

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH,  
2018 (Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**OBITUARY**

1. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries :
  - (1) Pu J. KAPTHIANGA, Ex. MLA of Mizoram.
  - (2) Pu LALCHUNGA CHINZAH, Ex. MLA (Assam)

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPER**

3. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Economic Survey, 2017-2018.
4. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Separate Audit Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India on the Accounts of The Mizoram Khadi & Village Industries Board, Aizawl for the year ended 31 March, 2010, 31 March, 2011, 31 March, 2012, 31 March, 2013 & 31 March, 2014.

**DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS**

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

S.R. ZOKHUMA  
Commissioner & Secretary

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**SPEAKER** : Hope in the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.

Psalms 37:34

Today, we will observe obituary on Hon. ex-Members such as Pu F. Kapthianga and Pu Lalchunga Chinzah. Let us call the Hon. Chief Minister, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF-MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate that today we have lost two of our fellow Hon. Members of this august House.

Pu Speaker, Pu J. Kapthianga ex-MLA passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 5:20 a.m. He was 89. Pu J. Kapthianga was the fourth child of Pu J. Zalawma and Pi Helen Challianguri. He was born on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1929 at Kelsih. He had 6 brothers and 5 sisters.

In 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1963, he married Pi Mary Biakmawii d/o Chalngbaka (L) at Christ the King Cathedral, Tlangnuam. They have three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He completed Primary and High School from Don-Bosco School, Shillong. He joined Indian Defense Service during 1950-1961. Due to his father's ill-health, he left Indian Defense Service. In 1962, he established Pachhunga Memorial High School and served as the Headmaster as requested by Serkhan and the neighboring Villages. This school is still in function till today at Lungdai.

Pu J. Kapthianga joined Politics in 1962. In 1967-1977, during the period of insurgency in Mizoram, he was captured along with the leader of P.C. Party, Pu Thena and was imprisoned at Nalbari Jail, Assam. In 1978, he was elected from Khawbung Constituency as a Member of the Second Mizoram Legislative Assembly. He was Protem Speaker, the Dy. Chief Whip of the Assembly ruling party. In 1981, as a consequence of the failure of peace talk between Indian and MNF, he was again imprisoned at Tural jail. Later in 1990, he retired from politics due to ill-health. He was a generous person who always inclined to help anyone in need. He would travel with some Catholic Fathers to translate their preaching in various places of Mizoram. He donated his land at Sairang for construction of St. Peter's church.

Pu J. Kapthianga had a bypass Surgery at Kolkata B.M. Birla Heart Research Centre in July, 1993 and had pacemaker being installed in 2013. As his health deteriorated, he was admitted at Civil Hospital in 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2018. He was released on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 but could not recover from it and passed away in 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 5:20 a.m.

Pu Lalchunga Chinzah, ex-MLA in Assam undivided. In 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 9:00 a.m, he passed away at Lairam Christian Medical Centre, Lawngtlai. He was 86.

Pu Lalchunga Chinzah was the fifth son of Pu Lianhmunga Chinzah and Pi Ngunchii Chinzah. He had four brothers and four sisters. He married Renchin Zathang in 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1959 and had three daughters and three sons.

Pu Lalchunga Chinzah completed his Class-III from Rulkual Primary School in 1944. In 1947, he completed Class-IV from Tawipui and Matric from Bengali High School, Imphal in 1952. Later in 1957, he graduated from St. Anthony's college, Shillong and then came back to Mizoram. He served as Headmaster at Lawngtlai High School and during his tenure as Headmaster, he was elected uncontested as Member of Regional Council from Bualpui (NG). In fact, he was appointed Chairman of the Council.

Pu Speaker, since Pawi-Lakher Regional Council had no graduate to serve as Court President & Recorder, he quit headmaster and joined there from 1960-1964. Later, due to unsatisfactory with the salary, he again quit the job. Despite several offers such as BDO at Lawngtlai, Publicity Officer at Aizawl, Political Assistant & Asst. Deputy Commissioner at Saiha and NEFA based Superintendent (IFAS Jr. Rank), he came back not joining any of such posts and enters politics against the will of his parents.

The following are some notable posts he had held in politics during his life time: -

- 1) During the period 1.5.1958-15.4.1964, he was elected as Pawi-Lakher Regional Council (PLRC) member uncontested. He held the Chairman from 1.5.1958-1.12.1958.
- 2) During 15.4.1964-15.7.1970, he was elected from Lawngtlai Constituency and held as Chief Executive Member.
- 3) In 16.7.1970, he was again elected from Lawngtlai Constituency and held as Chief Executive Member (CEM) for the second time in 29.1.1973.
- 4) In 1968, he was elected as Member of Legislative Assembly (Assam) from Chhim Constituency and again held the post of CEM.

Following are the posts he had held in the Pawi Autonomous District Council (PADC):-

- 1) From 23.1.1973-16.11.1976, he was elected from Lawngtlai constituency and held as Chairman from 25.1.1973-16.11.1976.
- 2) From 1.2.1988-30.11.1991, he was elected as MDC from Paithar Constituency, and held the post of the Chief Executive Member from

3.2.1988-2.8.1989. During his tenure on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1989, he changed the name 'Pawi District' to 'Lai Autonomous District Council'.

Apart from such posts, Pu Lalchunga Chinzah also participated in Church activities; he was a Church Elder of Lairam Isua Krista Baptist Kohhran and served in the Local Church of Council Veng, Lawngtlai.

Pu Lallchunga Chinzah was admitted at Lairam Christian Medical Centre (LCMC) on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 due to breathing problem and was released on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. However, he was re-admitted on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 for the same problem and passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> January despite the efforts of doctors and nurses to save his life.

Pu Speaker, he was a great political leader in Mizoram. I knew him personally that he was a man of wisdom and a kind soul. It is a great loss for Mizoram especially for the people of Lawngtlai.

I pray that God be with the families of the departed Leaders, Pu J. Kapthianga and Pu Lalchunga Chinzah. Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Let us now call Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Hon. Chief Minister have spoken in the detail of the two departed Members and there is nothing much to add. However, I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the families on behalf of the Opposition Group. May God be with their families.

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

We have heard enough of Pu J. Kapthianga. So, being elected Member from Lairam, it is a privilege to participate in the obituary of Pu Lalchunga Chinzah here in this august House. He was a shining star for Lai people who spearheaded in taking Lai District many steps forwards. I want to highlight in this august House that during insurgency in Mizoram and as his tenure as CEM, there were times he had to flee Lawngtlai but he stood rock solid for Lai people. He was a man of determination. Even in his old age, he was still willing to accompany us to Delhi in matters concerning Lai District. Pu Speaker, in spite of his commitment in Politics, he did not neglect his family and is inspiring to note that all his children grew up as respectable persons in various fields. There are so much inspiring gestures in his nature that the people will remember. I thank you for giving me the time to say these few words. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**SPEAKER** : One more member to speak; Pu Zothangliana.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Pu Lalchunga Chizah is a father figure for us and I regret to state that today, we have to observe obituary. As we have heard, he was a great leader in every aspect, be it in politics and in taking care of his family. He was not only a great political leader, but a man of wisdom and a humble soul. It is unfortunate today that we have to observe obituary. I am deeply moved by his dismissal. Pu Speaker, thank you for allotting me time to speak.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Romawia, Hon. Minister.

**PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the Hon. House Leader has spoken many of Pu J. Kapthianga; yet, I have a few words to add. He never stops working for peace in Mizoram. He was a closed friend of Pu Laldenga as many people across Mizoram have even known him as 'Pu Laldenga's friend'. He was a generous soul who even hosted feast for the poor. Pu Speaker, thank you for the time for these few words.

**SPEAKER** : Alright. There may be other Members who wish to speak, but our time is limited. We will all now rise up to observe 1 minute silence to show our respect.

**SPEAKER** : We will now move to Questions & Answers. I call Pu K. Sangthuama to ask starred Question No .1

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, starred Question No.1 for favour of answer to be given by the Hon Minister, in charge PWD.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to answer the Question.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker the answer is as follows: –

- a) The fund allocation for maintenance of road during the year 2017-2018 is ₹66,764.00 lakhs with additional fund of ₹19,153.25 lakhs, totally ₹85,640.25 lakhs.

Minor works - ₹3,950.00 lakhs

NEDP (out of 11,319.00 lakhs) - ₹2,754.37 lakhs

Minor works (additional) - ₹1,264.30 lakhs

State Priority Project (SPP) (out of ₹5898.60 lakhs) - ₹1,637.82 lakhs.

**Total - ₹9606.49 lakh.**

- b) The fund allocation from central Govt. for the year 2017-2018 - ₹26,521.15 lakhs
- c) Fund utilized during the year 2017-2018 - ₹32,757.07 lakhs.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question from Pu K.Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, for what purpose fund allocation for maintenance utilized and will the remaining be utilized before the end of this financial year?

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

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Should I read out or distribute the copy. (**SPEAKER:** *If you read, then it will take time*)

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : I want to know in district-wise. Anyway, I will expect the written copy as well, Pu Speaker.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is quite lengthy to read out all the implemented works. Alright thank you, I will give in writing.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Minister did not answer my second Question.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** The remaining fund will not be utilized before this financial year. However, it will be deposited and we will continue to utilize in the next financial year.

**SPEAKER** : Moving on to the next question i.e. starred Question No. 2. Let us call Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask the question.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. PWD Minister be pleased to state: -

- a) If there is any proposal to black top the road between Darlawn playgrounds to Tourist Lodge.
- b) If National Highway 150 could be placed under Darlawn Highway Division.

**SPEAKER** : We will now call Pu Lal Thanzara, Hon. Minister to answer the questions.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble is as follows: -

- a) There is no proposal as of now since there is no sufficient fund for village road. Proposal will be made when there is sufficient fund.
- b) There is no proposal to take up National Highway 150 under Darlawn Highway Division. Arranged of the National Highway are made according to the required division. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**PU R.L.PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask if the Hon. Minister could take up black topping of Darlawn playground to Tourist Lodge road from the remaining fund allocation and if the demand for 2 highway divisions is considered since the workload is increasing immensely.

**SPEAKER** : Let us call Hon. Minister.

**PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we will try to include in the work schedule of next financial year. Regarding Highway, the Govt. will take necessary step.

**SPEAKER** : Starred Question No. 3 and Dr. K. Beichhua to ask.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, will the Hon. Minister for R.D. be pleased to state the answer to starred Question No. 3.

**SPEAKER** : Pu R. Lalzirliana, the Hon. Minister.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. The answer is as follows: -

- a) The Govt. of Mizoram started Rural Housing Scheme from 2010-2011.
- b) The fund is allocated by the Govt. of Mizoram.
- c) So far, 8,624 families benefited the project of 4 bundles of GCI sheet per family.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, my question is, whether beneficiaries of the Housing Scheme the same with Chief Minister's Rural Housing Scheme? Secondly, which department is the nodal department in each district for implementing the scheme and if selection committee is constituted? Lastly, whether this scheme is for the congress party alone or all the people of Mizoram?

**SPEAKER** : Alright, let us call Hon. Minister to answer the question.

**PU R.LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. There is Chief Minister Rural Hosing Scheme and Rural Hosing Scheme separately. The scheme being discussed is of the Chief Minister's Housing Scheme which carries ₹50,000/- of financial assistance. Under Chief Minister Rural Housing scheme, Selection Board is

constituted under the Chairmanship of concerned BDO and concerned MLA as one of its member. Pu Speaker, it may be true to some extents that ruling party in the District Councils usually tries to control the scheme being received. That is all I can answer.

**SPEAKER** : Supplementary question.

**Dr K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, My question is in which district CM's Housing Scheme being distributed as I have not received any information of the committee? And I would like to ask if congress party alone is sons of the soil?

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

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the Govt. regards the people Mizoram as sons of the soil and the people consider the Govt. as their father. CM's Housing Scheme has not been distributed in Saiha, Lawngtlai and Serchhip district. Thus, the Hon. Member will not receive any of such information.

**SPEAKER** : Er. Lalrinawma to ask starred Question No. 4.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the Hon. Finance Minister be pleased to state: –

- a) The total amount of M.R. Bill which has been disbursed during 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.
- b) The total amount expected in the current financial year.

**SPEAKER** : The Hon. Finance Minister to answer the questions.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is as follows: -

a) 2013-2014	-	₹8,515.47
2014-2015	-	₹7,712.15
2015-2016	-	₹7,809.09
2016-2017	-	₹9,421.95
2017-2018	-	₹11,267.84

- b) ₹11,267.84 is expected during the current financial year.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma.

**Er.LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The fund disbursed during 2014-2015 financial year dropped down by nearly one crore though the amount increases every year. My questions are: -

- a) What could be the reason? What is the opinion of the Govt. on the increment? Is it because of the opening of wine shop?

- b) I asked the same question in the last session but there is a difference with the answer being given for the year 2016-2017 by a margin of 21 crore. What is the reason?

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Speaker, Supplementary question.

- a) The total amount of pending M.R. Bill.
- b) Despite the Screening Committee being constituted, M.R. Bill is still increasing. What is the reason? Pu Speaker, if the Screening Committee is constituted to examine family declaration of the Govt. employees.
- c) If so, whether any of incorrect family declaration is found on M.R. Bill?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Finance Minister to give the answer.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, we have financial consolidation for the past two years and we somehow were able to pay pending bills; but and the amount eventually increases during this financial year. As for the difference in the amount during 2016-2017, the financial year did not end at the time the question was asked; perhaps, this could be the reason.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, Healthcare Society will scrutinize M.R. Bill of each Deptt. Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Before we move on to next business, Pu Ruatkima has submitted Special Mention as permission being given; we will now call Pu Ruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018, MZP constructed Zofate Chawlhbuk at Bairabi Zophai which is within the area of Mizoram. The site was given to MZP by Pi Rothangi, wife of our ex-CM, Pu Ch. Chhunga (L). The newly constructed building was demolished by the Assam Police and Forest Deptt. on the very night it was constructed there by which MZP felt the need to reconstruct and called for a mass action on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. However, on this day, the Magistrate of Assam and the Assam Police were stationed at the site fully equipped with arms. As MZP started their mission, the Assam Police putting on strong objection started to use violence means by beating the students. MZP in a tense and realizing the situation determined to go on for the construction on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

On 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, as the students started their work, the Assam Police started beating up the students including a Mizoram journalist; they had even started to fire guns but fortunately no life was lost in the incident; yet, several casualties including a journalist.

The Assam Govt. then proclaims Sec 144 CPRPC Act within Mizoram area which is quite humiliation for the people of Mizoram. The Assam Police not only beaten up our students but also our journalist. This act of violence is humiliating and intolerable. This kind of act is humiliating for the neighboring state and it is undignified. My sincere sympathy goes to injured persons and I urge the Govt. to compensate those victims.

Pu Speaker, with your permission, I would like to read out the resolution of the emergency meeting of the Congress Legislative Party.

On Sunday, 11 March, 2018, an emergency meeting of Congress Legislature Party was held at CM's Conference room from 3 to 7 pm and passed a Resolution "that Zofate Chawlbuk should be constructed at Pu Ch. Chhunga's land which is within Mizoram. Mizoram Police should occupy this land from tonight onwards and the Govt. of Mizoram should take immediate step for the construction". Pu Speaker, at the time, yesterday, the Magistrate of Kolasib and Aizawl District declared CRPC 144 and 188 IPC which I opine is difficult to comprehend. The question is whose order that could be where as the Mizos are united at the cost of MZP, no matter what the circumstances maybe; Pasaltha Khuangchera and Lalnu Ropuiliani have risen again. It is appreciating to know that the people and our youth are determined to safe this land. God will not abandon those who are willing to safe their land. The Fact is that adequate measure should be taken to safeguard our youth.

Pu Speaker, I am grateful that you have given me time to speak. It would be much appreciated if you could give time for discussion so that the Govt. clarifies the exact situation as to which authority declared CRPC and IPC Section. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Special Mention is usually not discussed in the House. However, since it is the burning issue which concerns the people of Mizoram, we may give a few minutes to the Hon. Home Minister to clarify deemed necessary.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, if you could kindly permit time for discussion since this is of an important issue.

**SPEAKER** : A separate Motion is necessary for the discussion. So, if the Minister has anything to say, let us call Hon. Minister.

**PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER:** When there is any Special Mention, the Ministers are usually informed beforehand in case for need of clarification. I am not informed; however, I will try to answer it.

Pi Rothangi w/o Pu Ch. Chhunga, Ex-CM donated the land for construction of 'Zofate Chawlbuk'. MZP then constructed it under the protection of Police force. At

night, 'Chawlhbuk' was demolished and a duty post was constructed at the site; the MZP then demolished the same. After a careful thought by the Govt., I invited leaders of MZP to my office chamber for tea and informed them that they were under the Police protection; but if they insisted to resume, police protection could not be availed since the Assam Govt. is not pleased with our action and the status quo was then maintained. And, since we are provoking the gov., it will be at your own risk, without Police protection. Pu Speaker, I have even told them that Bairabi joined NGO's have requested not to continue since it is the people of Bairabi who would suffer after MZP left the site. Thus, I requested them to call-off 'Hnam Hnatlang'. But, since they insisted to go ahead, the incident broke out.

The Govt. condemns the act as the force should have warned the students before firing. The Hon. Chief Minister has immediately sent a letter to Home Minister, Pu Raynath Singh and has been replied on time. We approached the Assam Govt. for talk on DC's level but in vain. At that time, the Home Minister sent a letter to our Chief Minister for a talk of Chief Secretary Level at Delhi. The Congress Legislature Party is angered by the Assam Police action and that the status quo was maintained. We have to deal with this matter gradually since it is of a disputed area. The Congress Legislature Party held an emergency meeting and passed resolution that 'Zofate Chawlhbuk' should be built with the approval of the Chief Minister.

Pu Speaker, no party should take this issue as a political advantage. Yesterday, the Hon. Chief Minister held the all party meeting comprising NGO's and MKHC and concluded with a clear-cut view. I am grateful that MZP has call-off 'Hnam Hnatlang' keeping in view of the welfare of the gov.

Regarding declaration of CRPC 144 by DC, it is unfortunate that it was done so without prior consultation of the Home Minister. Pu Speaker, it is truly annoying and such act will not be repeated in future. Thank you.

**PU VANLALZAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that the Home Minister gave a clear scenario of the issue. I request if you could permit for discussion since it is not against the proceedings/practice of the House as you too have experienced in Parliament.

**SPEAKER** : Let me explain first. When South Hlimen quarry collapse, I submitted Special Mention in Rajya Sabha; no one was informed, I spoke about the issue and there was no one to associate. In Parliament, action is taken depending on the associated members. Ministers are not call to speak. However, our approach here is different since it includes questions. I called the Hon. Minister if he wishes to clarify without prior information and I apologize for that. There can never be a discussion from Special Mention. If necessary, a separate Motion has to be submitted for the discussion.

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO:** Pu Speaker, on discussion of Motion of Thanks, any subject which is on the list of the business may be raised and we may discuss as one wishes to.

**SPEAKER** : That was what I was about to say; we will have a general discussion then you can speak about the issue. Let us leave this and that.

We will now move on to Laying of papers. Let us call Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to lay on the Table of the House a copy of Economic Survey, 2017-2018.

**PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the copy of Economic Survey, 2017-2018 on the Table of this august House.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed. I call upon the Hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to lay the Audit Report on the Table of the House.

**PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER:** Mr. Speaker sir, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a copy of separate Audit Report of the Comptroller Auditor General of India on the accounts of the Mizoram Khadi & Village Industries of Aizawl for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011; 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2012, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. Thank you, Sir.

**SPEAKER** : Let the copy be distributed.

We will now move on to discussion on Motion of Thanks. Each member will be given 10 Minutes. Who will start the discussion? Yes, Pu H. Zothangliana.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA:** Pu Speaker, thank you. It is fortunate that there is sufficient supply of essential commodities despite unpleasant climate and I would like to thank the Hon. Minister for that. Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to note that NEDP is carried out effectively as 16,000 families have been covered. Due to the success of NLUP, jhum cultivation on the other hand has dropped down to 31% during the past six years. It is a remarkable that even UNO acknowledge the fact as joint venture had even been held in Mizoram.

I thank for basic services to Urban Poor Scheme under which 1,096 families dwelling units have been set up. Central Govt. is concerned of cleanliness that intensive measure is taken in this regard. Hopefully Mizoram will become the cleanest state by the end of 2019.

I also thank for various projects taken up under Asian Development Bank. Pu Dy. Speaker, it is pleasing to note that under AH & Veterinary Deptt., 500 families

will be selected to grow corn under the Economic Development policy from which 10,000 metric tonne is expected from the harvest.

It is noteworthy of the steps taken under Health Deptt. like NITI Aayog that has upgraded our state to a model state. It is remarkable that tobacco consumption have gone down to 58.7% from 67.2%.

I thank for the steps taken on electricity. Pu Dy. Speaker, open Defecation free is successfully introduced in various districts thanks to the efforts of the Govt. and concerned department. The same is expected to be done in the reiaming districts such as Lawngtlai and Lunglei.

Under able leadership of the Hon. Minister, Pu John Rotluangliana, funds for purchase of rice have gone down due to Nation Food Security.

Under School Education Deptt., number of projects has been approved; under Special plan assistance and Special Central Assistance such as construction of Educational Complex at Serchhip which was completed with project amounting to ₹122.20 lakhs; Guest House/Training Center of Education Deptt. at Lunglei which also has been completed. Pu Speaker, Mizoram has been regarded nationwide as the best performing state of RUSA in the Northeast and one of the best performers in all India. Construction of buildings for Mizoram Engineering College at Pukpui, Lunglei Commencing from May, 2016 is expected for completion by the end of March, 2018. Pu Speaker, National Council of Teachers' Education has given its approval to include B. Ed Course in DIET at Aizawl and Lunglei. With this approval, the Mizoram University has given provisional affiliation to start the course from the academic session of 2018-2019. Apart from this, RCI has given its approval for conducting regular classes of Special Education which concern visual and hearing impair at SCERT.

It is pleasing to highlight that during 2017-2018, formation cutting work of 62.63 kms including two permanent bridges have been completed. It is worth mentioning that Forensic Science Laboratory received Excellence award in the field of fingerprint Science.

I appreciate Rubber Based Settlement project at Lawngtlai which is expected to be completed within 3 years.

To strengthen education infrastructure under LADC, there is a proposal for construction of 49 Nos. school buildings out of which 2 being completed and the rest for completion in the near future.

Pu Speaker, under NEDP, a special tour programme is being conducted on

regular basis since November, 2017 covering senior citizens of all 20 MLA Constituencies. The Deptt. has also successfully conducted 12 times of NEDP press study tour for members of the press.

It is appreciated that we will now have Sainik School at Chhingchhip; construction of High Court building at New Secretariat Complex is underway and plan for establishment of Lok Ayukta is in progress. Thanks to the effort of the Sports & Youth Services Deptt. and the Mizoram State Sports Council, numbers of budding talented youth are being trained so that they are able to compete in the national, regional and international level.

Pu Speaker, it is worth mentioning that Art & Culture Deptt. preserves Mizo traditional values and Cultural heritage. Chapchar Kut festival was successfully celebrated during 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March. On the 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> of March, Rhododendron festival has also been celebrated at Sentetfiang Village with His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram attended the festival as Chief Guest. It was a remarkable festival which in the future would attract many tourists.

Pu Speaker, there is so much to highlight and so much to be thankful to the Govt. but could not be done due to limit of time. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Lalrinthanga.

**PU K. LALRINTHANGA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, there is so much to be thankful from the Governor's speech. The Govt. is able to fulfill its commitment despite our experience of the longest monsoon last year.

First of all, I thank for the housing projects under basic services comprising of 1,096 dwelling units for families of economically weaker sections; likewise, our effort in Sanitation is expected to showcase our state in India which are truly remarkable.

In Power & Electricity, there have been remarkable developments in power sector as Tuirial hydro-electric project is expected to be completed within the financial year of 2017-2018. Pu Speaker, the Government of Mizoram has also signed MoU with NEEPCO for generating power of 210 MW from Tuivai hydro-electric project. It will not be long when Mizoram will be sufficient of power supply.

On Food & Civil Supplies Deptt., it is remarkable that after National Food Security Act that the Govt. is able to save ₹10.21 crores.

In Higher & Technical Education Department, it is commendable that Mizoram has been regarded nationwide as the best performing state of RUSA in

Northeast and one of the best performers all over India.

On No. 14, I thank for the completion of formation cutting works of 62.63 kms and blacktopping of total length of 118.72 kms. Pu Speaker, construction of 82 buildings is being taken up, out of which 28 are completed and 54 buildings are in progress.

On No. 21, I thank for Sainik School at Chhingchhip and am more pleasing to note that it will be the first of its kind in the country as admission for Girls Cadets will be started in the next session.

Under LAD, it is appreciative that the Finance Commission grants of ₹680.10 lakh are directly transferred to the account of Village Councils so that it may be utilized for creating durable assets for the public.

It would be appreciate if we continue the good works under NEDP like construction of hall, culvert, steps and drainage system. Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to praise Sports & Youth Services for taking home medals of 25 Gold, 13 Silver and 8 Bronze at International level; 40 Gold, 28 Silver, 46 Bronze medals at the National level and 16 Gold, 13 Silver and 30 Bronze at the Regional level. It is great that sport has now become the main sources of income for many of our youth. Thank you for giving me time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next is Pu Chalrosanga.

**PU CHALROSANGA RALTE:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I want to mention about the incident yesterday prior to the Governor's speech. Due to time difference on our watches, we have to come in haste for the Governor's speech and I am sorry for that.

First, I would like to discuss about NEDP. Our leaders used to say that NEDP is fund provision to those who make an effort and works hard enough to achieve it. Today, those who are success under NLUP will continue to receive aids from NEDP scheme. The idea of our leaders in regard to this important scheme is truly appreciated.

Regarding Health Care as mentioned by the Governor, I am happy to say that we are successful in health care. This is purely the efforts of the department and the concerned Minister. I am glad to mention that we are receiving large amount of fund in the coming year due to our performance in the implementation of NITI Aayog as we excel many states. While this is the case, it is regretted that the Governor speech missed out step taken by the Government for setting up a Medical College.

We also see improvement in Power & electricity. Tuirial Hydel project with a capacity of 60 mega watts is recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister as it indicates step taken by our leaders to improve our power generation. Presently, Tuivawl and

Tlawnng of 5 mega watts each are almost completed. I opine we need to make intensive efforts on more powers generation.

I am happy that the Governor mentioned about Forest & Climate Change where the need to preserve our forest and wildlife is intensive for our future generation.

I am also happy to say that Sainik School is established at Chhingchhip. This is expected to shape up our youth to compete in the high level Army officer posts. I hope that we benefit a lot from this school.

On Sports, our sportsmen received numbers of Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals from different disciplines in the International and the National level and this makes me very happy.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am happy to learn that Tourism Deptt. takes step for improvement as we do not have much of natural resources. We have to concentrate on Tourism as many states also make huge income from it. Thus, in order to increase our revenue, we have to follow other states by improving our outlooks on tourism.

I am also happy to learn that we have opened ITI in different parts of our state hopefully to help us acquiring skill development and pave the way for job opportunity for the youth.

Lastly, Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate fund provision under UD & PA for housing of the poor people. In short, I am happy with the Governor's speech and give my support. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will now recess.

**2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : To continue with our discussion, I call upon Pu Ngurdingliana.

**Dr. NGURDINGLIANA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I first of all would like to express my support to this Motion.

I opine it is a bold action that the Govt. put forwards the outline of the New Economic Development Policy. Its main objective is uplifting the economic condition of hardworking poor section of our society. To achieve the programme, fund from NEDP will be distributed to departments as per concerned project. Within my constituency, we concentrate on only one trade with prior consultation of experts and entrepreneurs for the project.

Pu Dy. Speaker, our progress towards cleanliness is praiseworthy as our goal of transforming our state the cleanest State in India is welcoming. I appreciate various projects of the government which concern cleanliness by means of PHE and LAD department. I am also pleased to with the implementation of ODF (Open Defecation Free) under Cleanliness and Swachh Bharat Mission in every district.

In regards to Health Care, it is of centrally sponsored project implemented by the state government under which World Health Day, World Disabled Day and World Cancer Day are observed accordingly. It is great that Mizoram topped the list of Health Index of NITI Aayog in the implementation of Health Care. Thanks to the effort of Health Department in the implementation of the central project, Malaria and Infant Mortality rate decreases within my constituency.

It is appreciative that an abundant supply of drinking water is received from PHE Department with fund provisions of NEC, NLCPR and NABARD. It may also be noted that this project is planned to cover even the remotest corner of our state as well.

We also see improvement in Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department. With introduction of the National Food Security Act, our monthly requirement increases while the purchase rate on the contrary decreases. This is due to the effort of the concerned Minister and officials of the department. Besides, it is pleasing to learn that sufficient amount of rice is stocked to get us through rainy season.

Steps taken by the Education Department on skill development and vocational education also are praiseworthy. Much as well, it is pleasing to learn that text book for Class VIII to X is prepared by NCERT and provisional affiliation issued by MZU for B. Ed training at DIET, Lunglei. Under Special Education Scheme, B. Ed training for physically challenge people too is proposed and will be the first in the North-east.

Lastly, climate change is now becoming a global concern. The Govt. of Mizoram also takes it step on this issue by means of fund received from Central Green Programme of the National Programme. Thus, I opine it is important for us also to start having awareness programme from elementary level. It is also important reinforcing the concerned department by recruiting new staff as the existing staff is less enough to execute the work. Pu Speaker, I convey my wishes, through your Chair for their future work and I support the Motion on the Governor's Speech. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Rinawma.

**Er. LALRINAWMA** : Pu Speaker, I am thankful that today we have opportunity to discuss on the Governor's speech.

First, Section 1 of NEDP. Being the ongoing scheme, it takes regular attention and careful work supervision. We need to be specific of the funds allocation as some includes side-drain which is the purview of PWD and can be done by the department so that none is wasted. In this regard, I appeal to the implementing agency to give more important for funds allocation.

Section 1 again stated that ₹1,027/- crore is spent under NEDP during 2016-2017 which I find unmatched with the Finance Minister's speech stating ₹250 crore for the same. If the Governor's statement is true, it means we exceed the budget allocation indicating our budget system meaningless

Section 3 stated that the practice of jhum cultivation decreases due to NLUP by 31.37% during the past 6 years. I wonder if that is possible for it is our tradition since our forefathers. The decrease rate may differ due to climate change but not because of NLUP. Besides, budget statement of 2014 indicates our GSDP of Agriculture and its allied during 2010-2011 is 20.16% due to poor condition of link roads as the practice of jhum cultivation deteriorated gradually for it needed strength and time. Thus, it is appreciated if link road under NEDP goes through Gram Sabha prior to construction as concerned villagers know best where to construct within their areas. I am unhappy to learn that the GSDP of Agriculture and its Allied decreases as we can see it clearly in a document.

Section 15 states “maintenance of law and order remains a top priority of my government”. While underlining the performance of the Police Deptt., it emphasizes seizure of drugs worth ₹46.95 crore during 2017-2018 which seems to be the purview of Excise Deptt. This shows that the MLPC Act open the door for drugs trafficking; I wonder how many are doing the business without our knowledge.

To say a few words on liquor taxes, our revenue collection during the current year, so far is 53 crore. Even the Governor’s speech highlighted in the achievement of the govt. that the main source of our revenue is of liquor. Is the government regards our huge revenue collection from liquor as an achievement? It indicate that we spends 200 crore on liquor.

Next, Section 5 which indicate our expenditure on healthcare. During 2011-2016, it was 78 crore which consequently rose up to 115 crore during 2016-2017. This clearly shows that we are not healthy and we need to improve the healthcare system. In many cases, medical reimbursement becomes a problem as the insurance company fails to pay the empanelled hospitals. It is regretted as this problem affected most on the poor who depends solely on healthcare scheme.

Lastly, Sainik School is within my constituency and I would like to inform the House that water problem remains though a year has passed since it started functioning. So, attention may be given in regard to the problem. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Who will be next? Pu Pianmawia.

**PU R.L. PIANMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, We have many things to be thankful for the works done by this government. Regarding NLUP, NEDP and construction of Link roads, it may not be benefitted by the rich and people of urban areas but is the main source of livelihood for rural people.

I am happy to know that our government prioritizes the poor and the plan to alleviate their economic status. Till date, the govt. is able to provide regular supply of food despite many hardships.

Another notable achievement of the Govt. is providing a separate building for many departments functioning in some rented buildings in the previous years as 82 Nos. Govt. buildings are constructed 2017-2018.

Having Sainik School in our state is a great step and it is expected to grow in time. If I am not mistaken, this Sainik School is of the first Co-ed in the country by opening seat for girls as well.

On Sports, we know from the Governor's speech that it is progressing in this Govt. by leaps and bound. Within my constituency, we have field constructed at Darlawn and the soon to be started at Sakawrdai. It is notable that the main objective of the Govt. in sports is to provide field to those who need it. Our youth are now happy for having playground within their locality. Apart from this, various sports disciplines are introduced for our youth where as sports infrastructure of indoor and outdoor are now accessible. I am thankful indeed.

It is clear through the Chief Minister's Rural Housing Scheme that this government placed important to the needs of the poor. There are two types of scheme for the poor such as scheme under Rural Development and the other under DM & R, a scheme to supply iron sheet roofing and other amenities for the victim of fire and landslide.

Due to step taken by our government, the Art & Culture Department patents our cultural dresses such as 'Puanchei' and 'Ngotekherh' which has never been achieved in the past government.

It is great that Transport Deptt. opens a separate DTO Office for rural people to help with the problems which prevailed in the past.

Above all, the government introduced Home Stay under Tourism to resolve the problem of guest accommodation in rural household as most of them are too small to accommodate guest and for we are differs in our way of living. It is first implemented in Champhai district and will be extended need base.

Lastly, regarding a peace talk with HPC (D) which is not a mention in the Governor's Speech, I thank the government for it as we are now able to live in peaceful state. Pu Speaker, thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Thanliana.

**PU LALTHANLIANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. I want to say a few words on our Governor's Speech. Let me start with reference to the Governor's speech on NEDP. We were so happy in the beginning with a high hope on this programme. However, it seem that it is not as we expected as some members are giving out work order not knowing the source as to whether it is of NLUP or NEDP etc. As far as my knowledge is concern, priority should be given to any department having a good prospect for income generation. I am afraid that it will not meet our expectation.

Secondly, we have various projects under UD & PA such as sanitation, water supply, sewerage and solid waste management. Regarding sewerage, it is reiterated since 2010 that no progress is made so far. However, the AMC now takes up solid

waste management and the performance is so far good. It is pleasing to learn that we are now beginning to learn the importance of health care which further concern for public health and cleanliness by following a meaningful waste management.

On AH & Veterinary, the performance of the department so far is good. I appreciate the plan for selection of 500 families to undertake corn plantation for animal feeds. I hope the plan is carried out up to the mark.

Since March Session of 2013-1014, signing of MoU is a reiterated issue on the Governor's speech but the reality is far from reach. This indicates enough importance has not been given on MoU. Thanks to priority given by the Prime Minister for launching of Tuirial Hydro Electric Project, we somehow are able to achieve the project.

The National Food Security Act is highlighted in Section 8 of the Governor's speech and is introduced under able Minister and carried out successfully. What I am expecting to hear from such a highly regarded speech is of our attainment of self-sufficiency on food productions where as those highlighted are only of imported productions. Regarding the point for construction of Education Centre, I believe it is a good move for the government but we need know more of the details. In this connection, I think it is necessary for the mizos as a tribe to give more important on English as it involves in dealing of any case within and outside our state. Thus, appreciate introduction of English medium teaching from class VII onwards and preparation of NCERT to that effect.

On improvement of road communication, it is learned that ₹71.96 crore was spent for black topping of 118.72 kms which means ₹61 lakhs is spent for 1 km; I do not know if it is good or bad but I have to react to it. Pu Speaker, the new achievement we have learned from the Governor's speech is of the award received by the Mizoram Forensic Science Laboratory and I truly appreciate this. Yet, I opine we should determine how to make the best use for the benefit of Mizoram.

GST is an important point we have seen in the Governor's speech. Our revenue during 2016-17 was ₹27,176,91 lakhs indicating the monthly increment rate of ₹95 lakh. The question is if it is so high to make us proud; it is important for the department also to scrutinize the reality. I opine we still need to give more awareness to this concern for it is impossible for those who are ignorant of IT knowledge to understand the actual condition.

Lastly, regarding Training for Disaster Response conducted under SDRF for students and others, I think it is as well necessary for the Members to undergo the same for we are in earthquakes prone area and that we may be able to relate to the public as we travel through the length of Mizoram. It is convenient if such training for the members is set for a week. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu T. Sangkunga.

**PU T. SANGKUNGA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, I should say this speech of the Governor is one of the best and the most motivated speech I have ever listened as

a Member. From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Para, it underlines NEDP and how to be executed. Within 2 years, we received 750 crore which will further increase in the next year. It is a fact that power supply and road communication are of essential for development of rural and urban areas and NEDP will cover it all. In East Tuipui constituency, we have not seen new development for almost 20 years especially under LAD. Therefore, NEDP is much important for us.

It is a great move that we undertake new Agriculture link roads in every village. In my constituency, we have Tlawva Mini Hydel Project in which 50 crore is spent but the work remain uncompleted allegedly due to delay of work by one officer and NABARD refused to release another funds for that. However, we have 12 crore sanctioned from NEDP and hopefully it will be completed. If this project is done, we may be able to give power supply to Champhai District and East Tuipui constituency.

My constituency benefits NEDP immensely as most of our roads are constructed under BADP. Apart from this, PWD will take up Tuipui-Khawbung road and Khuangleng-Mualkawi road with 48 crore sanction from NABRAD. Many of road projects which had been neglected in the previous years are also being revived. Likewise, progress is seen in WRC of Agriculture with the help of NEDP. We are very thankful for all that.

Again, progress is seen in Veterinary Department with NEDP. In East Tuipui constituency, we have number of mithun farms containing 100 to 200 Nos. cattle. Being cattle, we are worried for their fencing as some are crossing over the weak fences ravaging many cultivated lands and our need for barbed wire fencing thus is intensive. We are grateful that the Hon. Minister intends to provide us with fencing material under NEDP which truly is a timely moved. Hopefully, we may be able to improve our farm when such materials are on hand. We have experience also that mithun beef is sold like hot cakes in the NLUP exhibition at Aizawl. We truly are grateful to the Hon. Minister and to the government.

We have seen progress on Healthcare system implemented under NEDP. As mentioned earlier, we have even topped the list on Comprehensive Health Index conducted by NITI Aayog. We are fortunate that through this scheme we are able to achieve medical examination and Medical College in Mizoram. I am thankful to this government for implementing NEDP in Mizoram.

Likewise, implementation of Open Defecation Free under Swacch Bharat is no less appreciative. Champhai becomes the first among the Districts to implement the project. It is also appreciated that the Tourism Department is conducting training for a clean and healthy hotel.

We also see much development in Sports. We now have many youth achieving medal in different sports disciplines. While this is the case, introduction of CCE is resulting to negligent among the students which becomes a big problem today. Knowing this, it is pleasing to learn that the Central decided to stop the system. It is again appreciative that the Hon. Minister provides us new teachers for Science and mathematics and English medium of school instruction being introduced from class VI onwards. Under quality education, mid-day meal is provided on regular basis with a view to help children's growth more healthy and beautiful. It is great to witness so

much development under Education. Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me an extra time.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Who will be next? Let us invite Dr. K. Beichhua.

**Dr. K. BEICHHUA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am thankful that we have the opportunity to discuss about our Governor's Speech.

Pu Deputy Speaker, our Session this time is very unique and unusual. First, the Governor enters the House prior to the Hon. Speaker and then the Opposition Members. After the National Anthem was over that the House Leader and the Members enters. This incident according to my thought is the silent symptom of this government coming to an end as by the next election a new government will arise.

Pu Deputy Speaker, rainfall is mentioned in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the Governor's Speech. The year 2017-2018 was of the heaviest rainfall in Mizoram according to the record. Now, we are starting a new year and the rain persists, I am afraid our roads are never improved as long as we blame it on the rainfalls. This makes me think a lot.

On NLUP, many claims NLUP as a substantial contributor for the decline of jhum system during the last 6 years by 31.37%. I recollect the report of the C & AG and wonder what will be the opinion of the general people in this regard as to whether NEDP or NLUP which concern more for our development.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I am thankful that Healthcare Service also is mentioned with facilities and infrastructure and various programmes under H & TE. I have a vision that with the existing status of our society and population, we can become a model State if we follow the guideline accordingly as to 'the right man, for the right post'. Unfortunately, Mizoram ranked No. 1 in HIV/AIDS and cancer where and there are numbers who are infected with hepatitis; the Members should give a serious thought in this regard. It is reiterated that more funds to that respect will come by the coming year and I insist such funds to go directly to the department without delay since the Health Department, not like others is concern with life and death. We may be able to make such funds effective if the government released it on time and for the exact purpose.

On P & E, it is stated that Hydro electric Project is expected to be completed within the financial year of 2017-2018. I thought that the Prime Minister already inaugurated or, was it just the unit test programme?

Pu Deputy Speaker, while coming across the point highlighting improvement of quality education, the thought which crosses my mind is of Tongkolong Government High School of the Hon. Speaker's constituency in which only two teachers are there. Likewise, there are many schools which are in short of teaching staff and even for some schools, there are privates who contribute for hiring the teacher; we have to look into this matter more seriously.

Another important thing is maintenance of Law & Order. Despite top priority of the Govt. to maintain Law & Order, we all seem to know the incident at Bairabi where Law & Order felled flat for our Police Forces were bounded by the order from higher authority. As i visited the incident with Pu K. Sangthuama and as we offers a peace talk between the police forces on both side, the Magistrate of the Assam Govt. flatly informed us that the Mizoram police would not come. How he got such information and if he could assure us, I asked him; then, he has given us assurance of his words. I was dump-founded at that point and again asked if a green signal being received from the Govt. of Mizoram; he ignored to give me the answer. We have to examine ourselves in maintaining law and order as the government fails completely in the incident. It is unfortunate to hear from our Home Minister this morning that he does not know anything about CRPC 144 announced by the DC Kolasib. I wonder what is boiling up in the Ministry that even the Home Minister himself is not informed of such a sensitive case. It is not known what is coming up today or tomorrow. But, one thing is clear; we fail in maintaining Law & Order.

I opine there is nothing to be proud of in capturing few amount of drugs as many remains even in between the Assembly House to Zodin Square. The pervading drug addicts and drunks indicate our failure in maintenance of law & order. It is a shame that we ranked No. 1 in HIV/AIDS list in the country where as about 150 persons in our state are infected every month. Pu Deputy Speaker, it is hard to predict how long our state will last with this grave situation. Let us reform our state and put more efforts on this problem. It is because of liquor that widows are increases in our state every year. It is regretted that our failure in maintenance of Law & Order has even compelled the MZP to involve in the case of boundary dispute. I still have many points to mention but have to end it here due to limit of time. Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu K. Sangthuama.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, the Governor speech is rather short compared to the previous years. It may be due to exclusion of some important points like Medical College which is the biggest project we now have in Mizoram.

GST has also been mentioned in the speech. Our GST during 2016 - 2018 decreases by 42.89 crore and it is a question if we are able to make a recovery within this financial year. In this regard, i would like to know the reason that it does not increase from last year and if there is a problem in the GST collection.

Regarding opportunity for the students, is there a way to provide funds for the students excursion for it is a regular routine in the past? The department should concern that there are many students who have never been to outside Mizoram and the only chance to expand their outlooks is such tour.

On food grains, it is a must that we make savings after introduction of the Food Security Act. Around 7 lakh families received ration at the rate of 3/- per kg and the others at 15/- per kg. If so, our savings should be increased as it is a Central Scheme.

Regarding the boundary dispute, we should immediately find solution so that our students are not victimized. We should give more important to setting up a hut by MZP at the border. Besides, everyone has to keep in mind the need to stand firmly in such kind of incident regardless of minority of our state compares to others and that the proposed site belongs to Pu Ch. Chhunga. During the MNF Ministry, Agriculture Department improved the area for cultivation and before that it was useless. But the problem started since then and immediately after the MZP built the hut. Our area is beyond the location of this hut which is clearly indicated in the record of the Inner Line Reserve and we have to claim it strongly. It is a common experience that boundary dispute could not be solved by merely talks. So, we have to stand firmly on our right and fight for our land at all cost.

Pu Deputy Speaker, many blames the MNF on boundary issue but is not true. As per the peace negotiation, the Central Govt. too concluded that any of our boundary problems will be resolved. We must therefore stand strongly and fight for our boundary. It is also appropriate if our Police forces are stationed at the boundary. That is all I can say, and thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Lt. Col. Z.S. Zuala.

**Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I want to point out few things which concerns importance issue like NEDP that our Governor's mentioned in his speech which is being implemented as smooth as NLUP. Another is the Housing Scheme for lower income group and Agriculture Link Road which changes the prospect of both farmers and non-farmers. Our position at the top of the Health Index is another point which I think is appreciative; also, our achievement on Tuirial Hydel Project and our monthly savings of 1 crore rupees that we made through the Supply Department.

I also commend the efforts of Tobacco Control Society and Legal Metrology Department. On Law & Order, i opine the performance of the Govt. in dealing with the case of kidnapping by Bru rebels and ambush of the Govt. officials on spot verification.

Regarding NRHM, I opine this scheme favorable for those living in rural areas and those who are unable to claim medical re-imburement. But i think we still need awareness for we still have many who are totally ignorant of this scheme. The same goes with Ambedkar Foundation Scheme.

Moving on to Sainik School, this is truly the result of efforts made by the Hon. Chief Minister; let us hope that it will grow more and more in future. I also commend the people of Chhingchhip for their valuable contribution of the site. Lastly, but not the least, i want to point out the efforts made by the Govt. in paving way for the youth and i think the result speaks for itself.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The time we have is up to 4:00 pm; if we want to extend the time, we need permission of the House for we need to save the time for the mover of this Motion and also for the House Leader. Bearing that in mind, is there

anyone who wishes to have a speech for we still have 15 minutes more? Pu Lalruatkima.

**PU LALRUATKIMA** : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. We have heard of many points of commend on NEDP; but on seeing budget allocation to various departments, improvement is hardly seen. There are certain amounts being allocated without indicating the nodal department and a mention in the Allocation of Business and Transaction section. I believe we are not familiar enough with it purposes as some departments gets a big chunk while the others hardly have anything to get.

Moving on to Urban Development, we have 5 projects of central sector which should be implemented successfully. But in the case of Aizawl Water Supply and Waste Management scheme in which 698.17 crore is received from UDB, I do not think it will become a success as expected. I also think we also need improvement on cleanliness drive.

Moving on to NLUP, our flagship programme, some even exaggerated as God's programme, 7 years have passes since its implementation. But when the C&AG report is out, it is labeled as a 'failed' scheme; and to make it clear, the Government clarified the nodal departments just yesterday. The question is, did the Finance Deptt. allocate the funds directly to concerned department through Sector Allocation and, why did it takes so long for the government to clarify the nodal departments of such schemes. I believe the Government failed to maintain accurate statistics of our rice productions. While this is the case, Input Purchase Board of NLUP which was put to function on 12 April, 2013 has already spent more than 10 crore for purchasing materials. Besides, some choices of trade are inappropriate to the concerned beneficiary and, NLUP Festival, the event through which we can display our success is not covering the whole beneficiaries.

It has been 7 years since NLUP is implemented and we ought to have some sorts of marketing prospect but still there is no sign of it. Besides, the department which should have looked after the marketing such as MAMCO is dealing some contracts with KVK, JNV. ZOHANCO is another marketing establishment but we basically closed it down. Another target of the Government is self-sufficiency in meat production but the result is clearly seen from our markets on Saturday morning.

We also need to make more efforts on community health programmes as we have 8 National Programmes currently running in our State. Also, it is surprising that MIMER is not a mention in the Governor's speech since it is the most substantial project being taken up by the government at present.

Pu Deputy Speaker, it is pointed out that 53.34 crore is collected due to MLPC Act in the current financial year, but i am more concern of how much is spent outside for alcohol related health issues and how many have lost their lives so far as a result of this Act.

Proposal of the Ministry of Tourism for development through Suresh Dharshan has already been included in last year Session and nothing new is seen under Tourism department. And, while mentioning the first co-ed Sainik School

which is opened in Mizoram, I opine it is also good to mention that the same is introduced in 26 other States.

On Soil & Water Conservation Deptt., it is pointed out that the growth of broom cultivation is 220 times of the previous and I would like to state the value of broom production during 2014-2015 is 25.79 crore which comes down to 36,095/- per year in respect of 8402 beneficiaries and their monthly income is estimated 2557.96/- only; this cannot be counted as a success.

Moving on to NEEPCO, it was declared during the election campaign that Tuivai Hydel Project will be funded under the viability-gap-funding, but in reality, it is placed under Booth category and a mute on Transfer Operation which mean it is under Central Sector and we wastes our valuable lands on it, this is also the case with Tuirial Hydel Project. We thought that it is a state owned and that it will soon be operational, but it came out as of PPA (Power Purchase Agreement).

Lastly, we need good roads; we all know that a good road is the prerequisites for economic development. But i think we have witnesses the worst kind of road/highway development this year. Pu Deputy Speaker, we talk about the size of firearms and narcotics being captured but how many had slips through our fingers? Looking back the incident at Zophai Bairabi, i think the people and our state needs a guardian but the Government seems to be sleeping away from this issue. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : It is 4:00 pm and we need the House permission if we have to proceed; we have not passed the motion yet and we will need time for wind up speech as well. Alright, let us continue. Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

**PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. The Hon. Member before me has pointed out some repeated developmental programmes and i just want to bring to light some that are not stated in this Session.

Recently, the Govt. Champhai College was inaugurated on 27 February at a cost of 9.51 crore as we also finished construction of Zotlang Stadium which cost 23 crore. It contains 8 lane tracks of grasses and we are in the process of building a Dam at Keilunglian at the cost of 19 crore. All these are not included in the developmental works mentioned in this Session.

Another thing i want to point out is the amount of medals that our Youth have receives so far at various level of competition, such as 24 at International; 40 at National and 16 at the Regional Level which indicates not all our Youth are substance abused and that many are great individuals.

Pu Deputy Speaker, Dr. Beichhua mentioned something like ‘the Right man, in the Right Post’, and i agree with it. What amazes me as we talk about the condition of roads in our State is that we have an engineer who chose to sit in the Assembly and a doctor who should concern for our health sits in the House. They should practice what they are trained for and i suggest that he himself resign from this House and went back to Saiha, i guaranteed that he will become an example. I have heard that he often have a successful operation whenever he went back to his constituency for rest.

The other day, Pu Sangthuama and others members have mentioned the incident at Zophai and they even emphasize the needs to present a united front and is good. But it must be noted that when our Chief Minister call an emergency meeting on the issue twice, their Party none of them show up. Another thing is that on 27 June, 2007, the MZP started to construct 'ZO RUN' at the same site and even before they reached Aizawl, our own IR battalion knocked down the structure and confiscated their JCB on the 29<sup>th</sup> as he has mentioned it now. **(DEPUTY SPEAKER :** *Direct verbal exchange is not permitted in the House, you are not disturbed during your time, he will also have his time and maybe, you may have another chance to speak.*) Pu Deputy Speaker, now that they have brought up the issue, i want to delve a little deeper. Pu Sangthuama mentioned that JCB.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is regretted that the MoU does not include the boundary and if enough importance is given to that effect, why not placed the IR Battalion along our borders

I am glad that our Tourism Minister has inaugurated Rural Home stay at Berawtlang as this new system seems to be quite convenient for tourists and many visitors. With that, I will conclude by stating my support to the Governor's Speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** Pu Vanlalzawma.

**PU VANLALZAWMA :** Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I am very concerned about the boundary issues we are facing at the moment; I am glad that construction of Chawlbuk at Zophai will be on halt for the time being for it is a very sensitive issue which even caused injury to many students. I personally visited Zophai to meet such students and I was informed that they have tried to lodge a complaint of the incident to the Police station but the door and gate were locked. Our team which includes Er. Lalrinawma, Ex-Minsiter, Pu Saikapthianga and AMC Mayor, Pu Hmingtea asked for escort up to Zophai Chawlhbuk in vain but we reached the site anyway. We saw the remains of their clothings and mobile phones and others which were burnt earlier. Pu Dy. Speaker, I wonder why our police forces done nothing to protect our students who are in a mission to safeguard our boundaries. I suggest our leaders to give more attentions on this sensitive issue which concern important matter.

Moving on to another topic, Pu Speaker, Urban Housing was constructed at Lawipu as many families have now moved in but without water and electricity being supplied. I request this problem should be attended immediately. Regarding our revenues from liquor, we should not be grateful for there are so many who have lost their lives for liquor. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER :** The Hon. House Leader.

**PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Dy. Speaker, it is appreciating that the Hon. Members have shown their interest in our discussion on the Governor's speech.

Pu Deputy Speaker, as mentioned by the Hon. Finance Minister, the growth indicators has shown the achievement of our state at the fourth position as the growth

rate as well as our per capita income is also higher than that of the national. Apart from this, our State ranks the lowest on malnourishment thanks to the efforts of the Govt. As for power generation, we are unable to start the work as yet due to multiple claims of compensation which need to be resolved first; my party ministry had no chance to pursue in resolving the case due to change of the Ministry in 1998. As soon as we assumed the ministry once again in 2008, the case had been revived by signing MoU with NEEPCO and we completed the work; the Hon. Prime Minister too was quite happy to inaugurate the project. At present, Kolodyne Multi-modal Rural Transit Project is in progress as construction of border road is in full swing. Tender has been floated for Pala road project and contractor has also been selected. Our neighboring countries such as Bangladesh and Myanmar too have given their interest to such projects. Likewise, construction of railway from Bairabi to Sairang too is in progress. Survey has also been done for Indo-Bangladesh border trade. DPR had also been drafted for the construction of airport at Latawh which is within the Mara Autonomous District.

Regarding border, we are well aware of the issue and the Congress Legislature thus determined the case carefully on the CLP Resolution and the Hon. Chief Minister has given his approval immediately. Notice has also been given to the Central Govt. and necessary step has now been taken.

Regarding the problems of drugs and alcohol, the rate of such abuse is generally higher in more developed cities. In order to prevent increase of the growing rate, our leaders are taking steps to promote games and sports and by setting up infrastructure for the purpose. At the same time, I also want to point out that our main contributing factor for the State Economic growth is NLUP. So, I will conclude my speech by supporting the Governor's Speech.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu H. Zothangliana.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Regarding the claim from some Hon. Members that NLUP as being unsuccessful, it may be noted that decrease of agricultural product does not necessary means our economic status as a whole is decreasing. It simply means that the secondary and tertiary sectors have immensely increased.

As for Law & Order, it is experienced by all that we rarely heard of public grievances such as strike since the Congress Party except for one or two stray incident. So, it is clear that our State is in a peaceful situation under the Ministry of the Congress Party.

I further want to add that NLUP will not end up abruptly but will continue with NEDP (New Economic Development Policy). So, I request if all the hon. Members agree to adopt the Motion of thanks by his Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : The Hon. Members has wind up the Motion of Thanks and appealed to adopt it. All those in favour may say 'Aye' and those who

oppose may say 'No'. The 'Ayes' have it since none object. Thus, the Motion of Thanks is adopted by the Hon. House.

**PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We have come to the end of our business for today. Our discussion will be resumed on 15.3.2018, at 10:30 A.M.

*(Sitting is adjourned.)*