

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIFTEENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 20th MARCH, 2018 (Time
10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

2. **PU LALRUATKIMA**, to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - i) Twenty Third Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Thirteenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
 - ii) Twenty Fourth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twenty First Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Power & Electricity Department.
 - iii) Twenty Fifth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the Recommendations contained in the Twenty Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2011-2012 relating to Public Works Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

3. **GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019.**

General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2018-2019 (to be concluded).

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : There is profit in all labor, but mere talk leads on to poverty.

Proverbs 14:23

To start with, we will take up Questions. Now, Starred Question No. 49; let us call Hon. Member, Pu Lalruatkima to ask the question.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Will the Hon. Home Minister be pleased to state –

- a) When was the post of Director General of Mizoram Home Guard created?
- b) Why is the post created against Home Guard Act, 1985?
- c) If there is any proposal to review Home Guards Recruitment Rules, 1999. If so, what is the reason?

SPEAKER : Let us now call Hon. Home Minister, Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the question.

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

- a) The post of Director General of Home Guard is created on 27.08.2014.
- b) It is not done against Home Guard Act, 1985.
- c) There is no proposal to review Home Guard Act, 1999 at present.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, as per Home Guard Act, 1985, there is no post of DG of Home Guard. If so, is there any proposal to rectify Home Guard Act, 1985? May the DG post be incorporated? What is the need to create DG post when there is Commandant General at state level? Why it is necessary to upgrade DG post at MPS cadre post?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my question is – Is there any proposal to upgrade Home Guard pay, and, if there is any proposal to confirm M.R. Home Guard?

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

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are rules and regulations amended by the Legislators from time to time. Likewise, the Govt. feels the need to give priority to MPS as they are of the state where as IPS are of the Central Govt.

Pu Speaker, creation of post is authority of the state govt. Therefore, the post of Directors General of Home Guard was created as the Govt is of the opinion that the post is required. The name Commandant General of Mizoram Home Guards has been changed to Director General of Home Guards and Civil Defence. Pu Speaker, as for upgradation of Home Guards pay, it is done in the previous govt and cannot be done every five years.

SPEAKER : We will move on to Starred Question No. 50. Let us call the Hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for P& E be pleaded to state –

- a) How many villages have not been electrified in West Tuipui Constituency?
- b) If the name of such villages be furnished.

SPEAKER : We will now call Pu R. Lalzirliana, Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to the question of Hon. Member, Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma is as follows: – There are 6 villages which have not been electrified such as –

- 1) Bandisora
- 2) Puankhai
- 3) Thanzamasora
- 4) Ukdasuri
- 5) Hmundo
- 6) Saisen

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question. Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, thank you. When will these villages be electrified? Will it be possible to cover within this financial year? In the meantime, may the solar home lighting be provided for substitute?

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, in my constituency Tuirial, there are 3 villages in which wiring have been completed; we are in need of transformer only. Thus, I request concerned Minister to install transformer in such villages.

SPEAKER : Pu B.D. Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. The wiring has been

completed in Ugalsuri which is a model village. Pu Speaker, when will Ugalsuri receive power supply?

SPEAKER : We will now call Hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer is – There is a proposal to cover within 2018. In regard to transformer, we will look in to the matter and take necessary steps as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 51. Let us call Hon. Member, Pu Vanlalzawma to ask his question.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, Will the Hon. Minister for Tourism Deptt. be pleased to state answer to Starred Question No. 51.

SPEAKER : Let us call Pu John Rotluangliana, the Hon. Minister to answer Starred Question No 51.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Hon. Member Pu Vanlalzawma's question is – SIHM was created in 2006-2007; Ministry of Tourism allocated fund amounting to ₹1,000 lakhs in October, 2007 for the project. ₹8,000 lakhs has already been sanctioned; the physical and financial achievement is 100% completed. Technical and non-technical post creation cannot be fulfilled by the Govt. at present, thus SIHM of Bung Bangla cannot be put in to function as of now. Pu Speaker, there is a proposal for the intake of students is 220 in the 1st year, 320 in the 2nd year and 420 in the 3rd year.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is – When will the project be taken up?

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister explain the meaning of 'Home stay' so that common people too would understand? My next question is - What is the present stand of tracking route which has been held up by central govt.

PU K. LALRINTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, Tourist Destination building at Serlui Hydel Project is merely a building without any attraction. Will it be possible to convert it into Tourists' attraction provided with lifeguard service?

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. Construction of tourist Lodge building at Kawnpui is on halt. I ask if the work be resumed.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, who is responsible for pay of Receptionist and Chowkidar at Lawngtlai Tourists lodge, District Council or State Govt? Is it possible to attach staff from outside the District Council?

SPEAKER : Let us now call Hon. Minister to answer the questions.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, SIHM cannot be put into function till date due to financial constrain. The remaining fund will be released once it starts functioning.

Regarding the meaning of 'Home Stay', the Govt. funded an individual to furnish a home where tourists can stay and will be maintained privately by such individuals. As for trekking route, we are waiting for approval of the Cabinet. In regard to point mentioned by Pu Rinthanga, project has been submitted to the Central Ministry under Swadesh Darshan. This project will include whatever is necessary.

As for the question of Pu Hmingdailova and Dr. Ngurdingliana, it is under the trekking route Project and as I have mentioned, we are waiting for approval of the Cabinet.

In regard to point mentioned by Pu B.D. Chakma of Chawngte Tourist Lodge, it has already been handed over to the District Council. Therefore, their pay is now under the concerned District Councils.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, it is not same as 'Home Stay'.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGALINA, MINISTER: We are waiting for approval of the Cabinet.

Dr. B.D.CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to make temporary attachment at Chawngte Tourist Lodge?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA: I have mentioned that it is handed over to the District council and so is authority of the District Council.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 52. Let us call Er. Lalrinawma, Hon. Member to ask the question.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Home Minister be pleased to state -

- a) The present status of the construction work of Assam Rifles Complex at Zokhawsang and the percentage of physical achievement;
- b) The amount of fund allocated to the project and how much has been spent so far;
- c) The expected date of shifting Assam Rifles.

SPEAKER : Let us call Hon. Home Minister to answer the question from Er. Lalrinawma.

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

- a) Construction of Assam Rifles complex at Zokhawsang is not completed as yet. Since it is not of the state project, I am unable to furnish the physical achievement.
- b) Since it is the purview of the Central, I am unable to give the report.
- c) Once MOU is signed between Govt. of Mizoram and the Assam Rifles, an appeal is made after construction and shifting will then be expected.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, Does it mean that the Govt. does not enquire about the progress of such project? And, for what purpose MOU was signed?

PU R.L.PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, My question is - If there is any proposal to shift the Assam Rifles from Ratu, and if so, will they be replaced?

SPEAKER : Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, as per the statement of the Assam Rifles Commandant, the only remaining works which need to be done is supply of water and electricity. If so, may the Hon. Home Minister clarify the statement?

Pu Speaker, from the information we received, it seems that it is not going to be done as per Restriction on Transfer Land Act, 2002. Thus, will they retain some portions?

SPEAKER : It is not the purview of the State Govt. but let us call Hon. Home Minister to answer whatever he can.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, even if it is not the purview of state Govt., there are number of questions relating to this. So, I opine the Govt. should enquire the Central Govt.

SPEAKER : It is not the state Govt. purview. While admitting question, these points are noted carefully. Let us call Hon. Home Minister to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is true; had we known there will be questions, we could have approached the Central Govt for information. It is our Right to approach the Central Govt for information.

Pu Speaker, Zokhawthar is electrified way back in 2011 and the only hurdles which barred the completion are additional funds required by PHE amounting to ₹4,41,81,000/- and ₹54,40,000 by PWD..

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: While I was at your Chair, Pu Speaker, in the case of any question beyond the purview of the state Govt., we first inform Home Minister as to whether to accept such question. The answer we receive is to admit the question. I will try and answer whatever I can.

I want my fellow members to know that there are certain questions which take more than a week or two to receive the answer. Regarding Assam Rifles, a committee is established to this concern and Revenue Department will also try to expedite the process.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, is there any plan to shift the Assam Rifles from Sakawrdai and Ratu?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, as per the standing rules, there should be a 15 days gap to furnish any answer. My question is – if the Home Deptt. delay to furnish the answer?

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, to answer the questions, the areas occupied by the Assam Rifles is not under our jurisdiction. So, we are not sure about their plans of moving out.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to Question No.53 and Dr. K. Beichhua to ask.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister of Home Deptt. be pleased to state the Answer to Starred Question No. 53.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer the Question.

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

- a) There are 2428 vacant posts under Police Department in Mizoram.
- b) There are 435 Nos. deceased Police during 2015 – 2018.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary questions are –

- i) Whether there is a plan to fill up such vacant posts;
- ii) The reason that many vacant posts existed in this department.
- iii) Out of the total number of deceased Police, how many were died in the hands of the enemy and how many have died of alcohol related problem?
- iv) In the recruitment of police force, is it possible to conduct physical and written test in each district capital since it is a problem for candidates from rural areas to come to Aizawl for exams? And, if there is any plan to promote the Home Guards to Police.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Pu Speaker, we have learned that during the previous ministry, rebels training ground were being set up at various places. If such training grounds still exist in this ministry.

SPEAKER : Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, in which Ministry such police forces who died between the year 2015-2018 were recruited?

SPEAKER : Pu B.D. Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, is it possible to include Rajmandal and Montola under the Chawngte PS?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruaktima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Home Minister give a clear explanation of the agenda discussed in the meeting conducted during 13th-20th March, 2018 at 4:00 pm on boundary issue?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinthanga.

PU K. LALRINTHANGA: Pu Speaker, is it a fact that the Hon. Minister of the previous ministry had instructed the official to simply accept his candidate and without going through any physical examination during the recruitment of Police?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I will try to answer all the questions but it may not be possible to mention by the names of the Members.

Pu Speaker, Vacant posts had been filled up and we are at present trying to fill up the remaining posts.

We do not have a record of number of police who were died of alcohol consumption but so far, we can identify three who died in the hands of the rebels. Regarding promoting Home Guards to Police post, we once have an arrangement for this issue but the vacant post of Home Guards cannot be filled up easily; so we dissolved the quota. As for the training ground of rebels, we are not aware of such training grounds existed at the moment and if there is any, we will be happy to demolish the area. I also want to add that we are planning to sign MoU with HPC (D) by the coming month. As of the deceased police forces, the majority were recruited during the former ministry.

Regarding inclusion of Rajmandal and Mantola under Chawngte PS, arrangement is made for various PS but the order is not released as yet; I am not sure if Rajmandal and Mantola are included.

Regarding the boundary issue, the present situation needs to be calmed and at the same time, I am positive that construction of sheds in the boundary has also been discussed.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, the hon. Minister did not answer my question regarding recruitment of police in the District capitals.

SPEAKER : The concerned Minister may answer the question.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, if the Board agrees, it is possible to conduct the said in every District Capital.

SPEAKER : The following Members asked leave of absence for today due to illness - Pu Lalrinawma Ralte, Pu H. Zothangliana and Pu S. Laldingliana.

I will now call upon Pu Lalruatkima to present a report on Public Accounts Committee and he will be presenting 3 reports today.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, I present the following reports on the table of the House –

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DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. We will now start our discussion and I call upon the Hon. Member, Pu Hmingdailova Kiangte.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. As a result of the tenacious work of the Finance Minister, we are able to enjoy a financial consolidation year and our budget had also increased by 9.88 %. It is also gratifying to know that an amount of ₹1000/- crores is placed for NEDP and ₹80 crores for the improvement of Urban infrastructure in cities and towns scheme. In order to uplift the underprivileged, an amount of ₹6 crores is placed under Rural Housing Scheme and ₹80 crores for NLUP.

It is wise decision of the concerned Minister for PWD to establish a State Road Fund Board last year and an amount of ₹50 crores is placed for this purpose. Under NABARD, an amount of ₹150 crores is placed for different projects of rural infrastructure development. It is pleasing to know that we can have a surplus budget from the revenue generated from various sources. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I think this budget is quite complicate; there is no work programme and no work estimate or plan. I think it is wise if at least token is given to each and every department. I also opine budget estimate to the department as a whole is much too less. Yet, I am grateful that there is a plan for filling the vacant posts and for purchase equipments and appliances for MIMER. I hope this will be utilized in the best possible ways.

It is gratifying to know that an amount of ₹20 crores is placed for NEDP and ₹50 lakhs for State Own Fund Board. It is a decision of the plan for promoting sports personalities who excels in their respective lines of discipline and providing incentives for their future. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalrobiaka.

PU LALROBIAKA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My fellow members have claimed that the estimate budget funds to each department generally are less; but if we study more carefully, there is improvement with centrally sponsored schemes provided in different sectors. It is appreciative that the economic status of the people will be upgraded through NEDP. I am glad that a separate budget is placed for modernization of Police Department and that initiatives are made for setting up a Medical College where as ₹14.82 crores sanction is made for this purpose under NEDP. It may as well be appreciated that a huge amount of funds is placed for development of Urban.

It is undeniable that progress is made under Agriculture as the percentage of our production increases immensely. Besides, the government determines means to obtain external aided projects trough International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD); step has been taken for implementing Posturing Climate Resilient Uphill Farming System in which ₹13 crores is placed for this project. At the same time, we have to bear in mind that it will take about 4 to 5 years to see the result. In short, it is clear from our budget that the main concern of the Govt. is to uplift the underprivileged. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you. Pu Deputy Speaker. It is truly appreciative that we continue to have a revenue surplus since 2015 and our GSDP increases since 2012 by 12% which clearly shows the efficiency of this ministry. Whereas our per capita income is the highest in the North East states which further indicate our flagship programme and NEDP are successful. It may as well be noted that Mizoram ranks the highest literacy rate in the North East states with 51% of

urbanization. We also have a plan for setting up multi-level car parking at Thakthing thanks to the efficiency of our House Leader.

Moving on to PMAY, I opine it is necessary to examine the system speculatively since there are numbers of well established family benefitting PMAY since their names are listed among the permanent waiting list. We have also seen fund allocation of 6 crore rupees under Chief Minister Rural Housing Scheme for the year 2016-2017 as many people are anticipated for the programme. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I will first stress on NLUP which is implemented to uplift the economic condition of the underprivileged. In 2009, we had 1,59,528 beneficiaries; and from the baseline survey, 94.45% benefits NLUP. Economics Department of MZU and Synod Social Front conducted a social audit and supervised the eligible criteria among the listed beneficiaries.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we are grateful that Champhai road is constructed where as funds provision for Seling-Siatual road and Kawlkulh-Khawzawl road has not been received. So, is there a way to divert other funds for this purpose? At the same time, I request the Hon. Minister to prioritize upgradation of Irrigation Deptt. in Champhai and to expedite resurfacing of internal roads such as 10.2 kms of Siaha, 14.4 kms of Lawngtlai, 6.7 kms of Serchhip town, 9.7 kms of Mamit and 25.5 kms of Champhai town.

I am glad that ₹10 crores is placed for improvement of Aizawl junction scheme, plan for setting up truck terminal at Champhai Zotlang and for fund provision of 29 crores for Auditorium- cum-Library.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is a wise decision that ₹1 crore is placed to purchase arms and ammunitions; I hope additional sanction may also be made for this purpose if needed. It is a remarkable achievement that our state liability is decreasing every year.

I also thank the Hon. Minister for providing rations to those who could not be included under the Food Security Scheme.

Thus, I have to conclude by expressing that our budget is quite satisfactory as it indicates a great progress under this Ministry. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Firstly, I first of all would like to stress on Excise & Narcotics Deptt. budget provision in this respect is minimal. As we all are aware, substance abuse is increasing since the implementation of MLPC Act. Thus, it is crucial that we upgrade this department for better social security.

Likewise, budget provisions of PWD have also been decreased despite shortage of enough manpower. Pu Dy. Speaker, alleviating the economic status of our state through NLUP is reiterated but it is regretted that only the ruling MLAs are notified that ₹400 lakhs being sanctioned to each MLA constituency. This truly is a serious matter which indicates discrimination among the people's representatives. I have also been informed many of the beneficiaries in the list being cancelled for not supporting the Congress Party. Pu Speaker, since the fund we received are for the development of the people, I suggest that the government let the people enjoys their rightful benefits and equally.

Also, budget provision in respect of Sport & Youth Services department has also decreases immensely despite the majority of successful sports personalities are of rural areas. So, I suggest opportunity should be provided equally for athletes regardless of the area.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is appreciated that budget provision of Higher & Technical increases every year. While this is the case, the status of Saiha Govt. College is so low and is on the verge of closing down. So, I request this college should be upgraded and any vacant post of lecturer is filled up.

On Medical & Public Health, I opine the budget provision is less considering plans for upgradation of the district hospitals and PHCs, shortage of staffs in almost all the Districts and our plans for healthcare deliveries. I think it is also time to review our healthcare system. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Who will be next?

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am glad that we are able to have a full budget discussion today and it is gratifying that we have our budget increased by 9.88%. As mentioned by my fellow member, Pu T.T. Zothansanga and considering our present condition, I opine fund allocated for purchase of arms and ammunitions is less sufficient.

The State revenue is expected to increase due to increase of tax in different sections like motor vehicle tax, water connection bills, VAR, GST, Stamp & Registration and Land Reforms etc. which will, on the contrary bring up burden for the people. At the same time, if we examine the budget, obviously it is election oriented. It is regretted that discrimination prevailed even among the members and

can be proved from notification being given only to Ruling members. Obviously such practice will entail discrimination among NLUP beneficiaries also. Pu Dy. Speaker, we are all the elected representatives of the people; so, how can we trust the existing Ministry if their conduct is as stated earlier. We hope such kind of practice is stopped once and for all and to respect the democratic form of government. Likewise, it is important to give a close watch on implementation of NEDP and our fiscal deficit. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We now have come to the end of our morning session; we will have a short recess and discussion will be resumed at 2:00 pm.

2:00 PM.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As we assumed the Ministry, financial crisis existed as some IAS friends of mine have even warned me that if our financial status goes from bad to worse, we could be facing financial emergency. But under the leadership of experienced leaders and officials, our financial status has improved a lot as ₹1,000/- crore of NEDP will be obtained next year which purely is the result of efforts made by our financial experts.

It is grateful to know that our leaders are prioritizing to alleviate the economic condition of the underprivileged through NLUP and fund provision for this purpose is increasing every year due to our achievement with this programme.

Regarding vaccination, it is important to know that 2 – 3 million lives of babies worldwide are saved due to vaccination. Fortunately in the case of Mizoram, infant mortality rate is in check due to priority given by the Hon. Health Minister on vaccination. Likewise, the same is prioritized on our domestic animals as AH & Veterinary Deptt. is conducting mass vaccination which is expected to bring a positive impact on rearing domestic animals under NLUP. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. It is appreciated that ₹1000/- crores is allocated for NEDP and ₹80 lakhs which will also be received from NEDP MYC which will be utilized to develop our youths in their chosen academic fields respectively. Incentive awards are also provided for the students who excel in their studies and our main purpose is to shape up and encourage them to compete in the Central and State Services, Army and Commission Service etc.

I am glad that ₹10 crores is allocated for reconstruction of Circuit House Lunglei, another ₹10 crores from NEDP for construction of Lunglei by-pass road and ₹10 crores for the reconstruction of MBSE building.

Pu Speaker, on 28th of this month, Online Coaching will be inaugurated and will be financed from the fund allocated under NEDP. Last but not the least, it is gratifying that plans and projects are made for developmental works covering the remotest areas of the state. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I thank the Hon. Finance Minister for providing a full budget. But going through the details, I find it election oriented. As mentioned by the Hon. Member, Pu Lalthanliana, there are 11,635 vacant posts under 53 Administrative Head of Departments where as 48 Departments does not applied to fill up the post; I find this a bit awkward and I think it clashes with the status and requirement of manpower in different departments.

PU VANLALZAWMA : From my understanding, our state budget has increased by almost four times the amount ten years ago. Despite the hike, I do not understand that most of the departments claim insufficiency of fund and it is confusing how and where we utilized all such funds. Some may insinuate NLUP and NEDP is where all the additional funds went to but it does not cause such huge dent in our budget. We have even heard of the members claiming that last year as of the worst for Mizoram in terms of road conditions.

So, I urge the government to examine itself carefully and start to allocate the funds as per requirement to each department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: Time for discussion has ended; we will now invite the Hon. Finance Minister to wind-up the discussion.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I would like to explain in more detail about our budget as this will be the last budget of this term. Our budget is relatively difficult and requires a detail study.

First, I would like to mention that our budget is formulated based on the needs of the people and is focus on the youths of Mizoram. It is prepared by Finance Department in consultation with the government. Since it is developed based on needs, we may find some variations and modifications compared to previous budgets.

We must note that our state is young and should not be compared with other developed States. The government is giving its best effort despite criticisms; we have come a long way. I believe that the current budget also reflects this feature.

Some Members claims the Supplementary Demands being taken as excessive and I would like to point out that this is a regular feature. Thank you.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, may the Hon. Minister explain the reason for not furnishing work programme for two successive years?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, this ministry took the initiative to hand out work programme as never has been done before. Also, it is included in the Annual Plan stipulated by the now defunct Planning Commission.

SPEAKER : I now invite the House Leader, the Hon. Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I have nothing more to say as the Hon. Finance Minister has put the detail and I am satisfied with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We have concluded our session for today; we will continue tomorrow at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned (3:05 pm).