congress ministry or PC ministry, we have many opinions and plans in every ministry but there is hardly any initiative. Under this government, between 2019 to 2020 we had issues where even guns was shot. The people of Mizoram knows that MNF government is the only government that takes most initiatives and is the most accountable in this regard. However, the MNF government did not want to take this as a political advantage. To smoothly resolve these ongoing tensions that our state faces, we should not take the matter into party politics. I believe it is better that the government initiate this process so that everyone will cooperate. I want everyone on my left and all the people of Mizoram to hear me out.

In my constituency of Vairengte area, we have been facing border. As a Minister, I have often been called for interviews but I use to decline since I do not want individuals or parties to backstab each other. Having said that we must be in harmony with each other, I thank this government for this development so far.

What I wanted to let the people on the left and everyone is that regarding this issue, “our Police duties already have a good accommodation”. Down there at Aitlang, a well- constructed Police duty post is now standing, occupied and electricity is given there too. At Sabual plains, I believe that that there is another sanction coming up wherein we had asked the Finance Commission; this will also be constructed soon. Also, at Buarchep, a proper duty post was set up as well as at Saihapui V. I wanted to let the House know that the outskirts of Vairengte, where firing of guns took place, there is a proper duty post wherein those are all inhabited.

I also wanted to mention that the construction of Vairengte IR Company Hqrs.is almost over and by the next Session, our heads and department will make arrangements and it is hoped to be inaugurated soon. In this regard our government may not be up to the mark, but coming this far, their initiative is extraordinary. Let us think of this as a beginning, no matter what governments may come, border issue should not be used a tool in politics to attack or condemn against each other. Any party can become an Opposition party; without taking advantage or showing a sudden passion for borders; even if we cannot do much, we should all strive to move forward. I wanted to highlight that,” the efforts took up by the Police Department is praiseworthy”.

Also, Pu Speaker, we have seen in SEDP that 60,000 beneficiaries were selected and that ₹25,000/- each was deposited in their accounts and ₹25,000/- each will be received again by the previous recipients. What I would further like to add in the Governor’s speech was that, “There will be a 2nd phase wherein number of families will be recipients”. It will be better if this was added in the speech.

In the process of exercising SEDP, due to Covid-19, not only Mizoram but India faces great difficulties. But as we remember that it is the government’s flagship programme, we put our best foot forward with whatever we had for people engaged

with farming and manual laboring for their livelihood and let them know that we gave importance to them. Although we may not be able to go as planned, continuing SEDP to show them that we prioritize them is really great.

Pu Speaker, there is a really remarkable initiative taken by PWD. I cannot stress enough that 351 kms of road has been paved. Even with the Assam and Mizoram issue, not only our constituency but also Tuivawl constituency, Kolasib constituency and in the western side, new roads have been made. It is great to see the responsibilities taken by DC of Kolasib and the representatives of YMA Sub- Headquarters in ensuring the making of that many roads. How much ever we want keep safe our borders, it is pointless if there are no settlements or any developments by the borders. So, many new roads are built to safeguard our land and the nearby settlers became the ones that make the best use of it. Now that new roads came up in the areas of Vairengte, vehicles now get access to our farms and plantations. Now, even broom growers can easily collect and transfer these to motors on the spot itself. This is a way to secure borders at the same time it is economic development. It is also good that the nearby settlers are employed in 'broom collecting'.

What I would love to include here is that, those new roads which were built in a fast manner is currently under finishing process. If all these things were included, it would be really great.

Under JJM, there are lots of undertakings and it is beneficial especially for village constituencies like us who lives in far-off places. JJM covers 97, 834 families and is slowly covering 224 villages. Especially in our constituency, water is very scarce and we had sent a request to make arrangements. Since there is no proper water source in Saipum, we ask to pump Tuirial waters. As initiatives keeps going, tenders that were already issued under JJM were again cancelled and the cooperation with people is supported by government. Since, we are the beneficiaries of these, let me say that we are truly glad.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I think that the progress made by Education Department is really remarkable. Here I would like to add what the Governor did not mention. Great improvements are seen in the conduct of education. It is great that other states came all the way to study about MBSE and how education is exercised in our state. Due to shortage of teachers, pensions and deaths, there are lots of vacant posts. Here we are able to employ 700 'SEDP Teachers'. Because of this, a constituency like ours are able to have sufficiency of teachers that comprises on 4 to 5 teachers per class and this also effectively contributes for development.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there are many ways to extend my vote of thanks. What has been on my mind and with what I wanted to conclude is that – to take political advantage, any party, be it MNF, Congress, ZPM or BJP, we should neither show sudden interest towards border tensions during Opposition nor completely neglect again during Ruling.

All the people of Mizoram know this and how government took measures on this issue, but not that we say “this is satisfactory”. So, I wanted to say that regarding this issue, this government has reached the farthest. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, I invite respected member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

PU LALRINDIKA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Today’s deliberation is regarding Governor’s speech. The plus points were already mentioned and I believe there are not much shortcomings. However, with regard to this, there are certain limitations that I would like to point out.

In the first point, it is good that the commendable work of Police, seizing of drugs and related products were mentioned. In the meantime, I am saddened not hearing how the people of our constituency face lots of problems and that even in Vairengte, our problems were not discussed. What enters illegally are sometimes arrested and some are not arrested and I am dismayed that government has nothing to say on this. It is my request that in the coming future, government should be prepared to be able to mention this.

Second point mentions about SEDP. People are eagerly waiting for it and they were able to form a government because of that. However, as we have seen their term is almost over and not even a year is left now. While we were hoping that many families met benefits through SEDP; in their last term, that is before the end of the year, we are still discussing about 2nd installment which I think is not right. I regard that giving hopes and letting down people is a very irrational thing to do. Even delaying hopes can hurt the sentiments of people, and if we are unable to fulfill their dreams, one cannot even think of the level of hurt caused to these people. Anyway, I request the government to try their best regard to this.

In the fifth point, it is mentioned that “we are sufficient enough in rice and oil”. Here I wanted to add regarding ‘oil’. We might be sufficient in oil, but my thought is, “Is our oil clean enough?”. It is important to have clean and pure oil and I wanted the government to look into these matters as fast as they could. Besides, it is vital to know that the problems faced by our vehicles due to this impure oil led to waste of money in our economy. As much as we want oil to be provided sufficiently, it is important to ask, “Is this pure and clean enough?” In this regard, government should take serious measures more than before.

They said that cooking gas home delivery system is closely monitored and there are lots of discussions about it. If it does not seem suitable for the people then they must not go ahead with it. Therefore, I highly assume that we must go according to the needs of the people.

In the 10th point, it states about the renovation of Lengpui Airport. I do not have much to say but, we all know what is going on at that place. Also, it seems that we really like multistorey and I think that government should closely monitor that place. What I wanted to say is this, when we do things, “it must be at the best use of the general public”.

Water connectivity is crucial that is why JJM is an important initiative of the Central Government. Our problem is, the water connection reaches household but there is no water. It does not fulfill the need if the water connection is simply fixed without supply of water. Therefore, I want the government to know that, we need water supply. Instead of putting aluminum pipes, plastic pipes are fixed in many places which needs to be checked properly.

Regarding point 14th, I want to extend my thanks as new RD Block has been given at Kawrtethawveng, my constituency. I am extremely delighted and I thank the government for this.

I want to add few things in point-17, it mentions about PMEGP margin money, I am afraid people will misunderstand this. I think margin money cannot be taken out just by itself. When a person takes loan, 30% out of that loan can be taken as margin money. Since it is not mentioned specifically here, I am afraid that people will try to claim just the margin money. So, I would like to clarify this point.

Anyway, since today’s speech is a collection of all the good points, there is not much to criticize. However, there are lots of not so good points that were not included. I hope that the government continue to monitor these points. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I invite respected member, Pu Ramthanmawia.

PU RAMTHANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

Yesterday, respected Governor’s speech mention about different initiatives and now it is really great that we are able to discuss on that.

Firstly, everyone including all the political parties are paying close attention to safety of borders. But it is clear from the past years that this issue cannot be resolved in a fast manner. Having said that, we can see that the government never forsake its borders. 300 lakhs were spent to strengthen the police duties in the border areas. The police camps are well equipped by spending almost 100 lakhs. Other than this, almost 500 lakhs were spent for construction of different buildings in the border areas. That shows that the government pays attention to its borders. It does not allow its police force to stay in forest area under uncomfortable situations. It is really great knowing that government did all these despite insufficiency in funds. So, this is to be thankful for from the Governor’s speech.

We know that SEDP is MNF government's best policy even before making the government. The pandemic which the world was not prepared for suddenly ruined us. We said, "We will start off with 3 lakhs", which was right. Other parties even commented, "They will not really do it" and that was also right. Looking at our financial condition, SEDP seems impossible to carry out. But since our people are facing difficulties due to pandemic, we went for it as much as we could. Since things did not go as planned, we started with ₹25,000/-. Then the first installment was given out to 60,000 families and the second installment is expected to be given out by March 2023 which was really great to hear.

We knew that the previous government really favored NLUP which was a flagship programme. Looking back at that government that said, "The morning after forming the government, 1lakh will be distributed" but 1 lakh was not given out soon. After 3 years, they began giving out ₹4000/- to the broom harvesters from Darlawn. Their beginning was only that much for a party that said, 1 lakh will be given out. Meanwhile we start with ₹25,000/-. Our beginning was that much even though we did not plan to start that way as the situation was out of control. If we think back on that situation, I think no one is to blame each other. We knew that during the previous government, there was no financial issues nor any issue like pandemic. But this government is facing major issues and meanwhile, instead of asking us questions like, "Why don't you give out 3 lakhs?", it would be right to ask, "How did you give out that much? How did your Chief Minister (Finance Minister) initiate this, there won't be any other Chief Minister as good as him" and it won't be a lie. But your slogan is, "MNF government is not going to distribute SEDP" and we remember that. God is good, so up to this day, it was affirmed that, "₹50,000/-will be first given out to 60,000 families. This points out that, "This government is not running away from its promises made to the people till today".

When you look back at the Congress government, even though they said, "The morning after forming the government, 1lakh will be distributed", they did not finish giving out during their first term. Neither there was financial hurdles nor pandemic issues. The border conflicts were also not that tense. Today I am extremely delighted to state that amidst all the difficulties, we came this far.

I also like to mention about Tlawva Mini Hydel Project. I think this is made to be used during monsoon only. It was planned by the previous government in 2012, started in the same year itself and was planned to be completed by 2015. But it was not done as it was difficult. The process took time and on August 2022 it was then inaugurated. Since it is my constituency, I just want to highlight that, this project is solely made to be used during monsoon when the rainwater gets plenty.

What I would like to mention regarding education is that, huge amount of money has been given to us to build and repair school buildings. Even in my constituency, considerable amount of fund has been sanctioned, so in terms of education we have been

greatly improving. When we started forming the government in 2019, there were 5 MLAs in Champhai including me. from East Tuipui constituency, we secured 4th position in the last year's board exam and our pass percentage was 50%. The reason behind this could be government providing us more teachers when we faced shortage of teachers. Then in 2019, our pass percentage rose up to 60%. This shows that government has keen interest to develop education and great improvements were seen in our constituency.

We know that more than 30,000 of our brethren from Myanmar whom we share our very blood took refuge here and 458 people from Bangladesh. I am satisfied with how the government sheltered them. Whereas in Manipur, government sends back refugees but here we spread arms for them, NGOs and Church are taking care of food supplies and we also take care of their place to stay.

As we all know, even in my constituency we have plenty of refugees and we really took up their matters. Government has shown tremendous kindness towards the student refugees; it did not allow them to stay idle so it gives them all education as per their level of requirements. Just Farkawn itself has 63 high school students and 4 out of these students even secured Distinction position. These refugees are very enthusiastic and they are great learners too. Besides education, government also provided free books and uniforms which shows that government shows its kindness. As we know, our government spends more than 300 lakhs for refugees who entered from Myanmar and it also spends more than 30 lakhs for refugees from Bangladesh. All the MLAs whose constituencies are close to the borders are all trying our best for our brethren who came to seek shelter.

In that way, this government not only serves as a government for the people, but it acts as a 'main home' for its brothers and sisters from various parts of the world by sheltering refugees and this is known worldwide. This is a way to receive God's blessing by this land and this government which I think is astounding. Pu Speaker, there are still things left unsaid, let me just end it here. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now I invite respected member, Dr. Vanlalthlana.

DR. VANLALTHLANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. From yesterday's Governor's speech, I would like to further discuss few things from page-17. There won't be time to inquire into each point so I will be presenting what feels important.

Page-2 mentions about SEDP and this immediately struck my head. They said that, "we the ruling government has been dealing with SEDP since 2017." They had released in 2017 and by 2018, it was planned to start off. Then as 2018 pass, 2019 and 2020 got over, then comes 2021 and only by the start of 2022, Executive Board was able to conduct a meeting. I think it is displeasing that they took so much time just for one sitting. Our CM had assured, "Even the ones who had received NLUP will receive

again; they will receive 3 lakhs and more”. From the NLUP that was given, 70% of families in Mizoram were to be given more than 1 lakh. How much will be received if those set of people including people with whom they have connections and others whom they favor. It would be dreary if all families were to receive 3 lakhs. Covid-19 is often used as an excuse saying, “We cannot distribute due to Covid-19 as pandemic took a toll on us”.

Yes, family-based SEDP worth ₹25,000/- was distributed. But, crores of money were taken for Airport before giving out ₹25, 000/-. Also, contract bills were easily issued by PWD and more than 300 crores were also taken for PWD. Even in Sports, more than 2600 lakhs were also done in that way. Then we say that, “we have covered the prominent ones, so let us now give it to them” and it seems like we are distributing ₹25,000/- each now.

SEDP should be given from Form - 1 to Form - 7. I think they came up with the first two forms and I have studied Form -3 as much as I could. Their plans and their execution become contrasting and this is devastating, I will continue to examine this. Our scheme implementation is not bad. But we are not critical enough in implementation process and it looks like giving money and running off from that. I feel sorry for this.

I came to be a part of PAC in Assembly. We went to Sesawng and then to Thingsulthliah where we talked to NLUP beneficiaries. One man responded saying, “Whenever government comes to power they say, “Do this and grow this” and they give us the seeds. After a while, they run away from us but we carry on feeling hurt and dejected. They play with the villagers by proposing plans that has less possibility of taking real action and one that lacks proper planning. With new hopes and with the thought of “these people will be able to help us”, we helped them by voting for them but never get back anything in return. Please do not treat us this way” and he requested me like that.

SEDP is just like this. We did a thorough study; looked at the beneficiaries including the ones from my constituency. We knew that even those who did not really work on it, those who did not grow corns still received a lot and there are many more. Let me say this, “Let us not play around with people’s money”. I’m sure there are ways to rightfully implement SEDP. But as we mentioned previously, our promise to distribute 3 lakhs was thought of too late. After 2019, we were able to have a sitting only in 2022, before that beneficiary- based SEDP of 1 lakh was given out; almost all those recipients were MNF people, we have the list. We already paid it! So, let us think consciously on how we are going to move forward. The Central government said, “You received this to take care of your state, you can use it as per your requirements”. I feel sorry that this scheme is implemented by favoring one’s own party people and pushing aside the needy. So, let us implement SEDP by taking steps worthy of investigation, that

is worth following and that can lead as an example. While the Governor gave immense compliments, I do not have any.

Moving on, we see that point-5 mentions about LPG *home –delivery* which is remarkable. I think I have stood up with this point in every Session. As I have been an OB in the Mizoram Consumers' Union, we have actively voiced out regarding this. So, I praise the initiative taken by our Minister and there are many more upcoming initiatives. I think people have understood as it is a period of '*trial and error*'. Even though there are shortcomings and things getting disorganized, I assume people are quite understanding.

As respected member Pu Zaithanzama mentioned earlier, without giving a photocopy of our consumer card, we could have just given our consumer number (card number) and we could have just written without mistake. I believe the subsidy will be credited to our accounts. I think the responsibility is at our hands as we are the ones to write the consumer number. The main excuse is that when we enter or write the consumer number, there could be a mistake. I think we know how to write our names and our phone numbers. So, I raise my plea on this.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, let me read out point-10- "My government has made significant achievement in building infrastructure of roads, bridges and buildings". As Dr. ZR Thiamsanga mentioned earlier in his introductory speech, "we are the happiest state", it might be true to an extent; it might be long ago too. Now as we receive salaries later than expected time, a home where a government employee stay is not in a happy state right now. I also think those who are expecting NLUP are also not that happy. Let me mention that the people settling after Thenzawl, the southern side are not really happy. I use to say that my origin is that area. Recently, between Christmas and New Year, I had to drive alone to attend funeral service. Since there were things to do at home, I had to drive back and forth in a day and the following day. Travelling back and forth to Lunglei within a day is very tiring. So, people from that side are unhappy at all.

From Central, they use to have a study on Logistics ease at different States. 'Logistics' means- transporting of a good/ goods from one place to another. Here they call it 'transporter'- it is a vehicle that carries around goods. More than 3000 from drivers' association and goods carrier were interviewed in this regard by the study group. The study group even held meetings 300 to 400 times and based on this report, Mizoram is lowest in infrastructure. That is our condition and we are not satisfied. As, regarding roads, we claimed that 'we are equally happy' but in reality, we may be happy with the initiative taken by HIDL which have no interference of the state government.

Pu Dy. Speaker, regarding point no.- 12, I am glad to hear that we now have bilingual textbooks written in Mizo and English. I learned that respected minister, Pu L Thangmawia is also a part of the team so I congratulate him as well.

Then, it has been said, 'Quality Education at All Levels'. here in my constituency, we have government schools without cemented ceilings where the roofs have holes and before the rain is about to pour, we have to send them back home even here in Aizawl. We are planning to reconstruct Buchhawna Memorial Middle School. When we took a closure inspection, we found that the height of the beam is uneven; teachers are on the first floor, only pillars are erected, bricks are laid and after that there are no more beams. In that unstable condition, teachers are looking after school. The poor people are not VIPs now. Right now, in villages where we build schools, instead of the existing DPR, someone gives command, "do it this way". but when the matter is raised through RTI the answer given is, it is according to DPR, which is disrespect towards village people that we still dare to give the wrong answer to the question. There are plenty of poor sections including villages and Aizawl, and even most of us are products of government schools. These days there are private schools where the less fortunate are enrolled in large numbers. I want to say that if we really gave importance to the poor people (Pu Dy. Speaker, I'm almost done) and if we care about them, we should give importance to schools and we must take care of it.

For the last point, Aizawl is used as a Smart City Project but there are no guidelines. We pulled everything for sports infrastructure, initially 7 out of 14 tenders were set aside for sports infrastructure. So, in order to undertake Smart City Project, we must go with effective plan that will elevate balanced developments. For a state that has ₹14,000 crores, I believe that are lots of developmental initiatives that can be put up. What is most important is - Are the poor supported? When people fall sick, do they have a place to get treatment? Is their health taken care of? Are entrepreneurs guided to stand on their own feet? Do we have a supportive government? are the things that we need to be looked upon. With that view, I hardly find any praiseworthy remarks. But I think that while having ₹ 14,000 crore, I am sure there are lots to elaborate. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who is next? Let me invite Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Pu Dy. Speaker, first of all I congratulate you on your new post and I wish you the very best.

It is great to hear respected member, Dr. ZR Thiamsanga to move the motion of thanks on the Governor's speech. I want to support that as well. I would like to take out around 10 important points from the Governor's speech that is, borders, SEDP, health infrastructure and water connections given to villages in Mizoram.

Through our respected Chief Minister, I got to be caretaker for the youths by sitting as the Chairman of the Youth Commission and I think in behalf of the youths I

have to deliver a thanking message. I wanted to mention many things about our establishment of sports infrastructure, different skill developments seen under this government, our initiative in transport, Mizoram revenue collections increasing through tax collection, about election and technology, but I don't think I have that much time, so let me make it quick.

Our government's actions on how it handles border tensions were praiseworthy, we have exchanged quite a few negotiations. I think it's really great that there are no other governments that is capable of going this far like this government headed by Pu Zoramthanga. We might not be up to all expectations and as our problems have been really deep. Since there are instances where we have to go back to history so things cannot be settled all at once. As you all know, recently arms were taken up but still government took great efforts. Also, for border area development of these regions, ₹375 lakhs were spent for police accommodation, ₹496 lakhs that were later provided through SEDP scheme, the amount of money given and the equipment of police were all effective moves initiated by government to secure the borders.

Next, with high hopes, we planned on implementing SEDP right from the moment the government is formed in 2018, as we have announced several times, we even gave them a promises. But as we know, Covid-19 came out of nowhere. Mizoram had our first case in 24.3.2020, and the first case of death was registered on 28.10.2020 and after that government couldn't care less about other developments, instead it tried its best to fight for the survival of the people. Meanwhile, it is great that this Ministry is providing huge amount of money in the form of SEDP for the villagers. Even we feel some level of unsatisfaction. But since we want to fulfill the wishes of the people and we do not want to let them down, these sorts of things had to happen. I want to say that this Ministry continues trying its best to continue working for the people.

I am delighted to hear that these things were mentioned. Also, within this fiscal year we are planning to give out as per our plans, the 2nd phase will be given.

According to world's policy planners, using the 17 SDGs we can strive for progress. Mizoram is the first state in India to make use of SDG (Sustainable Development Goals), and in order to scrutinize village level bodies and urban local bodies if they are making use of SDG or not, we localized it first which is noteworthy. I want to say that Mizoram is going towards the right path under this government.

Mizoram lacks infrastructure and a notable point that was mentioned was –we are a state that has huge cancer population and to treat that *Cancer Hospital & Research Centre* will be set up using 7 crores. this will serve as an important infrastructure for Mizoram. Last month, that is on January 12, 2023, JICA and Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India signed an agreement to set up this hospital and I think it is going to be great progress.

Next, it is appreciative that through the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Scheme, villages in Mizoram without proper water connection are to be provided water connection. Even though we are a rural constituency, due to globalization, the materials that we own like electronic gadgets are all the same. Till January 16, 2023, connections provided in villages are 224 in numbers. I am happy that in my constituency, Lunglei North, water will be pumped out for the one who have not had access to it and I think this is a great progress. Let us say that government means 'a series of development'. Since progress should follow each other, more developments are on the way under this government and I am really happy for it.

Our youths are much more advanced than ever and in the palm of our hands, we have the world. Because of technology and internet facility things becomes easily accessible, we can see what other youths from other countries have and what materials they possess. The youths wished they could own too and so for their development; government sets huge amount of sports infrastructure which is commendable. To be honest, we use to highly praise artificial turfs, we cannot take our eyes off and we longed to click pictures with it. Today, government puts artificial turfs in every corner and this is great development. We even get used to seeing these as it is found everywhere. I will not mention all the places but we the youth are heartedly happy.

The Labor Department is talking enormous steps to improve the skill development of the Mizo youths. For that *Kawtchhuah Innovation Fair*, *Pum Innovation Competition* and *Exhibition Fair* were conducted. It is also good to know that through *Sankalp Scheme*, many youths have been given promotion. I fully rely and believe that the Mizo youths will one day take control of India. If we keep on improving our skill, we will surely have control over India, that is what I believe in. So, I think government is taking great initiative.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I want to include about 'Inland waterways' where Mizoram achieved a new chapter. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MOPSW) has recently announced the Tlawng river as a National Waterway 102 which is another great achievement. For a state like Mizoram that has met difficulties in road communication and that has steep slopes, inland waterways are highly necessary and I praise the effort taken by the government. Above that, tenders are currently processed which I think is great. The progress brought forward by this government is noteworthy and Governor mentioning all those is exceptional.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I do not have time to finish. Even so, I truly support this *Lawmna* (happiness) *Motion* brought forward by Dr. ZR Thiamsanga. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

PU LALCHHUANTHANGA: Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you.

Giving thanks to the Governors speech is a usual practice which happens in every session, according to my opinion. But which never materials.

Let me elaborate further. It has been 35 years since we attained statehood and we continued to give vote of thanks. But we have to keenly think, if these speeches achieved the desirable outcome. If we were to present Motion of Thanks after what is expected as the desired outcome, our present condition would be different. The reality would be that good roads would come to existence, power will be sufficient, there will be sufficiency in food and water. We casually include what is not available in our Motion of Thanks, it seems that we are making fool of ourselves. Right now, we should seriously think, "Are they worth to be thankful for?".

Talking about some of these points, point- 38 mentions about Lok Ayukta, these in the real sense are just instruments to stay clean in the eyes of the public. We know that Lok Ayukta face shortage of staff. Instead of fighting against corruption, it tries to smooth out corruption. What would it suffice if office was simply established without the presence of the required staff like prosecution, investigation and enquiry? The staff that held important posts are chosen by government and this does not mean independence. This does not make sense at all and it is very devastating. It looks like the post are created for who they favor. There are 6 drivers and 10 peons. In total there are 29 staffs, what is the meaning of this? Without dealing into real work, government is spending lots of fund. Instead, it would be more beneficial if the fund were given to healthcare and old pension fund.

So, let us be conscious when we present Motion of Thanks. Many times, we present Motion of Thanks but it never really reaches the real goal. How many years have we presented Motion of Thanks in budget sessions? If our Motions is really true today, we would not be at this position. Our roads would be better by now and we would include these points when we move a Motion of Thanks. However, we are at this stage and this is a degrading situation. In this respectable House, let us not simply pass this kind of resolution.

The state of our education is that it is falling apart. I have visited various schools that falls within my constituency. Some schools had to call off class when it rains as their roofs are leaking. Our students do not have proper sanitation facilities, we even built toilets for them and we must provide them clean drinking water. Should we mention how thankful we are after all these? In the locality of Salem Veng, there are 2 Primary Schools which were merged into one. Students are crammed up and as a result they had to attend school on alternate days with the other classes. This is a serious matter. So, in terms of education, do we still have to mention how thankful are we? We often mention about 'MYC' and 'Why can't we clear Central Services'? it is because education has been poor from the grassroot level. It is heart-breaking that they do not receive required education along with the facilities.

It is needed to mention about appointment of teachers as well. Last year, on 18th March, the MNF Group Secretary from East Lungdar issued an advertisement where the ad says, “MNF will be the fortunate ones”. It was an advertisement issued for the MNF people. Education Minister is here so let us hope he takes note of this. This is actually sad. We are eagerly looking for qualified teachers appointed through proper channel to teach our children and our grandchildren. What hinders our development is that we still appoint teachers by favoring the party- workers. Why don't we have Mizo youths entering into Central Services? It is not about rigorous preparation after formal education, but it has start from the foundation. So let us all be careful. Let us dare to appoint qualified and learned teachers.

Similarly, there is a talk about something recently. For LSC applicants under Land Revenue & Settlement Deptt., the concerned Minister's approval is needed. It is *....., don't we think the concerned Minister need not involve in house passes? Our involvement becomes too small and low level which is not good. It is high time that we must do what is just and what is acceptable, let us stop expressing our thanks unnecessarily.

(* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.)

Regarding economy, our Chief Minister said before elections, “MNF government will rely on Mizo rice instead of imported rice from other states”. We often speak about self- sufficiency many times and we have included multiple times in Motion of Thanks. But what is our current condition? According to what Supply Minister said on 21st May 2020, “None of the stocked rice grains belongs to our production”. See how dependent we are. Have we mentioned how thankful we were in those things?

Pu Speaker, the ones sitting on your right says that, “Let us be precise of what to be included in Motion of Thanks”. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Alright, what I would like to mention is that, our seniors have been mindful for the language they use, they refrain from using the word ‘shameful’ (zahthlak). So, the word that we just heard shall be *expunged*.

Our deliberations are taking a bit of time. Now, I invite respected member Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I wanted to congratulate Hon. Dy. Speaker. I raised my hands 2 to 3 times but I was not called, but that's alright. Pu Speaker, I congratulate Dy. Speaker.

Pu Speaker, regarding the Motion of Thanks put forward by Pu ZR. Thiamsanga from the Governor's address, I have certain points to express my thanks. First point being the inauguration of Tlabung RD Block. I am really glad with the fact that our people's cooperation led to the start of this new RD Block, I thank the people through

you. But Pu Speaker, even though inaugural session was held, I want to mention that it has not yet function.

In the meantime, what I would like to add on this is that even though I am the MLA here, I was not even invited in the inaugural session. Later, I was given a handwritten invitation which was alright with me but the problem is with the programme. It looks a bit odd. Tlabung RD Inaugural programme, Date: 30.3.2023....

SPEAKER : Attention please, our normal timing is till 4 P.M. and we are running out of time. I am taking the suggestion of the House on what to do next. Should we exceed a bit? (House agreed to exceed the time.) Then, let him continue but we can try not to exceed too much right? Alright, please continue.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, I do not have much to say, but let me mention these.

Tlabung RD Block inauguration took place on 30.3.2023, 10:30 AM. Coincidentally, there was a function welcoming new member in the MNF Party. It is terrible that official programme and party programme had to coincide. For us, we were unable to attend the welcoming programme. Pu Speaker, I want to mention that this kind of things are recommended not to happen in the future. As terrific as it is, it is also a bit sad. (...*interruption*...) ...We are talking about Motion, and I am also speaking on it since it was mentioned in Governor's speech.

Pu Speaker, I am glad to hear about initiatives taken under PMJVK from point no.-15 of Governor's speech. I am truly glad to know that especially under *Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)*, ₹18,85,814/- was accepted by the Central government which shall be used for development of minority concentrated areas. But my dissatisfaction is that- my constituency is also a Minority Concentrated Area, unfortunately, none of the PMJVK initiatives could be seen.

Pu Speaker, from the Governor's speech, one commendable point that I would like to mention is, let me read out on your permission-

“Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways has declared river Tlawng as a National Waterway 102” and I am pleased to hear that. It continues to state, “Proposal has been submitted for conducting hydrographic survey and techno-economic feasibility study. E-tender is under process to select contractor for the construction of infrastructure for inland transport project at river Khawthlang Tuipui”. Pu Speaker, while you were the Minister, you had travelled to our constituency many times and we know that, there are undertakings of various developments. In every session, I use to talk about fencing and I am going to repeat that. Since the companies that are working on fencing do not have a designated dumping ground, it becomes a problem for Khawthlang Tuipui. The river is losing water at a rapid rate. What we used as inland

water during our childhood days, Tlabung to Chawngte, up to Marpara, because of plenty of soil deposits, there is no way to go to that place anymore. So, it is great to hear this project from the Governor's speech. I also would like to add that if this water project was successfully implemented, it would be of great use.

Lastly, let me mention about point no. 4 regarding drugs. Even from Governor's speech, it is an "alarming proportion" so government needs to take quick action against this. It is devastating to know that drugs problem is becoming serious and daily we hear about drugs being seized by authorities. Our government must quickly and strictly take up this situation. Alright Pu Speaker, these are what I wanted to speak about. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Shall we wind-up now? Alright, let me invite respected member Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

From our Governor's speech, I feel that there are lots of points that we should add as a motion of thanks. I will not mention everything but only two to three points.

Firstly, we had witnessed various issues in our border with Assam. Our police were caught off guard with the other party. Amidst the great difficulties was followed by pandemic. What I want to mention here is that, Governor's speech mentioned that for Police, there are settlements and accommodation being set up and clean drinking water is provided; I am happy to hear that and I share the same gratitude with Governor as well.

While we were facing shortage of police, various difficulties were experienced. In that case, it is a pleasure to know that 286 police went for training at Police Training School, Thenzawl on January 16. We know what our condition is so we must equip ourselves. Due to pandemic, I believe we are not able to equip our police as much as we wish to. Despite all these, it is great that we still have forces that went for training.

Pu Speaker, my second point is- what has happened to Mizoram that cancer has hugely affected us. If closely look at the cause of death especially above 60, cancer is usually the case. Even the younger population is also not left out. Honestly, the cause of death especially above 60 is cancer. Mentioned here is about Super- Speciality Cancer Hospital & Research Centre wherein 70 crores were signed as an agreement by JICA and Mizoram government under the Ministry of Finance Deptt., Govt. of India. I am really glad for this. We have to put importance to our health, no matter how developed we are, no matter how much the city is growing and how much the state is progressing, we won't have a beautiful state if our health is not improving. So, I am happy that a specialized cancer hospital has been planned to set up for what seemed popular and the reason for many deaths.

Thirdly, LPG Home Delivery is mentioned here along with the different operations under Supply Deptt. It is good that planning is undergoing for LPG home delivery. Besides, I believe that we are quite sufficient; there is no problem with supply of gas except for when there was a tension in our border areas. But that was not our intention and not what we wanted; they had blocked our connecting road. In those times, I think there was a great cooperation from the people, none could be seen complaining, difficult to watch and did not create any scene, that showed our cooperation.

Pu Speaker, Regarding borders, instead of parties condemning each other, I want all the Mizo people to unite and this is also my request. I sincerely request everyone by saying, *“Let’s all unite”* for our state and for our tribe.

Among the different proposals also includes SEDP. As we all know, we have received questions like, “What took so long for SEDP to be given out?” and yes, it is true. Neither we were ready nor prepared for the pandemic. Between 2019-2020, a pilot project in Vety sector wherein around 1020 people got involved in brooding and rearing poultry, broiler and rainbow rooster along with plans to inculcate Piglet Multiplication and fraternal unit. While there were initiatives to escalate to make it bigger and plans to further continue the activity in Mizoram, the unexpected pandemic hit us and our steps were held back because of it. Even though we did not live up to our expectations, people cherished it and this is my happiness.

Pu Speaker, ASF, a viral disease of domestic and wild pigs has been causing problems in the whole of Mizoram; keeping that in mind, I think ₹25,000/- is a lot. Pigs are dying, they do not have enough money to buy new piglets, so with Covid as one of the main issues, our problem is awful as of now. I believe people are really supportive in this area. Not just about the quantities, I am glad that SEDP is ongoing to elevate and develop our economy.

Under PWD, we see lots of developments. In order to have better roads, formation cutting was done on a stretch of 351 kms and rigid pavement was done on stretch of 212 kms. Even in our constituency, Vaivakawn - Chanmari Road is under reparation, they even had to block the roads. Seeing that our roads are taken care of is such a great thing.

I am also glad to know that we have stepped a new chapter in education and that educational institutions are equipped. I am also glad with the fact that bilingual textbooks- English and Mizo will be used soon. Besides, there are lots of shortage of teachers. Around 1000, SEDP teachers, regular and MR teachers that may add up to 3000 are being employed which is a great progress.

Also, under Smart City project, various infrastructural developments could be seen. In the city of Aizawl, the Mizo High School field at Zarkawt valley, dust created by wind accumulates on the surfaces of the Church, Pioneer Missionary School, and

our head in Mizoram, the Chief Minister also resides in that area. To control dust in that area, steps have been taken wherein 16 crores is allocated for Smart City project. It is indeed a must to mention which I am really grateful for.

Not only that, right now, Edenthar field is under renovation by installing artificial turf as a part of Smart City.

Receiving the said amount revenue by Transport Deptt. and listening about Tlawng river, the Ministry of Sports, Shipping & Waterways announcing the said river as, 'National Waterway 102' are examples of new chapters that we have achieved. The expenditure incurred for inland waterways are less and the project is 100% funded by Central government, so it is a golden opportunity. I must say it is great that there are steps taken to move forward.

Lastly, I do believe what our respected Governor had shared, I support and request that it should be passed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu KT Rokhaw.

PU K.T. ROKHAW : Pu Speaker, I have gone through Governor's speech in brief and what caught my attention is about SEDP. Before elections our Chief Minister said, "30 lakhs shall be distributed to all households." There was also a saying, "Congress distributed 1 lakh whereas MNF will distribute 3 lakhs to each family". The truth is, it is due to the expectations of those 3 lakhs that they voted this government to power with a great majority. It is due to SEDP that 28 members came to be elected and it is the Mizos that clearly knew about this.

Today, the members have asserted about various issues and even before giving out 3 lakhs, the government is already in its 5th year. Only ₹25,000/- was distributed at the most and that too was only given out to 60,000 families. The second phase of giving out ₹25,000/- is expected by the month of March. Frankly speaking, regarding what the Governor mentioned about SEDP, I cannot support that. We the Congress promised to give 1 lakh and by the grace of God, we were able to give out. Without any partiality between parties such as MNF, Congress or ZPM, we gave it all. But, Pu Speaker, there are no other party families among these 60,000 families only MNF, in fact none from my constituency. So, I feel that there is no reason to express gratitude with what the Governor mentioned regarding SEDP.

Next, Pu Speaker, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), PHE has given water connection to 97,834 families and 224 water connections have been given which is commendable. But what I would like to mention here is that those who were given connections have still not receive water yet in their homes. Having connection without supply of water is meaningless. In the meantime, some of them have been receiving enough water supply and make the best use of it. So, it would be grateful if the

government gives water supply to some of these villages so that JJM would make sense. It is my request to give water supply to the ones who have not received any.

What I want to mention in Education is that, since our constituency falls under Autonomous District Council area, the Mizoram government can take care of up to High School only. However, here there is a great shortage of teachers. Had it not been for SEDP teachers appointed by our Minister, it would be very problematic. Even in my constituency, we still have schools without teachers. There is one LDC, no teachers, and in some places, there is only one teacher. So, I support teachers appointed through SEDP. In my constituency where there is only one teacher, three teachers were given to us through SEDP. But they have a low salary, so I request the government and the Minister to give more importance to High Schools in villages. The reason is that, in cities there are good teachers and any teachers want to be posted in cities. When they seek for jobs, they said, “I can settle anywhere I’m posted” so government recruits them and later they fight to settle in the city again, that is why we do not have good teachers in villages. So, when our respected Minister recruits new SEDP teachers, I request them to put importance to High schools in villages.

Lastly, I would like to mention that, I am a Consultative Committee Member in Transport Department. By the grace of God, for many years, since 1993 I have been sitting here in this House and from my experience, Transport Department instead of having proper revenue, regularly keeps paying more due to net loss. Seeing a revenue of 2800 lakhs here is shocking and it is really great. Not only that Pu Speaker, I am also delighted to know that Inland Waterway- Tuipui D Hnahthial to Longmasu has been accepted and I request the concerned Minister to follow-up this in the Central for its success.

SPEAKER : Now who will speak again? Let me invite respected member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Today, I would like to add few points in the discussion regarding the Motion of Thanks put forward by respected minister Dr. ZR Thiamsanga from yesterday’s Governor’s speech.

The Governor rightfully placed in the first point regarding the expenses done by the government in equipping our police deployed in the border and in securing our border. Besides, other respected members have mentioned about the border conflict and how we need to be safeguarded. Everyone pays attention to Assam and Mizoram border. It is great to witness the Mizoram government’s involvement to take care and equip our forces by spending huge sum of money.

Not only that, due to insufficiency of man-power in Mizoram, our police force is facing a great shortage in executing their work. It was hard to conduct recruitment due to insufficiency in supply of fund and with all that, 286 people were recently recruited through compassionate ground by the government which is remarkable.

SEDP is widely known to be family - oriented. Different projects are being undertaken under this flagship programme. SEDP is exercised in the form of building infrastructures, to strengthen manpower, be it teachers or to well equip the health sectors. As it is the flagship programme of the government, in the first budget of 2019, 750 crores were allocated separately for SEDP. However, as Covid-19 approached unexpectedly, we have to divert all the budget. As we started facing multiple problems, we had to build more infrastructures, we were in an unsound condition and we did it by learning in the process. With the joint efforts of government and the people, we have reached today.

Not only that, ASF has unfortunately caused hardships in earning incomes and till today many families are not in a position to stand on their feet. Due to border tensions, not only in finance but the people itself are facing different kinds of problems. At the same time, around 30,000 refugees from Burma and around 400 refugees from Bangladesh came to seek shelter. The government has to shelter them, provide education and health facilities.

During this period, we have faced multiple earthquakes which was unusual compared to past year. In the east side, we have experienced around 100 earthquakes which were moderate and a bit severe. In all these events, government stands true to its ground. As it continues to go on with family oriented SEDP, we are truly glad as my constituency that has lots of less development, and that has a low cost of living, hardly has ₹10,000/- now gets to have more than ₹20,000/- in their bank account which they continuously exclaimed with joy.

As mentioned in point no. 2, Union Cabinet has placed 30% of budget to uplift the less developed tribals through Scheme of Northeastern Council under North Eastern Council is a great programme. This is going to be a blessing for my constituency. Because of all these, I am happy with the Governor's speech. Regarding Health & Family Welfare, just like the saying goes, "Necessity is the mother of inventions", when Covid-19 approached, we came to realize the areas that we fall behind when we faced different issues like ICU and ventilators. Keeping all those in mind, government strives hard to improve our health infrastructure and with the donations received from different places, we are able to have machines that were not there previously in Aizawl and Lunglei hospitals. PHCs and District Hospitals were also equipped with more facilities. Not just that, government repair health sub-centers. In my constituency, there were no health clinics before, but now 15 villages were given health clinics through SEDP and we even recruit health workers and helpers. We are also pleased to hear that government is going to fund the construction.

Our constituency is also grateful towards Food & Civil Supplies. Even though we did not receive much infrastructure, we have been given what we need the most, the DCISO office. In the previous government, when this Ministry started, the strong winds blew away the DCISO office which was the most important district office. Then, somehow, they managed to locate themselves in the empty rooms of DC office and with the efforts of respected minister, who managed to pull out fund from some places, now a new office is under construction and is almost ready to move in. I want to state that we are really happy.

In spite of all these hard times, in terms of food grains, PLO products and LPG, people hardly face problems so we became sufficient. In villages, we even received free rice for many months which did not happen in the past years.

Under LAD, we have received funds to repair VC house and new ones, all the villages in our constituency gets to have and are going to have what was never before and so we are truly thankful. Currently, in my constituency, we have new VC house and some are under repaired.

I am also glad to know that under P & E, we now have Tlawva Small Hydel Project and Kawlhem Hydel Project.

Governor have mentioned many points, but one cannot emphasize all these and I believe that he mentioned the important ones.

We have heard about JJM, in an aspirational district like us, we make good use of it so people are really satisfied. It is the utmost happiness to have running water taps in their village and in their homes.

They have also mentioned about airports. The revenue just from Airport amounts to 725 lakhs and we have exceeded revenue receipts by 112.33 lakhs. Most of the airports in India are taken care by Airport Authority of India and as I have heard, the Airport Authority of India wants to look after ours, so I believe there is a thought that we should just hand over to them. But it is one of the assets that the state owns and we should keep on taking care of it no matter what the circumstances may be, as recalled from one of our Chief Minister's speeches. Today, our airport is in the process of improvement. We have stayed in other states for a long time and going back to Mizoram never used to be easy before. There were few planes to send off corpse; only Air India used to be available to send corpse in the last minute and the fares used to be high. Now that there are more planes, it becomes a lot easier for people facing unfortunate circumstances.

Regarding Home, we have conducted a recruitment. Recently at Delhi, some of the MLAs attended the training session organized by PRS. An important issue that they mentioned in the training was that session each state is battling high deficit rates. Their

main concern is that all states should take revenue collection seriously. With that being said, let me highlight some of the areas of revenue collection from Governor's speech.

Transport Department intakes 2,800 lakhs, Printing & Stationery receives 81 lakhs and 93 lakhs from printing works and stationery according, 725 lakhs by Lengpui GAD and 524 lakhs by Revenue & Settlement Department. Those are revenue tax and non- tax being collected, and 589 lakhs came from registration fee and stamp duty. 717 crores from Taxation Sale Tax, 131.38 crores from Excise. 26.90 crores from PHE and the total collection are 794.56 crores. Here, the collection is up to the mark and we still have for 2 months (this financial year). Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

Yesterday, our respected Governor mentioned about 38 points of initiatives of Mizoram government. Today motion of thanks is being moved by Dr. Thiamsanga. I am pleased to be a part of this discussion. There are many points to be highlighted however, I will highlight few points within this allotted time.

First, I want to mention that MNF government is doing a great job regarding border conflicts. Let me just mention this despite many areas to focus.

We are all aware of how Covid-19 spread; we must continuously thank God for surviving and sitting for this Session today. We were unable to work with all those adversities, despite all those, I believe it is really great that, when we thought we would not be able to fulfill our plans, we were able to continue the pre- pandemic plans and work for the people by providing ₹25,000/- to 60,000 families. I also want to mention how great it is that the 2nd installment will be handed out soon. We the recipients from villages are already excited and happy about it. we would like to give more in the future, let us hope the government will continue giving more. For those who did not receive, it might not be a great thing, but for those recipients, it brings a great joy.

Regarding Health Department, outside the city there are lots of villages without health clinic. But the government provides health workers to 5 villages which has never seen any health workers before, which is great improvement in terms of our health.

Our greatest battle in the state is drugs, the Excise Department is trying their best even though all of it cannot be seized, they are successful in many cases. It is not possible only for the government and the department. in order to survive we all must cooperate the fight against drugs. YMA, Church, individuals and all government employees must join hands to fight against drugs.

As we often said regarding LPG *home-delivery* by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, I used to act as the Chairman, aside from all the difficulties, we give awareness and started the project. Home delivery system is carried out which is significant. There should be some hurdles along the way so consumers and agency must work together. As we have experienced with xeroxing consumer card as mentioned by hon'ble members, it is better to request the matter to the heads of supply and cooperation through agencies. It would be better if we could write down consumer number and phone number. this is how we can solve the issue that most of the families have been facing.

As we all know, our state is not sufficient enough in agricultural production and that is not a secret. There are various initiatives from Agriculture Department and awareness has also been given. Even though our state is not sufficient enough in agriculture production, the Supply Department is constantly supplying us so we do not have to face much problem. In terms of oil, we have experienced issues with adulteration which hardly occurs anymore. We have consulted the Legal Metrology Department that said, "There is hardly any adulteration as of now so it is getting better", such is their report so our strong government's initiative is noteworthy.

Through FOCUS, there are various initiatives in the Agricultural Department and this is where our farmers are truly thankful for. In Aizawl, there might not be much farmers but, for those outside of the city they rely in agriculture, support and link roads are a blessing which is really great.

The Horticulture Department took great effort during Covid-19 and after which it is still continuing which is mentioned in the Governor's speech. Our farmers get to see blessings in their production of tomatoes, cabbages, watermelons and dragon fruits wherein they earned lots of income out of these products. It can also be said that as a government, giving awareness and helping the needy is one of their keys to success.

Also, the different kinds of issues were met with the support of Co-operative Deptt., wherein reforming the state without distinction in party, religion, groups, rich and poor continues to take place through this movement. There are around 1306 registrations. What has been remarkable during Covid was that, instead of giving out to foreign countries, government fully utilized MCAB and MUCO Bank. Besides that, there is PACS which was established by business owners and vendors in which they do not have to make earnest payment. Our government must give importance to co-operative movement and must continue to function. I would also like to mention that Co-operative Development Council meeting has been recently held. It is really impressive so even as a government, this is a matter of state importance.

Under the initiatives of Sports & Youth Service, there are various bonus in my constituency. Some have said they are not needed. Right now, artificial turf is currently under installation and our youth groups have visited the place already. They are eagerly

waiting for it so much so that, at least four to five persons visited the place daily as if they were inspectors. Since, many youths from different villages likes and enjoys this kind of developments, some of us liked this idea and not that some people did not support these things, it is something that we should not constantly criticize since the majority of the youth likes it. Since, these are great developments, it is my pleasure to mention about these points.

Let me also mention that in the area of Tourism Deptt., currently steps are taken in my constituency, Khamrang and tender is currently floated.

Alright, Pu Speaker, to conclude, let me highlight the key points. In the field of education, we have 'revival education' programme in which all the schools were visited in my constituency. We are blessed to have SEDP teachers here in rural areas, if the number of teachers is sufficient enough in Aizawl, I request the government to give more teachers in rural area for the growth of our education system. Others have also mentioned about leaking roofs, let me say that that there are lots of schools that have been repaired.

So, Pu Speaker, I support the Governor's speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let me invite respected member Prof. F. Lalnunmawia which will be followed by Pu Vanlalhlana.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

I also like to add few points in the deliberation regarding the Motion of Thanks move by respected minister Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

Pu Speaker, first I want to talk about my constituency and our respected Governor has mentioned all the details. He said that Aibawk SPMRM Rurban Cluster under Aibawk RD Block has been completed which is commendable. This also mean that among thousands of Rurban Clusters in India, Aibawk Cluster scored the highest and the first to finish the project. I am glad that he mentioned our position in the whole state of India. I thank the Minister in-charge and the department for their hard work. This SPMRM scheme has been a great use for our constituency and if possible, we suggest that prizes be given to the best performer, Pu Speaker.

I am also proud to hear that our respected Governor mentioned about Mizo sportspersons particularly Jeremy Lalrinnunga and Lalremsiami and I congratulate them as well. On that light, let me also assure that for the past one year and till date, the Sports Department has seen lots of sportspersons getting prizes but we cannot mention all of them. I want to thank the Sports Department for their initiatives in the increase of number of prize winners.

Pu Speaker, what I would like to mention regarding SEDP is that beyond our expectations, due to Covid-19, government was unable to function properly for 2 years as there was financial constrain. Pu Speaker, I guess we all remembered that in 2019, a pilot project commenced wherein 1000 families were selected that received ₹3,00,000/- . As we all know, some of them received ₹1,50,000/-, ₹2,00,000/- and some of them started pig rearing and poultry farming. However, 2020 saw the spread of Covid so we were not able to move forward as planned. I think that we have forgotten how government was in a state of distress and despair. With that being said, I think we all compromise with each other and that people understood us for not being able to exercise SEDP at its fullest capacity.

Pu Speaker, apart from the ₹25,000/-, I want to mention that another pilot project was started in which around 1,300 arecanut saplings were given to 1,600 families and ₹45,000/- were given for cultivation.

In agriculture, selected dragon fruit cultivators were given incentives. ₹1,20,000/- per unit was given to a number of families. This is ongoing and particularly in dragon fruit we have started witnessing its success. Besides these, government initiatives will be more visible, I also hope that SEDP will be given in a larger amounts.

Pu Speaker, next, I want to mention about the steps taken by Horticulture Deptt. that was mentioned by our respected Governor that states that tomatoes and cabbages have been successfully cultivated. As per his speech, our Dy. Chief Minister's constituency also witnessed great success, Tualte village itself also sold out their produce worth ₹200,00,000/-. I think this is amazing. Not only that, there are numerous plantations of pineapples in Sialhawk, not only in Mizoram but we have exported to UAE and Qatar too. I hoped that in the coming years, we will be able to increase our exports.

Pu Speaker, a remarkable point from Governor's speech regarding Horticulture Department's initiative is that, cabbage has been produce amounting to 3.7 crores. He also mentioned that in Lunglei, Saitual, Kolasib and Serchhip District, 3.8 crores worth of watermelons were sold out. So, I am really glad that there has been a great improvement in horticulture. Also, Pu Speaker, last year, in 2022, dragon fruit cultivators earned 600.24 crores. We have started becoming the top producer in India. These mentioned vegetables and fruits were grown immensely under Horticulture Department with the guidance of our Chief Minister. It is remarkable that only in dragon fruit, we were able to earn more than 6 crores. Bamboo plantation, which is not mentioned here is still going on in which government is talking lots of initiatives. There are many reasons to show gratitude in all these areas.

Pu Speaker, I would like to mention a few initiatives taken by the PHE department. Especially under JJM scheme where adequate drinking water is supplied. My constituency has greatly benefitted from this and it is one of the great progress and

important initiatives. In almost all the villages, we have started taking steps, all the villages began to have big tanks, we are really thankful towards the government and we hope that adequate water will be provided.

The Alternate Gravity Water Supply Aizawl is currently working towards pumping water from Tawih Tlang to supply water to the southern side of Aizawl City. The underground water supply pipe has almost reached Aizawl South and I believe that it will be of great use for the people. We are really glad and without much difficulty we are going to have adequate supply of water. I thank the government for the initiative.

Pu Speaker, I would also like to mention how glad I am that the Education Department has released bilingual textbooks for Mathematics, Science, English and Mizo language. I would like to thank the department as students who cannot afford to go to good schools and from remote villages will be able to understand in Mizo language. I thank our Minister and the HRD Board Vice- Chairman for their initiatives.

Alright Pu Speaker, there are many things to say but there is no time. Anyway, my request is that we all accept wholeheartedly what all our Governor has mentioned regarding our government's initiative, which was moved by Dr. ZR Thiamsanga and I support this Motion of thanks. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member Pu Vanlalhlana.

PU VANLALHLANA : Pu Speaker, thank you.

Our respected Governor's address took about 40 minutes. Looking at his speech, the work done by more than 30 departments were highlighted. Meanwhile, the one who moved Motion of Thanks spent around 50 minutes. It was to express gratitude but, he skipped around the bushes, sometimes it seemed as if Governor was the one who moved the Motion.

I have carefully studied our Governor's address, I believe our Governor is a great man, he is influential and he knows the areas that we lag behind, he wants us to move forward in development. He even called Ministers, Secretaries and Directors from different departments, he talked with them regarding their works and even gave them advice. He has done what other Governors have not practiced. If we ask, "What is the reason?", the answer is that he wants Mizoram to develop. He feels that we are lagging behind and I think that he wants us to work harder and that even government employees must work harder than this. He knows that working hours are very less in Mizoram, I often think why Mizoram has fewer working hours. Tripura has good roads, Assam and other neighboring States has abundance of rainwater. We often make excuses when we cannot finish work on time by stating that, "working hours are very less in Mizoram". From our Governor's interaction with the BRO, he said, "In Mizoram, working hours are very less so make the best use of the given time", and I think this is not satisfactory

at all. Anyway, some might say that Governor does what he is not supposed to do. What is evident is that Governor loves the Mizo people, he wants us to progress and for that he is trying his best which is clearly heard from his speech.

There are also other things that he ought to say but did not mention. I wish he would highlight how people cooperate well during border conflicts, how we wholeheartedly support the government and how we joined hands with the NGOs. There are certain things missing from what we use to hear from the other address made by the Governor. For example, we use to see about the transfer of Assam Rifles in other address which is missing now. Besides, one rare thing regarding “same uniforms to be used” are uncommon and I wish this would also be mentioned. Also, within a few days, Aizawl is going to host the G20 Summit, this is a historical event and should have been mentioned. PAHOSS, unique species of bamboo and government’s flagship programme are not mentioned.

Betelnut business has been very problematic ever since, our attention is drawn towards illegal entry of betel nut and Mizoram’s legally produced betel nuts. I thought he would highlight these issues but he did not, so I had to include these too.

Another great thing from our Governor’s address is that the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways announced the Tlawng river as the ‘*National Waterway 0.2*’, even though it was announced by the Central, it was included in our Governor’s speech which was notable. I just assume that the longest river in our state is similar to the National Highway built in roads. I believe that it will be useful for Mizoram in terms of transport. I also think it is another progress that E-tender has also been issued for Khawthlang Tuipui river (Karnaphuli).

There is one ordinary thing here in the 36th point, “2436 pension cases were entered and out of that 1112 were solved”, here government did not finish what it is supposed to do while it is supposed to finish everything soon. It is mentioned in achievement, but I do not think it is an achievement.

In the last para we see about Lok Ayukta. We do have Lok Ayukta that is meant to penalize corrupt people. meanwhile it is portrayed as an awareness giver. As respected member Pu Lalchhuanthanga has mentioned, we have Lok Ayukta and if we are proud of it, we must enable it to work. It is my opinion that let them work, let them penalize perpetrators and let them investigate. The way they have mentioned is not satisfactory.

Then, like my colleagues, what I would like to mention about the first point is that we are having border issues with Assam. Mizoram police and Assam Police are in conflict. Wherever the Assam Police stepped their shoes on, they started setting up strong tents, placed syntax barrels, placed generators and solar lamps. On the other hand, our Police are with only two silpaulines under the heavy rains, they clash with the

Assam Police and that's a huge difference. Despite all that, the bravery of our police was seen. Knowing that the Mizoram government took crucial steps and as we have seen here, "327.56 lakhs were used for construction of proper accommodation for police, 495.41 for construction of various buildings at inter-state border and 96.50 lakhs for water supply scheme for Mizoram- Assam border was used which is a good thing. However, from the reports I have received, from these much heavy expenditures, some of the buildings are Assam-type buildings. I do not know how many buildings were constructed over there but I do believe we must reflect ourselves on this. Adding to this, I have also heard that some of the constructed buildings are occupied by the Assam Police, a clearer inspection should be done in this case.

From the 96 lakhs spent on water supply scheme, it has been said that there is no trace of any undertaking of that sort. So, I think an investigation should be done here as well.

The next para, "On December 2022, 286 people were recruited under the Police department and those newly recruits are currently undergoing training at PTS Thenzawl". We know that there are several vacant posts and that more than 286 people could be recruited, I even understand the shortage that we are facing in this department. It is not right that they are running short of personnels when they are the ones to take up Law & Order. At the same time, we are keen to know how these 286 people were recruited. There are questions such as if those people were recruited based on political qualifications. Do they have the physical qualifications?

Pu Speaker, what I would like to mention is that SEDP is MNF party's flagship programme, they are also proud of it and the planners are also selected professionals and experienced intellectuals comprising of 16 members. They sat together 22 times, and after the core committee, PAC, GS and National Executive passed the plan, it is then released. What was preached about SEDP to the people was that, "3 lakhs will be given for every family to be able to stand on their feet." Trainings were given named as 'SEDP Training' and those who attend that session were given certificate mentioning they had attended SEDP training. In reality, SEDP is just ways to manipulate and to fool people. When we ask why, they are not working out as they had written on papers. While they promised 3 lakhs, it was only ₹25,000/-. Let the MNF ponder upon this and people should also carefully consider this. A normal man would survive with 3 lakhs, but will he be self-reliant with ₹25,000/-? If 3 lakhs were given, a normal villager would be able to achieve self-sufficiency for some time; he might also find a permanent job. Nonetheless, with just ₹25000/-, there is no way to survive. So, this is a manipulative scheme.

Therefore, it is time for people to stay awake. We make excuse of Covid. However, the main diseases that is spreading in the south is people leaving MNF party, since they did not want to mention themselves, I am mentioning on their behalf. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : He has exceeded by a minute or two and it is his first time exceeding the time limit. Alright, now I invite respected member, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA: Pu Speaker, before I go to the Governor's speech, I would like to share some words of gratitude.

Today, through this House, we the Lai children get to have Lawngtlai East and Lawngtlai West in Lawngtlai District. When this government was formed, our people had expectations for us to have at least the position of an office holder. But we did not get. As time goes by, some of our Ministers had to resign or leave. Today, we the Lai children got to have a Dy. Speaker in this government is a privilege so, on behalf of the Lai region and the Lai clan, I thank the government. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Let that be my thanksgiving speech.

Pu Speaker, what I would like to first mention is that, in the third point, "Mizoram Super- Specialty Cancer Hospital & Research Centre" was firstly initiated by the previous government and today we can see its success through the signing of an agreement (MoU). I am grateful that we are going to have Super- Specialty Cancer Hospital & Research Centre since as you know; I am also a cancer patient. I am glad that this government is taking up this work which was initiated by the previous government. By setting up this Super- Specialty Cancer Hospital & Research Centre the cancer patients that belonged to the poorer sections can avail treatments without seeking treatments outside the state.

Meanwhile in the Health Department, even though the respected Dampa MLA has mentioned that this is an *unbiased government*, it is a *biased government*. In some constituencies, the Health Department has clinic centers in all the villages. We have 71 villages in my constituency. Pu Speaker, during your time, you have set up multiple clinic centers for us, but today no workers are present. In terms of healthcare, we are not in a good condition, we are poor, we live in remote areas and during rainy season, it is difficult to use vehicles to move from here and there. With all these conditions, only the ruling constituencies were visible at their eyesight so our government is not doing well. Rather than thinking about, "how can we improve in health and how can we stay healthy?" attention is given towards ruling constituencies which is not good at all. Even though our Governor mentioned this part and I have been grateful regarding the Cancer Hospital, this system which is currently adopted...there is an upcoming election at the end of the year, we too hoped to form a government but we are not going to do it like this at all. Any party may form a government, let's focus on our Zoram. While the Golden Jubilee theme of Mizoram Legislative Assembly is '*Truth, Unity, Progress*', it cannot be right that only the ruling party is witnessing development.

Pu Speaker, secondly, I want to mention that when it comes to Education Department, the Dampa Constituency MLA becomes the fortunate one, him being the

Dy. Chef Whip; he seems to have authority, so there are lots of constructions within his constituency. There is no Higher Secondary School, in our constituency. At Bungtlang South in my initial days as an MLA, I told them, “Just set up a private Higher Secondary School, as long as I am the MLA, I will keep on donating 2 lakhs every month” and so I did, but now that school is not functioning anymore. Even though I have requested our respected Education Minister to do something from Samagra, I suppose whatever Opposition said immediately goes out on the other side. meanwhile, others are constructing new buildings. What must be thought of here is that, if we want development for Mizoram then we must let it go together whether it be health or education we must work towards greater achievement. Our respected Governor had mentioned that we have improved in education but not in our constituency. Also, Elementary section falls under District Council, under Mizoram government it has a dual function, in Middle School section, the staffs of District Council and staffs of Sate Govt. goes together, and there is no one to take control over them. Some of them take salary from DEO while some of them take salary from District Council. We have said these things multiple times and we have also dealt with these in the previous ministry. We have to look into those things therein order to develop hand in hand, if not Zoram will have a good appearance with untidy clothing and ragged shoes. So, in these things, we have to take effort together and must be familiar with each other.

Pu Speaker, there was a mention about JJM. JJM is not done by government, it is a central scheme, but the Mizoram government has destroyed it (I am not sure if this is an offensive language or not.) Even here at this House, I have said it many times. When they install JJM water connection pipes, instead of using GI pipes, plastic pipes were used, after a period of time, it breaks when trees fell on it or when motors pushed on it a bit, once fitted department would never inspect on it again. I have been following closely about the JJM scheme that came from the Central government and I have asked the concerned staffs about it. Since we have received a lesser amount than the estimate, some areas need to be lowered or be reduced so they said, in a way that they had to make it tough for the pipes. What has been sad is that the most important material, the pipes become the problem. That is why in the previous Session, I had posed a question to our respected PHE Minister, Dy. Chief Minister. Today among the JJM covered areas where water connection was given to 224 villages, people are now in distress. If we have shortage of money, we should have built a smaller reservoir, and if the water is a bit less it would still suffice. When we built big reservoirs but if the water pipes are not functioning it is worthless. So, our government will not succeed the way it put forward the JJM Scheme. Even though the Central government assured that clean drinking water should be given to all the beneficiaries, if the pipes does not work even if big reservoir is present, it would not reach the homes of the people.

At the same time, there are good points about it but, let those be the drawbacks. It is great that my constituency, a village area, even though water is difficult to obtain using gravity, water pumping mechanism will soon be implemented. So, the

government must gear up so that people shall be able to witness the success of this JJM scheme.

Apart from this, our leaders have already mentioned about our borders so let me have the privilege to talk about it. Regarding borders, it seems that our government is being defeated. Assam did really bad to us, protection was needed, roads need to be paved in the borders, camps were needed to be put up, after all these 50 years when we are celebrating Golden Jubilee, it is very unfortunate that we have experienced this under this government.

Pu Speaker, what I want to add is about SEDP from point no.- 2. We have talked about it and the reply was, “even the previous government did not provide in their initial days”, and that was true. However, before the birth of this government, their main theme of self- promotion was, “If we are able to achieve governance, we are ready just like cows are ready to headbutt each other; we shall immediately start working”. Then, in 2018 elections, they formed the government, they then released the 2019 budget, wherein 700 crores were allocated straight for SEDP. Then and there, if we want to, we could have started what we have offered to the people. just now, South- III MLA had said that, “we have started since 2019 and had selected 1000 families as a project”, that is true. But those families that you have selected for pilot project still have not received money in full amount and many of them have said that to me as well, “They have selected us for pilot project but till now we have not received 2 lakhs”, some of them said, “we have received 2 lakhs and thirty thousand and the rest we have not received, when will they give us the rest?” and so on. That time there was no Covid-19, it was there only from March 2020 onwards. The 2019 budget could actually be utilized fully. So, Pu Speaker, they said, “While the Congress party distributed in the form of installment, we shall not distribute in the form of installment if we ever form a government by the grace of God and the people”. anyway, as I am talking about Governor’s speech, let me add by saying, ‘let us lead Zoram like the speech that we give out and let us not fool people anymore. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Our National e-Vidhan Application has recorded but it is not correct; but let us know that what I have recorded is right. Let them know this, I have watched that clock, what I have recorded sincerely is correct and what they did is wrong. So, please note that and do not trust that one.

I invite respected member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you.

In the last budget session of the government that is going to lost soon, what they made our Governor say is too detailed since they are going to lost soon. They have written 17 pages and what they said was, “96.5 lakhs for setting up camps in the Assam-Mizoram border” and “70 lakhs for setting up police hospital building”. To add all these

in the Governor's speech is not something grand. We think that they have tried really hard yet put out the least. From what the other members had said before, I do not think there is much to express my heartfelt gratitude for.

Pu Speaker, what amazed me is that, the main focus even after forming the government and prior to that, the people think as a main flagship program of this government is bamboo, however Our Governor did not mention about this shows that, this policy that our Chief Minister regards so much, and which he himself went there and told the cultivators about 'tissue culture' is a failed policy for sure.

In the previous week, the Congress youths went there at the cultivation, they did not see any bamboo saplings and majority of them have already converted their land into areca nut plantation. Meanwhile, 6,48,16,750 crores were already spent for the supply of various bamboo species. This kind of bamboo which they have been talking about is, rather than development it is placed for making money... (**Speaker:** It is six hundred lakhs not crores, House may correct that part...). When that is the case, it is clearly evident that it is planned just for making money.

This morning, we heard that our Commerce & Industries Minister mentioned that the bamboos we have here are better than foreign bamboo species 'brandisii' and 'latiflorus' which also clearly shows that the bamboos that our Chief Minister has shown much interest is not that great.

Also, what needs to be addressed is a subject of our dy. Chief minister, the Aizawl Smart City project which the previous Congress government championed for its cause by going through stages of competition; the Central government even sanctioned crores of money but this was not even mentioned. So, a thought came across my mind that the money allocated for refurbishment of Aizawl city has been diverted for Sports Department and maybe our government is *ashamed that it did not want to include this part.

Pu Speaker, our Governor.... (**Speaker:** Just hold on; we have just mentioned that; we do not allow the word 'ashamed'. That shall be removed as well.)

**(Expunged as order by the Chair)*

In his first point, our Governor had mentioned how there are developments around the border conflict areas. While he was mentioning that, the important points he missed out were - the land owners of Aitlang were not able to visit their land, recently the Assam Police did not allow them to enter those areas, it was such a helpless situation that the SDO of Vairengte had to make IDs for them. It is such a shame that after all these years, our Mizo brethren need to visit their plantation carrying ID cards. (**Speaker:** That shall also be expunged). Pu Speaker, please excuse me, it was very serious so I made a mistake. **(Expunged as order by the Chair)*. I believe that the Chief

Minister of Assam confirmed his statement by assuring that about 1800 acres of land were taken back from Mizoram. Therefore, I request the government to take measures so that our Mizo brethren need no ID cards to take care of their own plantations within this border.

It is great that 1,958 lakhs were allocated for renovation of Lengpui Airport. At the same time, I am sorry to know that this much amount of money has reached the government just for them to get humiliation. The way they gave out tenders, the way they work, and I really feel sorry for them that one of their constructions has collapsed. Nowadays, travelers see daily that the contractors are already acting arrogant. Trolleys that were arranged for ease of people were damaged by using it as carts to carry around cement bags and cement. Today, the Congress party had sincerely asked for replacement of those damage items. With the availability of this much money, the government getting humiliated due to extreme favoritism and the humiliation that they faced from what is assumed to be the cutest airport all over India, I do feel sorry for them.

Regarding point no. 2, let me also talk about SEDP, Pu Speaker. SEDP is the reason why today's government existed, that is what made them the winner. But today, few people were given 1st installment of ₹25,000/-, I have also heard that the 2nd installment will also be given. It is very clear that it is the same SEDP which is the forerunner of the party will be the party's failure. In my constituency, they did credit ₹25,000/-. But they were not given training as to how they should utilize that money and no information as such. Our Chief Minister himself said in this House, "Once we give out SEDP, it shall be scheme based." But today, the public money, the tax that accumulates from buying biscuits or other things is given away just like fruits. Rather than using it for development, it came off as party favoritism. We have mentioned before that giving ₹ 25,000/- for making fish pond can be considered as an insult to the fish farmers. Today as they distribute SEDP at my constituency Laisawral, they assured, "you are going to receive SEDP" so they head out with full excitement, they carried home 3 bags of corns and the time they received was not the time to grow corns anymore. The other day I asked, "we are having Session soon, are the corns grown well?". The reply was, "Ka Pu (Mister), it was not the time to grow corns anymore so we used it to feed chickens and gave it to the pigs as well". That is how our government misuses people's money, these may be the sign that the government is falling soon.

Point no. 4 talks about how the Excise & Narcotics department seized 4,348 people in cases related to alcohol. Pu Speaker, today as we caught drug smugglers. Drugs and alcohol sellers, I do not think these are things which we should be proud of. Our government has implemented Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Act, 2019, after implementation alcohol is way freer compared to when Congress legally permits the sale of alcohol; there are places to buy in every locality. Today alcohol has become loosely sold, that it seems like it can be found in almost every restaurant. Meanwhile, government lose so much taxes, it seems like we help Assam to grow rich. When that was the case, I have seen a picture that shows a Police bus full of alcohol. So, the

Mizoram Liquor Prohibition Act, 2019 is just a sham and it clearly shows that it has been used just for namesake.

Regarding point - 3 which is about Health & Family Welfare, I don't think we should highly praise them due to Covid; they are just department that needs to be audited in emergency due to misappropriation of funds. The RTPCR machine made in the USA should have reached Lunglei but a year has passed and Lunglei has not received yet till today.

I would also like to point about No-56. Pu Speaker, I don't think any government that comes up should be praised when it comes to LPG. Whether it is Congress government or MNF government, LPG is a company's business and it is between the company and their distributors. Government does not have real responsibility in its functioning, when a problem arises within the company or when the bottling plant aces problem, then Mizoram experience the problem as well. It is between them, the distributors and the people. In these things, I don't think there is a need to condemn or compliment the government.

In point no. -8, it is mentioned that huge amount of money is spent on piggery. Pu Speaker, what I wanted to mention here is that the ASF starts spreading from my constituency Lungsan. Our respected Minister, Dr. K. Beichhua also visited us on the spot so we are really thankful. However, when the collaborative support came from government and the central, people there were not given any share. The ASF was spreading there, the officers went there but when they tried to slaughter those pigs, government did not allow them to do, so they were in a distressing situation. Soon after that they start dying but they were not reported. The families at Lungsan who had faced hardships due to their pigs are not given any support by the government till today. Meanwhile Pu Speaker, what is strange is that, the collaborative support reached the government's farm that is Lungpuizawl Vety farm that received ₹ 4, 82,800 lakhs! Instead of saying, "We are the government, we have recorded the villagers, the swineherds and the pigs that died; we knew it even without official records, so let us give it to them instead", the MNF government on the other hand, instead of reaching out to the people and the poor people, it is hard to comprehend that so much is going towards one department. When the flu spread, during Congress government when the animals were dead, the owners of those animals were compensated.

Pu Speaker, I guess there needs to be amendment in point- 10. It says, "Mizoram PWD has completed 351 kilometers of formation cutting, 280.5 kilometers of flexible pavement and 202.5 kilometers of rigid pavement during '22-'23." It would be acceptable if it was done during our government, but completing formation cutting of 351 kilometers during one financial year (2022-23) seems impossible; 280 kilometers of flexible pavement and 212 kilometers of rigid pavement during one financial year, the things that were written and what shall remain as a House record needs to be amended under your guidance, Pu Speaker.

Pu Speaker, there are many things to talk about, however our party is very obedient towards you, we will not go beyond the extent time so, I shall stop her. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I invite respected member, Pu Lalduhoma. I gave them 15 minutes each.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, first of all, today as we have a new Dy. Speaker, I personally congratulate him. But at the same time I sympathize with the pain of Mara people for the reason of this empty slot.

Alright, our government gave the most importance in point no.1 which is about borders. Here he said that there was a settlement in the conflict areas, I believe he was given the wrong information. after our government and the Assam government issued a joint statement, it was given, “no one should have conflict in the border”, but last September, the Assam Police tried to set up a camp in Pu Ch. Chhunga’s farmland, as soon as I heard that I called our Home Minister straight away and informed him right then and there. On October, on her way to work in the fields, Vanlalhruii was sent back, they felled the trees on December, and in the past month that was January, they did not allow the boom growers to collect brooms.

As we have listened before, within our very own land, ID cards are needed, they have treated as in our own land. Now there are rumors that broom plantation owners in those areas are selling it to some Assamese. Just now, as I have seen from Rengkhawpui News, it was reported, “Our Police who used to stay in 3 camps are now settled only in 1 camp, there are hardly 30 people, in the lands that they had left, the Assam Police collected the broom plants and did not allow the Mizos to do so”. Such are the situation and so the dispute is not ending at the borders, they have challenged us continuously, it is the truth that every month they tend to have provocations.

These days, in our political issue, if we ask, “what shall be the most important one for our land?” it may be border disputes. In that regard, I am saddened that our Governor did not mention any of the real issue. One of our Ministers at Republic Veng Community Hall said that, “The disputes that used to arise in our borders have been settled as per the requirements of the Mizo people”, our government is accepting that or it feels unnecessary to mention it?

As we all know, on 18th November 2018, the All Party and All NGOs submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister. They gave a really great importance. On 26th December 2018, the Home Ministry immediately informed the Chief Secretary, “we have received this kind of memorandum, what is the government’s say on this, submit your report soon”. But this government does not have any report to submit. On 26th December 2018, they were informed to submit a report again, another reminder was again sent on 19th May, next on 16th August and then on 24th September. The Home

Ministry informed our government saying, “If you have anything to say regarding borders, do it so”, but government was unable to provide replies even after sending 4 reminders. It can be said that our government is not giving importance to our borders and we must think on why it did not provide any replies.

According to the *Unstarred Question* No. 82 on 20th March, 2019, raised by respected members Pu Vanlalhlana and Pu Zaithanzama, the answer provided by Home Minister was, “Mizoram government does not have a well-defined acceptance of its borders”. This government for a long time has existed without accepting which all areas are our borders. If so, while we were battling for independence, we were fighting for up to which part? We fought without being unaware of our borders or what? This is documented; this was how we gave answers at this House. After that, on 26th June, 2019, our Home Minister answered me again regarding *Unstarred Question* No. 123, that time, it was just, “There is still an in-depth study on till which part should be accepted as our borders by the Mizoram government”. This government has been there for a long time without knowledge of borders and could not give any answers to the Home Ministry.

It was only on 8th July 2018 that the Cabinet Meeting approved the 1875 Document after all the other parties said that, “up to this much is our territory”. Only from that time, our government was finally able to accept what had been said.

Recently on 17th November, there was a meeting at Guwahati, there they assured, “The 1875 Document is what is accepted as our boundary”, it might be the official assurance to Assam for the first time. Assam then replied, “If you said that 1875 notice is your boundary, then do three to four things here”, those were:

- 1) How many villages are there in what you claimed as your territory?
- 2) What is the measurement of the *Geospatial extension*?
- 3) Their ethnicity, which tribe they belonged to and who’s progenies are they?
- 4) Other necessary information.

They said, “If you are claiming that this much is your land then clarify and verify it. Assam government will give you full cooperation and we shall cooperate with you. After that we shall set up a regional committee and discuss on it”. While three months duration were given to us to do those things, only after two months a committee was set up to discuss those things. During those two months, what was our government doing for our borders? Pu Speaker, by this coming 17th of February, three months is going to get over, today we have just 9 days left to give a report on those 4 things. Meeting was only called after 2 months had passed, that was on 20th January.

Now, a study team has been set up, we are unaware what all they have done up to this day. Anyway, let us hope that they will be able to ask for extension of dates, we want to help this study team as much as we could. We want them to give a precise report of our claims. In that regard, I want to give suggestions.

If you watch News Bharati on 10th August, 2012, one can see how the Fact-Finding Committee gave report about illegal entries of people. This was set-up because of the conflict that arises due to Bodo's that came illegally from Bangladesh. There are 15 members and is headed by Jhalawar Brahma, General Secretary of Jaintia Dharam Sanskriti Suraksha Manch. These people gave a precise report and they had written that those people settling in those areas were mainly people who came down illegally all the way from Bangladesh. This will be effective for our standpoint. The Fact-Finding Committee visited around 300 camps.

India Bharti on 17th November 2016 stated that Union Minister of State, Kiren Rijiju gave an answer to Rajya Sabha MP, Jharna Das Baidya's question. In his answer he stated, "there are 2 crores of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in India, they are settled 17 Indian states and UTs. There are 50 lakhs of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants only in the state of Assam itself."

Our study team will investigate those areas and will give a report about their ethnicities. In order to prove that these people are not the original Indian citizens, we want to give these to our study team and we want to help them.

On Barak Bulletin issue of 22 March 2018, one can see an IAS officer, Sameer Kumar Khare, Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Economics, Ministry of Finance, he is assigned to give Prime Minister's vision report. This man did research at Hailakandi constituency and if we asked what report he had submitted to the Prime Minister, it said, "98% of Hailakandi's population are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh. 60% are Muslims and 38% are Hindus." I am saying this as I believe it will be extremely beneficial for our study group.

Dr. Namrata Goswami, Associate Fellow at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analysis, New Delhi has written an article titled, '*Bangladeshi illegal migration into Assam issues and concerns from the field*'. Here she mentioned about Assam Agitation (1979- 1985) which was led forward by AASU and was put to an end by the Assam Accord of 1985. She termed this silent act done by Bangladesh to attack as the '*Silent Invasion*.'

I am stating all these because of reporters coming up with strong standpoint, I believe we should seriously go forward in order to claim the 1985 notice. However, it appears that during their term, they are planning to keep it unsettled purposely postpone it. What could be settled in three months was only settled after two months. This cause a great distress to the Mizo people, and there is a fear that we might blame each other falsely.

Other thing is that Pu Speaker, our Governor has mentioned twice about Lengpui Airport. Now the difference between arrival and departure is between 15 – 35 minutes. Particularly among arrivals, difference between Alenia and Airbus is around 20 minutes,

passengers are already congested by then. The passenger capacity in our planes is 70, 152 and 186. To take care of all those people, we have two conveyor belts. To go along with those two conveyor belts, there are only 22 serviceable luggage trolleys; I have sent people to check on that already. Even those 22 trolleys are misused by Kamrula so it is having cement residues and scratches. All the broken trolleys are kept in one room.

This contractor has no respect for the Mizo people. Besides, it is very untidy, when a Salvation Army General was about to come, the Salvation Army's went there to clean up. We are going to host the G-20 Summit soon, the toilets are not ready and that is the condition of our airport right now. Also, children and senior citizens are facing issues as there are no luggage trolleys. To push up to parking area, the road is bumpy so trolleys cannot be pushed. Such is the condition of our airport and so Patricia Mukhim, a famous freelance journalist from North East tweeted to the Union Civil Aviation Minister. It is a sad situation. These caused us humiliation. Then, the Centre for Environment & Social Justice had also written a letter of complaint to our Chief Secretary.

Also, there is poor workmanship. If we go to the first floor (Pu Speaker, I think it should be examined there), the floor tiles from departure floor are all uneven sizes, it looked hideous; no one would like it for our own living rooms. (Pu Speaker, let me finish.) With a lack of symmetry, uneven sizes were arranged. Also, the ceiling above the AC vent were cluttered and looks disorganized. Our government appointed an unexperienced person, who has not had any experience in construction of this kind of building, it collapsed, and the remaining were on the verge of collapsing so they had to demolish. I went there at the spot and checked there and then.

In these ways, they used us for making money, they disrespect the Mizo people. they have hurt our sentiments; it must be investigated properly and action must be taken. We were glad it collapsed or what, we continued to promote the contractor to Class- I. If these were how we settle things, it is clear that we are going the wrong way. That's all I want to say. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Alright, do our House Leader has anything to say? If so, let us invite him.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

I will try to avoid taking too much time. Even I have looked into our Governor's speech, on one hand, 'it looked a bit short', on the other hand, we can say that 'it is a long speech that covers 17 pages' and we can also say 'it is categorized into 38 brief points.' I have also thought about, 'He has said this; is it correct; he did not mention about these things. It is true that every detail cannot be given. Once he finished reading his speech, time went by quickly. Usually, the duration of Governor's speech is 45 minutes and that is how department prepares for it. Some felt that it was really short

while some felt that it was too long. So, it is correct that our respected members pointed out saying, “He did not mention these things, this is supposed to be included”. However, there are certain lines to be omitted and included, some parts were not up to expectations a bit, those were all out of persistent effort to be good.

It is true that respected members have questions asking, “Government has planned to do this, but why did it fail to do so?” in all those things, we keep in mind all those hardships that we faced, pandemic and other things. From the things that we said, in SEDP, our target before elections was 3 lakhs or more than that, so was our plan to fulfill that as well. In the previous year, 2019, Covid was not yet there, our financial condition was stable so a huge budget was allocated. However, as Covid approached, our financial condition was beyond reasonable doubt. Because of that any kind of developmental projects or other things were stagnant. The initial steps that were started in some departments, and some of the areas where we have already spent lakhs or less than that in some areas, all of them had to be stopped to an extent, it was beyond our control.

Now, that Covid has died down a bit, we decided to get back on track, looking at our financial condition there is not much we can do, but we started anyway thinking we can do at least some to an extent. Then we decided that we should target six thousand families and to those people, ₹50,000/- will be the first target. So, for the first installment, we gave ₹25,000/-, the second installment has been sanctioned, due to cash adjustment, we are not yet ready to give out. That is planned to be given out to six thousand families for ₹50,000/- each.

We will continue to give the 60,000 beneficiaries a certain amount and another batch of beneficiaries will also be selected. We have also work on the patching or resurfacing of roads in different areas. Even during these tough times, we manage to be sufficient in the supply of oil, rice and gas. We have managed to open two RD Blocks and we will continue to administer it in order to make it function properly.

Regarding the border dispute mentioned by the hon’ble member Pu Duha, it cannot be settled in one attempt so we hope to settle this gradually. As often rumored it might be true that MNF Party are anointed for the hard times faced by our community. We encountered a high heat of border issues, the highest rate of swine flu faced in our state, the highest rate of forest fire and we sheltered many refugees despite the order to send them back from the Central Government etc. Though we may not meet your expectations, we are trying our best, even with the pandemic we have come this far and I am glad that all these are highlighted in *the Governor’s Motion of Thanks* and I request all my fellow members to support this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

SEPAKER : Hon. member Pu Z.R. Thiamsanga to appeal to adopt the Motion of Thanks.

DR. ZR. THIAMSANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker. 23 nos. of my fellow members have reacted to the Motion of Thanks and most of the opinion of the members are positive and the rest are constructive ideas and thoughts. As for SEDP, I believe other party members will also be selected as a beneficiary in the future. As for the border dispute, we cannot blame a particular party but I am positive MNF party has taken the most step in this issue. Under Education many teachers were recruited and renovation work had also been done in different schools in different districts. Subjects like Mathematics and Science bilingual had also been introduced. This ministry had achieved progress in sports infrastructure and due to their tenacious endeavors, our supply chain in rice, gas and oil has been very good and two RD Blocks had also been opened under the constituency of two opposition members, making it clear that this ministry does not have any differentiation among the ruling and opposition members.

Under Health Department, ZMC had been inspected and the inspectors concluded that our OT is the best among government hospitals. After recruiting the number of required professors, we hope to attain a permanent registration very soon. Installation of oxygen plant had been built in different hospitals and ICU had also been added in different hospitals. We are also very grateful for passing ‘Grape – wine Rules,’ I will conclude by appealing the House to Adopt the Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Motion of Thanks by the Governor, ‘*That the members of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly assembled in this session are deeply grateful to the Governor for the Address which he has been pleased to deliver to the Assembly on the 7th February, 2023*’ is appealed by the hon. member Pu Z.R Thiamsanga to be adopted in the House. All in favor may say ‘Aye’ and those who oppose may say ‘No’.

Since there are no objections the Motion of Thanks is unanimously adopted by the House. (**Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

We have finish our business for today. We will resume our session tomorrow, I,e the 9th of February at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (6:37 P.M.)