

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR EIGHTH SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of each of following :
  - i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31 March 2020.
  - ii) Finance Accounts 2021-22 Volume-I Government of Mizoram.
  - iii) Finance Accounts 2021-22 Volume-II Government of Mizoram.
  - iv) Appropriation Accounts 2021-22 Government of Mizoram.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

3. General discussion on the Budget for the year 2023-24 (to commence)

LALHMAHRUAIA ZOTE  
Commissioner & Secretary

**SPEAKER** : *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

- *Colossians 4: 6*

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

We will start question and answer hour. Let us call upon Pu Lalchhuanthanga to ask *Starred question* no. 101.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. With your permission, I would like to withdraw my question due to some error in the figures.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask *starred question* no. 102.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for PHE Department be pleased to state

The quantity of drinking water expected to produce when all solar pumping machines are in use under JJM scheme?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, about 10.2 million liters is expected on a daily basis when all the solar pumps functions.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, I thank the hon. Dy. Chief Minister and the department for providing drinking water to villages uncovered by Lunglei Water Supply Scheme.

Is there a mean by which villages not covered by tender floated under the solar project scheme be provided with drinking water?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Zodintluanga.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the contractor for Bunghmun solar project be requested to speed up the work for its completion?

Secondly, the contractors doing the work are party workers who have not yet received payment even after completion of works. I kindly request the government to pay their dues on their behalf. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. F. Lalnunmawia.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. When will work be started for Saikhamakawn and Hlimen Vengthar under the proposed AMRUT scheme?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, JJM Scheme is to be implemented till 2024. Noting our success, central government encouraged Mizoram to implement the scheme within the period of 2023.

Proposal for Saikhamakawn and Hlimen Vengthar under AMRUT Scheme is underway and we have high expectation for its success.

I assure Pu Zodintluanga that we will pursue the case with the best of our capability.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma to ask *starred question* no.103.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, will the hon. Dy. Chief Minister be pleased to state –

If there is any proposal to provide water connection to my constituent villages Hmundo and Puankhai?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, 33 households in Hmundo and 258 households in Puankhai are proposed to be given water connection. It is an ongoing work and is expected to be completed shortly.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary questions* are-

- i) Amount sanctioned for the ongoing work?
- ii) Name of the contractor and
- iii) Time frame of its completion?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. K. Pachhunga.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. What is the present position of Lunglei Greater Water Supply Phase II which pumps water from river Mat? Also, what is the true condition of Lunglei during dry season in terms of water supply?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. My *Supplementary questions* are-

- i) What is the progress for orientation on Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply?
- ii) My constituent village, Mampui is supposed to receive water supply from Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply. But how will solar pumping be done while there is acute shortage of water in Lawngtlai?
- iii) The hon. Governor mentioned in his speech that water connection to households by plastic pipes are to be replaced by GI pipes under JJM Scheme. Is this applicable to villages?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the name of the contractor requested by Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma will be given at a later date as the list is not here with me.

Since, Lunglei is the second capital of Mizoram, we placed great importance to it. The existing water supply scheme is in need of repair, we plan to make the scheme more sustainable. We have already received 10 crores from special assistance and work has since started in two places. We also received 9.98 crores from AMRUT-II for augmentation of Lunglei existing scheme.

Mampui will be given water connection from Lawngtlai Greater Water Supply Scheme under WAPCOS. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Lalduhoma to ask *starred question* no. 104.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, will the hon. Minister for Higher & Technical Education Department be pleased to state-

- a) Why do the government levy tax from students' tuition fee?
- b) When did they start to impose this tax?
- c) How much have they taken?
- d) How much tax is charged per student?
- e) What is it used for?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) The government does not draw tax from student's tuition fee. The tuition fee itself comes from government's revenue and it went into government account.
- b) This has been going on since the takeover of colleges by the government.
- c) I cannot immediately provide the exact number and will do so at a later date in writing.
- d) ₹1200 per student is collected from each student for tuition fee.
  - 2018-2019 – 1,69,00,000/-
  - 2019-2020 – 1,66,82,736/-
  - 2020-2021 – 1,63,00,168/-
  - 2021-2022 – 1,89,33,300/-
  - 2022-2023 – 1,93,65,600/-
 These are not tax; they are tuition fees.
- e) I do not have information on how it is spent after handing over to government account.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, an agreement was signed between the government and the students to spend the money on the development of colleges. Will the government honor this agreement?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu K.T. Rokhaw.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary questions* are-

I have asked the ministry at every session to reinstate science department at Government Siaha College. Will this be possible under RUSA Scheme? Would it be possible to establish boys' hostel for students at Siaha College?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, respected member Pu Lalduhoma mentioned at his speech on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at Serchhip bye-election that he will do his utmost to establish Thenzawl College. Is the government aware of this?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer the questions.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** We are aware of the issue regarding establishment of science department at Siaha College. Earlier, it was reported that there are not enough students willing to study science at Siaha College. It was

mentioned by respected member countless of times and we are aware of it and try our best to make it happen.

In regards to boys' hostel, not only Siaha College, several colleges around Mizoram are in need of hostels and we are trying to look into funding from outside to make this happen.

It is clearly stated in the Constitution that funds received from tuition fees cannot be spent fully on the development of college. There are some restrictions placed on institutions and there is a limit to the amount that can be spent on the institutions. However, ₹120 lakh is set aside for colleges during 2023-2024 budget. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu Ramthanmawia to ask *starred question* no. 105.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are-

- a) How many projects under JJM Scheme have been completed in Mizoram?
- b) How many villages remains to be covered under JJM Scheme?
- c) When will it be completed?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) 263 villages are covered under JJM Scheme.
- b) 465 villages remain.
- c) It is expected to be completed by December 2023.

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, tender was floated for Phase-I and Phase-II in my constituency. Will it be possible for the contractor to expediate this project?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu B.D. Chakma.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My *Supplementary questions* are-

- i) When will Chawngte Greater Composite Water Supply Scheme be completed?
- ii) Is there any plan to provide water connection to Lawngpuighat?
- iii) Distribution line work for Kamalanagar-IV Greater Composite Water Supply Scheme is currently carried out by individuals under the ownership of PHE Department.
- iv) Is this within the rules?

v) The hon. PHE Minister has stated during his press meet that he did not give permission to use PVC instead of GCI. Can the hon. Minister explain whether they have permission from the central government regarding this issue?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Zothantluanga.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Sairang-Sihhmui and Sairang – Dinthar from my constituency do not have proper water supply as they are not covered by Aizawl Water Supply Scheme. Can the government resolve this so that these areas can have water connection?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I would like to assure Pu Zothantluanga that Sairang is included in a new project under Amrut-II.

In regards to use of PVC pipe, we have permission from the central government to use them. We can provide the documentation as proof. Also, water schemes for Chawngte and Lawngpuighat is underway.

In answer to Pu Ramthanmawia, review meeting was held in January and we will do our utmost to expedite this project.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Pu VL. Zaithanzama to ask *starred question* no. 106.

**PU V.L. ZAITHANZAMA:** Pu Speaker, would the hon. Minister in charge of PHE be pleased to state-

- a) How many villages have been covered by JJM?
- b) How many more villages are there that needs to be covered?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, 263 villages are covered by JJM with 465 villages left to be covered by this scheme.

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

**PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary questions* are-

- i) When will Tawitlang gravitational water project be completed? How many families be covered under this project?

ii) When will the valve for Aizawl Greater Water Supply Scheme Phase-II be replaced as it has been causing problems for Khatla community?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Water connection at Vairengte has become insufficient. There have been various meetings with the hon. Minister regarding this issue. Is there any progress regarding this issue?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lawmawma Tohhawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, thank you. We were given assurance regarding construction of Pialtleng road during the last budget session. Is there any progress since then?

Secondly, we are currently facing some issues with another department for the augmentation of Zobawk Water Supply Scheme. Will the government be able to lend a helping hand?

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

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, in answer to Pu Lawmawma Tohhawng regarding Pialthleng road, ₹7 crores have been sanctioned. Tender for this is at its final stage.

I would like to assure Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte and Pu Zaithanzama that issues faced by Vairengte, Bilkhawthlir and Aizawl West-III areas will be addressed shortly.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon Dr. Z.R. Thiamsanga to ask *starred question* no. 107.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA :** Pu Speaker, thank you. Would the hon. Minister for Transport be pleased to state-

- a) Do the government intend to install pollution test centre at Champhai?
- b) If so, when will it be?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Installation of Champhai pollution test centre is completed.
- b) More pollution test centres will be opened in Aizawl. It is expected to be completed by February.



**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

**DR. ZR. THIAM SANGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Do we have pollution test centres in other districts? Also, when will construction of Champhai District Transport Office be completed?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- a) Is the bus service along Zampui still ongoing?
- b) Is there any bus service between Aizawl and Kanhmun? If not, would it be possible to establish one?

**SPEAKER** : *Supplementary question* from Pu C. Ngunlianchunga.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, thank you.

- i) How many two-wheeler taxi permits were given out each year in Aizawl?
- ii) When will the bill for Lawngtlai DTO office be cleared?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Minister to answer.

**PU TJ. LALNUNTLUANGA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, pollution test centres are established at Siaha, Champhai, Kolasib, Lawngtlai, Serchhip and Mamit. Kolasib and Champhai test centres have been privatized. Champhai DTO office is expected to be completed within this year.

In answer to Pu Lalrindika Ralte, due to poor condition of the road, Zampui bus service was suspended for some time. However, service has been resumed as of now. To my knowledge, there is no Aizawl-Kanhmun bus service.

Two-wheeler taxi permit is not given out every year. Since the beginning, 3646 permits have been granted.

**SPEAKER** : *Question and answer* hour is over. I would like to inform this House that the hon. Minister, Pu Robert Romawia Ralte is not able to grace us with his presence due to previous engagement with delegates from central government.

### **LAYING OF PAPERS**

We will now move on to laying of papers. Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister to lay the following papers-

Report of Comptroller & Auditor General of India on Social, Economic & Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020

- i) Finance Account 2021-2022, Vol-I, Government of Mizoram
- ii) Finance Account 2021-2022, Vol. II, Government of Mizoram
- iii) Appropriation Account, 2021-2022, Government of Mizoram

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and the permission of this House, I lay the following papers before this House-

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### **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**SPEAKER** : Let the copies be distributed. We will now move on to financial business. We will have a general discussion on “*The Annual Budget for the year 2023-2024*”. We have two days till 21.2.23 (Tuesday) for this discussion. 10 minutes each will be granted to each member. Let us call upon Dr. F. Lalnunmawia to start the discussion.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all, I commend the hon. Chief Minister and this ministry for their skill in governing our State. (**Speaker:** Please excuse us.)

*(Deputy Speaker at the chair.)*

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Please continue.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA** : Even though there has been many hardships and obstacles during their tenure, this ministry has given its utmost for the people of Mizoram. The financial acumen of this ministry deserves to be mentioned and I thank them for this.

Many projects, schemes and developmental works have been set aside for the new financial year such as SEDP, fund for college development and Mizoram Healthcare Scheme to name a few.

Lastly, I would like to declare that I totally put my faith in the government and have no doubt that development will be achieved at an accelerated pace. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu C. Lalsawivunga.

**PU C. LALSAWIVUNGA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. First of all, I thank the hon. Chief Minister for presenting yearly budgets which are easily comprehensible.

I have been studying the 2023-2024 budget to the best of my ability and I find it regretful that we are starting the new year with a heavy debt. The budget estimate is 9.01% which means that we are moving backwards. It is quite apparent that we are in no way self-sufficient. The task of increasing state revenue will fall upon the public and I find this disheartening.

There is no capital for development within our budget. Cash from capital section mentioned in the budget speech is nowhere to be found in Demand for Grant, 2023-2024. I would like to request an explanation regarding this. Also, ₹22,279.25 lakhs have been set aside for other charges; I would like to know what these other charges refers to. Also, ₹25 crores have been set aside for SEDP (untied), what is the purpose of this fund?

It is evident from our budget that we need to change our system for the development and betterment of Mizoram. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Who will be next? If there is no one, shall we break for lunch? We will now break for lunch and continue our sitting at 2:00 pm.

*Recess (12:08 pm)*

**2:00 P.M.**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to start the discussion.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Department for delivering quality budget in spite of the pandemic. Our budget may not be satisfactory but I have confidence in this ministry that this budget will be utilized in the best way possible. It may not be satisfactory, however, if will still go a long way towards the development of Mizoram if utilized wisely.

After intense studying and serious consideration, it cannot be argued that the budget is truly a people's budget. We can expect that SEDP will be continued which is a major achievement. Dedicated funds are present in the budget estimate for National Green Tribunal, Samagra Shiksha, PMGSY which has never been done before. Funds allocations have increased for MLA- Local Area Development Fund, Power Department, PHE and Healthcare, to name a few.

I truly support this budget and implore the members to do the same. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

**PU LALRINSANGA RALTE:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that we have reached the last budget session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. We are all aware of the hardships we faced globally. We are fortunate to have a great leader to guide us through those trying times.

Once again, the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Department has presented us with quality budget. Glancing through the budget, I see several projects and developments for the people of Mizoram. ₹50.45 crores have been set aside for waste management alone. Also, ₹300 crores have been set aside for SEDP which goes to show that SEDP will continue as promised.

We are facing many problems due to the fact that cash received from the central government have become less each year. In spite of this, we were able to have revenue surplus which give testament to the aptitude of our hon. Chief Minister. There is also an increase in state-owned tax and non-tax revenue.

₹50 lakhs each have been set aside to help students studying for central services exam as well as for NGO's. As mentioned in the manifesto, Lunglei Municipal Council has been established and ₹128 lakhs have been set aside for this.

Lastly, I pledge my support to the budget presented by the hon. Chief Minister and I am satisfied and have no doubt that it is a people's budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu V.L. Zaithanzama.

**PU VL. ZAITHANZAMA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I would first like to delve in Capital Expenditure and ascertain if we actually have the amount mentioned in the budget. Since State debt will have to be paid from Capital Expenditure, the actual amount for Capital Expenditure is ₹1696 crores which is only 11% from the whole budget.

I am on the fence about whether we should be happy or sad regarding the ₹400 crores set aside for power purchase. I believe that at this point, not only should we be able to generate our own power, we should be able to sell it.

The other day, during question hour, it was mentioned that the 13 mini hydel stations across Mizoram generates about 26.87 megawatt. This number is ambiguous to me as research shows that about 10 megawatt is generated by mini hydel stations in Mizoram.

The government needs to give importance to State Reserve Fund. Since 2019, instead of depositing cash, the State has been withdrawing cash from State Reserve Fund.

It saddens me that SIPMIU, Agriculture and Horticulture Department will only receive ₹1 Lakh each. Judging from the amount set aside for these two departments, achieving self- sustenance is not a priority for the government. The budget for PWD and Taxation Department decreased by 49.66% and 3.76% respectively. How can we expect to have better quality roads if the budget is like this?

Lastly, ₹50 crores are set aside for Healthcare Scheme. This does not even cover the debt incurred by the government from the people. The amount of debt is ₹65 crores across 23462 individuals. Should the government at least pay their debt to these low-income families? Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

**PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. I thank the hon. Chief Minister and Finance Department for presenting a budget which is easy to comprehend for everyone.

I also thank the hon. Chief Minister for establishing Tlabung RD Block and for setting aside ₹20 lakhs for its expenditure.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I find it hard to understand why government workers were not able to receive their salary on time while Revenue Expenditure is 78.10% of the whole budget. I kindly request the hon. Chief Minister to explain this.

It is apparent after studying the budget that State debt is increasing year after year. SEDP is the flagship programme of this ministry and ₹2258 crores have been set aside for this since 2019. However, the actual amount spent on SEDP is ₹150 crores with ₹25.000 set aside for each family. This is despite the fact that ₹3 lakhs was promised to each family before the election. This is a clear indication that their flagship programme has failed and I believe that an explanation is long overdue.

₹50 lakhs were set aside for healthcare which does not even cover the amount of debt the government incurred. It is disheartening and deeply upsetting that priority is not given to healthcare. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Zothantluanga.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. We are here today on the last sitting of the 8<sup>th</sup> Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The whole world, Mizoram and

this ministry has faced several hardships and it is evident that creating a budget for the whole state will be challenging.

We are now at the tail end of the pandemic and as expected, the government and the State is slowly starting to overcome the difficulties and hardships faced during the last few years. In spite of the financial difficulties, this ministry will be able to appropriate several amounts for state matching share. SEDP will continue as promised.

Knowing that there are several debts owed to the public under healthcare, the government is planning to borrow from Asian Development Bank to the tune of ₹1000 crores. This has been already approved by the central government.

Other notable projects under the budget are setting aside ₹60 crores for MLA area development fund, ₹50 lakhs in aid of those trying for central service exams, ₹120 lakhs for colleges and ₹50 lakhs for NGO's.

It is undeniable that the budget presented by the hon. Chief Minister is the 'people's budget'. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Vanlalhlana.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Dy. Speaker, thank you. As mentioned before, this session will be the last sitting for the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly. There are several notable incidents during this term with the most high profile being Golden Jubilee year of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. Other notable incidents are the passing of our colleague and respected member Pu Andrew L. Thangliana, disqualification of Pu Lalduhoma and reelection of Pu Lalduhoma.

This ministry can be called as 'MNF party government'. The three main reasons why MNF party was elected is that the people of Mizoram grew tired and weary of congress party, due to promise of SEDP and excellent candidates from MNF party. We are aware that this ministry has excellent and capable candidates, we are also aware that your hands are tied and you cannot perform according to your will.

SEDP is the flagship programme of MNF party. This project has totally failed which leads to the government making empty promises here and there. This ministry has also failed in financial management and almost lead Mizoram to financial ruin.

Another important topic is healthcare. The hon. Minister in charge of health department has mentioned this several times and promotion and education regarding healthcare was conducted countless times. ₹798 lakhs were collected from registration fees for healthcare between October 2021- January 2023. However, ₹6 crores were spent on staff salary, transportation, meetings refreshments etc. without actually using

to pay for bills incurred by the people of Mizoram. If these debts cannot be repaid in full, the government needs to at least pay for the older debts.

Another failed flagship programme of this ministry is bamboo industry and power generation.

PMJVK is a scheme for health, education and skill development. How can the Sports Minister and Sports Department receive such a large amount of cash from this scheme? Do the other Ministers do not receive proper recommendation? I suggest that the hon. Sports Minister share his knowhow to the other Ministers to utilize this scheme.

Lastly, I give thanks to the government for setting aside ₹60 crores for MLA area development fund. On that note, I do hope that these funds will be received on time since election is just around the corner. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Who will be next? Since there is no one else, we have concluded our session for today and will continue tomorrow i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> (Friday) at 10:30 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned at (3:18 P.M.)*