

SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM (FIFTEENTH SESSION)

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 19th 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.

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House the Twenty Sixth Annual Report 2016-2017 of Mizoram Public Service Commission.
3. **PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House Annual Report 2016-2017 of the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.
4. **PU R. VANLALVENA**, to lay on the Table of the House the following Statement on Action taken Reports on Subject Committee-III :-
 - i) Statement on Actions Taken by the Government against further Recommendations contained in the Ninth Report, 2017 relating to On Farm Water Management (OFWM) National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Shinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) under Horticulture Department.
 - ii) Statement on Actions Taken by the Government against further Recommendations contained in the Fourteenth Report 2017 relating to Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddhu and Homeopathy (AYUSH) under Health & Family Welfare Department.
 - iii) Statement on Actions Taken by the Government against further Recommendations contained in the Fifteenth Report 2017 relating to Mizoram Health Care Scheme (MHCS) under Health & Family Welfare Department.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

5. **DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND FOR GRANTS 2017-2018.**

Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants 2017-2018.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

6. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2018".

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration AND to move that the Bill be passed.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

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

General Discussion on the Budget for the year 2018-2019 (to commence)

S.R. ZOKHUMA
Commissioner & Secretary

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SPEAKER : Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24

I request Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 33.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Starred Question No. 33. Will the Hon. Minister of Sericulture Department be pleased to state:-

The amount spent by the Department for rearing silkworm during 2013-2018 in district-wise.

SPEAKER : Minister Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to answer the question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My answer is as follows: -

1) Aizawl District	-	₹918.85 lakhs
2) Champhai District	-	₹1,273.98 lakhs
3) Lunglei District	-	₹867.26 lakhs
4) Serchhip District	-	₹303.47 lakhs
5) Kolasib District	-	₹251.82 lakhs
6) Mamit District	-	₹166.67 lakhs
7) Lawngtlai District	-	₹104.18 lakhs.
TOTAL	-	₹3,886.23 lakhs.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: At the outset, Pu Speaker, the dress I wear today was presented to me while I was visiting Assam on behalf of our Chief Minister and my necktie and coat are made of silk.

Pu Speaker, the Department earned ₹3,886.23 lakhs during the last 5 years. If so, how many silks are produced within these 5 years? It would be appreciated if the answer is given in written form if it could not be answered right away.

Though it is small in size, this department is quite important. We recently had Development Committee at Champhai and I was wondering if this department could be included under NEDP. Since the budget allotted to this department is quite less, it is appreciated if our Finance Minister could give special concern. Since there is a good prospect for employment generation, may the government give priority to this department?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my Supplementary question is- How many NLUP beneficiaries are involved in this trade? How many quit it and why? What is the cost for purchase of mulberry rearing cocoon grade A, B and bad cocoons?

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma.

ER. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. How much of financial assistance is expected per beneficiary?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

Pi VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is regretted that I am not able to answer Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu Lalruatkima and Er. Lalrinawma instantly but will be furnished in written form.

I am glad that Pu Lalrinliana Sailo has a deep concern for Department; we will extend Sericulture Department at Khawzawl as soon as availability of fund.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Assam was known for Muga Silk but exceeded by Mizoram due to global warming and the Govt. is doing its best to take maximum advantage so that we are more popular with it than Assam.

SPEAKER : The owner of Starred Question No. 34 is absent and he authorized Pu Lalruatkima to ask on his behalf. However, according to our Rule 50, the question can be raised with the approval of the Speaker and only after all the other questions are taken up. So, we will take the next question, Starred Question No. 35 from Pu R. L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No.35. Will the Hon. Minister for AH & Veterinary be pleased to state: –

- a) If there is a proposal to construct RAHC building at Sakawrdai.
- b) Step taken so far for reconstruction of the building.

SPEAKER : Minister Pu C. Ngunlianchunga, Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows-

- a) Yes. The location has also been settled by the VCs and further discussion with concerned MLA is being proposed.
- b) Since it is difficult to reconstruct from State Fund, the work is done with the fund from CSS and other funding agencies. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No.36

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No.36. Will the Labor, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister be pleased to state-

- a) How many were trained under SDIS and how many got placement so far?
- b) How much is received for SDIS and from which source?
- c) How much is released for VTP under SDIS (within and outside Mizoram) and how much is left unreleased?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu. H. Rohluna to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows-

- a) 2936 persons have undergone their training under SDIS and 1568 got their placements.
- b) ₹867,83,567.00 is received from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Directorate General of Training, New Delhi.
- c) ₹230,54,807.00 has released for VTP within Mizoram and ₹603,85,521.00 for outside and the total amount is ₹834,40,328.00. The VTP within Mizoram have all been paid and for outside Mizoram, ₹294,29,684 remains unreleased.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. If no measure being taken under SDIS during this current Financial Year, 2017-2018? Is training not provided to anyone? How many VTP assessing bodies are there inside and outside Mizoram?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, there are 7 Nos. VTP assessing bodies and I believe there is no training in 2017-2018.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 37 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred question No. 37. Will the Horticulture Minister be pleased to state-

The amount spent for purchase of vegetable sprouts during 2013-2017 (in year-wise.)

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows-

1) 2013-2014	-	₹786.41 lakh
2) 2014-2015	-	₹1371.75 lakh
3) 2015-2016	-	₹863.00 lakh
4) 2016-2017	-	₹872.85 lakh
TOTAL	-	₹3,894.01 lakh

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Rinawma.

ER. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is learned that around ₹38 crore is spent for purchase of vegetable sprouts. If so, is there any which is bought from NLUP beneficiaries? Do they produce any for supply?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, did he meant purchase from NLUP beneficiaries? (**ER. LALRINAWMA**: *If NLUP beneficiaries under Horticulture make any supply.*) Pu Speaker, since NLUP beneficiaries are given for production and not for nursery, no sprouts are bought from them; but since we are not self reliant on input supply, NLUP helps some nurseries and some sprouts are bought from here.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama to ask Starred Question No. 38.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No.38. Will the Art & Culture Department Minister be pleased to state-

- The amount sanctioned for renovating Vanapa Hall?
- Name of the contractor?
- If the work completed?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu R. Romawia to answer the question.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows-

- a) ₹178.00 lakhs and the additional fund sanction is ₹150.00 lakh. The total amount is ₹328.00 lakh
- b) It is of the departmental work and the PWD is working on it.
- c) It is not yet completed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, Vanapa Hall is almost 40 years and I built it in 1979. Is there a proposal to renovate the wall and the pillar which was once crashed by a vehicle?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, PWD has taken up the work and it is not our purview to see their performance.

SPEAKER : Moving to Starred Question No. 39, the owner Dr. K. Beichhua is absent and his question will be taken up later. Now, Er. Lalrinawma to ask starred Question No. 40.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. starred Question No. 40. Will the Hon. Minister, Labor & Employment Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department be pleased to state -

- a) The amount estimate as per agreement for construction ITI building at Chhiahtlang;
- b) The number of times extension made for its completion;
- c) The percent of physical and financial achievement;
- d) The amount released to the contractor.

SPEAKER : Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to answer the Question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is -

- a) ₹3,26,56,261
- b) Not any extension of time for completion is made.
- c) The physical achievement of 1 building is 95% and the other one not yet constructed; financial achievement is 88.9%
- d) ₹2,90,64,071 is released to the contractor.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, when will the other building be

constructed? If there is no extension of time for completion, does it mean the works are completed on time? Why extension of time for completion is remain unapplied for the unfinished building? Does the widening affect the new building and if observation is done?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu Rohluna to answer the question.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, time extension has not yet been done due to the opinion that the NH-54 may cross the site. It is believed that the new Administrative building will be affected if widening is done. So, we are waiting for NH-54 widening and that is why we leave it as it is for now. There is no clear decision whether relocation is needed or to continue with the construction and the situation will be cleared when there is information on the work of NH-54.

SPEAKER : Hon. MLA Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask starred Question No. 41

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, starred Question No. 41. Will the Hon. Minister for Sericulture be pleased to state -

- a) If there is a proposal to expand Darlawn Sericulture Farm;
- b) If so, what are the proposals?

SPEAKER : Minister Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu to answer the question.

PI VANLALAWMPUII CHAWNGTHU, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows -

- a) Yes.
- b) It is proposed to be developed into Muga Farm; 800 SOM trees are now being planted and put under the care of 1 MR employee for shortage of staff. Pu Speaker, mulberry plantation is not improving anymore at Darlawn Sericulture Farm and 800 bul trees are so planted. Step is taken to provide more staffs when such trees are more developed. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. MLA, Pu K. Sangthuama to ask starred Question No. 42.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 42. Will the Hon. Minister for Horticulture Department be pleased to state if Horticulture College at Thenzawl will be opening this year?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, we hope to move in between the 15th - 30th June if the requirement are kept on time and we hope to start the classes from 15.7.2018

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : If we have to set up Horticulture College at Thenzawl, is there a way to favor the sons of the soil on appointment of its staff?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the Horticulture College was inaugurated two years back by the Central Union Minister. Classes began at Selesih with 1st year and 2nd year classes. The faculties are working on contract basis and any mizos who are qualified are also employed. However, we still are insufficient with staff as 3 of our Doctorate Degree holders from our Department help them. This College is under the Central Agriculture University.

As for Thenzawl, the buildings are under construction and for our information; the construction was tendered by MPCC with several contractors working under it. The work is in progress with pre-fabricated structure but we may not be able to occupy it within this year.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, our Veterinary College is under Manipur University; and despite number of Mizos being employed, there are many non-mizo employees as well. So, it would be appreciated if the sons of the soil are favored as much as possible.

SPEAKER : House Leader.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is under the Central Agriculture University, Imphal and we made an agreement with the then Vice Chancellor of the University soon after the Veterinary College foundation was laid that applicants of sons of the soil be favored on the appointment of its staff. Those who are qualified are generally employed but being the land owners, some might have been employed. Anyway, we are doing our best to make sure that our people are favored. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Since the owner of Starred Question No. 43, Dr. K. Beichhua is absent, we will proceed to the next question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: The authorized member may always ask the question but no supplementary question is taken. Since when our Rules are changed?

SPEAKER : There can be no Supplementary Question if there is no Minister to answer the question; and this time, the owner of the question is absent and as per our Rule-50, the question can be raised at last with the consent of the Speaker.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, the question is not many and it would be appreciated if the question is raised.

SPEAKER : I hope we will have time for the question and it would be appreciated if we respect and follow our Rules-50 as it is made by us.

Now, Pu Lalthanliana to ask Starred Question No. 44.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred Question No. 44. Will the Hon. Minister, Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Deptt. be pleased to state-

- a) If there is a proposal to recruit Veterinary Doctor;
- b) If there is a proposal to establish Veterinary Hospital, Dispensary and Rural Animal Health Centre;
- c) If there is a proposal to recruit more of Veterinary Field Assistant.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu C. Ngunlianchunga to answer the question.

PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows -

- a) Yes;
- b) Yes;
- c) Yes.

SPEAKER : There is no Supplementary Question and I request Pu T.T. Zothansanga to ask Starred Question No.45.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Pu Speaker Starred Question No.45. Will the Horticulture Minister be pleased to state -

Nos. of Greenhouse material provided to the beneficiaries during 2013-2018 and how much is subsidized by the Govt.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister, Pu P.C. Lalthanliana to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, my answer is -
 MIDH - 1,002 Nos.
 RKVY - 505 Nos.

The Govt. subsidized 90% and 10% is paid the beneficiaries.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu T.T. Zothansanga.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

- i) What is the price for each size?
- ii) Which quality is supplied mostly?
- iii) If it is possible to repair the damaged;
- iv) Whether there is a record of the application of Greenhouse material for cultivation; and, if so, should this be practiced often?

SPEAKER : Pu Hmingdailova.

PU HMINGDAILOVA KHIANGTE: Pu Speaker, Black color Silpaulin is quite useful. Will it be again supplied?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, in response to the Minister regarding the sizes, it is measured in sq. m as the supplies made are generally 100 sq. m. The rate differs according to the sizes. Tender is also released based on the sq. m; the rate varies from place to place and for the like 'with installation' and 'without installation'. Repairing is often needed due to winds and storms and that is why the Deptt. provided materials for repairing.

Greenhouse material is supplied; yet, its application is not recorded. However, we need to emphasize protected cultivations since the productions are fresh and healthy. Most of the beneficiaries concentrate especially in cultivating tomatoes. Pu Speaker, we are trying to extend this practice and we keep 10 Greenhouses at each of our centre of excellence under RKVY and trainings are given to those who are willing.

In response to Pu Hmingdailova, the black colored silpaulin is called geomembrane which is very useful. However, there are various types and some are quite heavy to handle. We occasionally bought geomembrane under individual tanky scheme and we are also planning to have some as they are of useful material.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana to ask Starred Question No. 46.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 46. Will the Hon. Minister for Personnel & Administrative Reforms be pleased to state -

- a) Number of vacant posts in various Departments;
- b) If there is a proposal to fill such posts through direct recruitment;
- c) If so, which departments and how many?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

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

- a) As per information received from 53 Administrative Heads/Heads of Department, 11,635 posts are vacant.
- b) Yes.
- c) There are 1053 vacant posts under 40 Administrative Heads/Heads of Department as follows-

Accounts & Treasuries	-	27
Administrative Training Institute	-	1
Agriculture (CH)	-	16
Agriculture (R&E)	-	1
AH & Veterinary	-	13
Art & Culture	-	2
Co-operation	-	5
Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	-	2
DP&AR (SSW)	-	35
Environment, Forests & Climate Change	-	90
Excise & Narcotics	-	17
Fire & Emergency Service	-	8
Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	-	15
Forensic Science Laboratory	-	2
General Administrative Department	-	33
Geology & Mineral Resources	-	2
Health & Family Welfare	-	409
Horticulture	-	2
Information & Public Relation	-	6
Irrigation & Water Resources	-	5
Labor, Employment, Skill Dev. &		

Entrepreneurship	-	8
Land Revenue & Settlement	-	19
Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	-	4
Mizoram Home Guards & Civil Defense	-	7
Planning & Programme Implementation	-	3
Police	-	30
Power & Electricity	-	7
Prison	-	10
PWD	-	45
PHE	-	11
Rural Development	-	15
Sainik Welfare & Resettlement	-	2
Secretariat Administration Department	-	10
Sericulture	-	4
School Education	-	168
Social Welfare	-	3
Sports & Youth Services	-	6
Taxation	-	5
Tourism	-	1
Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation	-	4

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Arvind Ray attended the Chief Secretary Level meeting on border issue on our behalf. So, when did the Central requested vigilance clearance from Pu Lalmalsawma, former Chief Secretary and when was it furnished?

SPEAKER : It is not relevant but the House Leader may answer it if he wishes to.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I do not understand the question as to whom the vigilance clearance is furnished.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Lalmalsawma was asked to produce vigilance clearance which has already been submitted to DP & AR by Vigilance Department. When was it submitted to the Central?

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Pu Lalmalsawma retired on 28th Feb and I do not know the purpose of vigilance clearance. There is no plan to reemploy a pensioner and I have no idea who wants the vigilance clearance.

Regarding Shri Arvind Ray being summoned, he was called for a discussion on how to resolve the present situation and not for border issue.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, this is of DP & AR and I believe this could be clarified.

SPEAKER : You may discuss it during the budget discussion; I also assume our House Leader can provide the answer as it is of DP & AR.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: I am confused as to why Vigilance Clearance is important for pensioner.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma to ask Starred Question No. 47.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, Starred Question No. 47. Will the Minister for Labor Employment, Skilled Development & Entrepreneurship Department be pleased to state -

If the Mizoram Govt. is taking measure for deployment of Mizo youths at MZU, Veterinary College and other Central Govt. established institutes. If so, what step has been taken so far?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu H. Rohluna to answer the question

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer is as follows -

- a) The Govt. requested the concerned authorities to favor local applicants for any post especially on Group C & D posts.
- b) It is appealed to the higher authority.

SPEAKER : Any supplementary question?

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, How many of non-mizos are being employed at MZU, Veterinary College and Horticulture College? How many were recruited through OBC and SC quotas? How many employees are recruited through ST quota? Pu Speaker, I opine verbal agreement is hardly effective as only few of local people are employed where as non-mizos hold the majority.

SPEAKER : Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, fortunately I have once held one of the members of the Executive Council for 3 years at MZU; it seems that enough priority has not been given to the sons of the soil. For instance, a Manipuri without Doctorate Degree was appointed as Asst. Professor in the stead of Doctorate Degree

holder of Mizo but only after making a recommendation to the President of India that the latter was appointed. So, I would like to ask if inspection may be done as there are non-mizo applicants who could produce both OBC and SC certificates where as there are many suspicions in the process. (**SPEAKER:** *Your time is almost over.*) The process with MZU is by far less unprincipled than Veterinary College which is now beginning to face such problems. This is serious and unfair.

SPEAKER : Question hour is over.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, is it possible to approach the concerned authority in written form to favor sons of the soil? If so, we need to fight for it. We have several Central departments being set up in our state in which OBC always have reservations. It is a shame that we do not even have any local staff in such departments where as our fellow citizens like Gorkhali are entitled OBC status. We also need to be cleared of as to whether Meitei are classified as OBC or SC/ST.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, it is difficult for other tribes to enter NEHU as the officials could easily identify Khasi people and other tribes. So, I opine it will be more effective if we make use of the effort of students' organizations.

SPEAKER : I believe it is what the House agrees and that we may have appropriate record even if it is not suitable as a Resolution or to act in written.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, 27% is of OBC apart from their quotas as SC. Any applicant from Manipur brought their certificates immediately after advertisement is floated in their own state and it seems that we are now outnumbered at PUC and MZU. So, how would we resolve this problem? How did they easily produce such certificates? (**SPEAKER:** *The House knows that.*) The students need to be more vigilant or else we will soon be outnumbered. Thank you.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, the House Leader asked if there is a mean to put in written. I opine it is wise if we put the discussion in written form and resolution would not be necessary.

SPEAKER : Yes.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : It's true, Pu Speaker. I heard Horticulture College will soon be established at Khasi state and the students are making effort not to employ other tribes. So, we can do the same if the written form doesn't work and the students' organizations also need to take its part.

SPEAKER : Do the House agrees to put the record as proposed?

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, anything that the members have mentioned is properly recorded and is not that enough?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: Pu Speaker, if we look into Rules 59, 60 and 61, let the written form be as it is and it will be if you do not expunge it.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, we can investigate if our Minister gives us the list, post, address and other details of those who were recruited at MZU through SC and OBC. There is also a rumor that there are siblings both having OBC and SC certificates and I think this as a serious issue.

SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana, Pu S. Laldingliana and Dr. K. Beichhua are granted leave of absence. We will proceed to Laying of papers; I request the House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay “The 26th Annual Report, 2016-2017 of Mizoram Public Service Commission” on the table of the House.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “The 26th Annual Report, 2016-2017 of Mizoram Public Service Commission” on the table of the House.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I request Pu P.C. Lalthanliana, Minister to lay “The Annual Report, 2016-2017 of the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities” on the table of the House.

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SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. I request Pu R. Vanlalvena to lay 3 papers.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay the following papers on the Table of the House:

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- 3) Statement on Action Taken by the Govt. against further Recommendations contained in the 15th report of 2017 relating to Mizoram Health Care Scheme under Health and Family Welfare Department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will proceed to Financial Business which is Discuss and Voting on Supplementary Demands for Grants 2017-2018. I request Hon. Finance Minister Pu Lalsawta to move the additional grants for Demands.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. On the recommendation of the Governor of Mizoram and with your permission, Sir, I move the additional grants for Demand Nos. 1 to 48 for ₹2,27,888.05 for meeting expenses during 2017-2018 Financial Year in respect of the following departments-

1) Legislative Assembly	-	₹173.29 lakhs
2) Governor	-	₹12.00 lakhs
3) Council of Ministers	-	₹25.51 lakhs
4) Law & Judicial	-	₹758.91 lakhs
5) Vigilance	-	₹40.10 lakhs
6) Land Revenue & Settlement	-	₹370.40 lakhs
7) Excise & Narcotics	-	₹290.32 lakhs
8) Taxation	-	₹323.51 lakhs
9) Finance	-	₹2,977.34 lakhs
10) MPSC	-	₹35.00 lakhs
11) Secretariat Administration	-	₹831.24 lakhs
12) Parliamentary Affairs	-	₹1.50 lakhs
13) Personnel & Administrative Reforms	-	₹69.90 lakhs
14) Planning & Programme Implementation	-	₹1,800.04 lakhs
15) General Administration	-	₹3,230.39 lakhs
16) Home (including Prison and Sainik Welfare & Resettlement)	-	₹5,044.86 lakhs
17) Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs	-	₹10,744.03 lakhs
18) Printing & Stationery	-	₹487.28 lakhs
19) Local Administration	-	₹3,888.69 lakhs
20) School Education	-	₹9,477.47 lakhs
21) Higher & Technical Education	-	₹8,885.83 lakhs
22) Sports & Youth Services	-	₹1,298.74 lakhs
23) Art & Culture	-	₹286.66 lakhs
24) Medical & Public Health	-	₹27,122.10 lakhs
25) Water Supply & Sanitation	-	₹14,987.05 lakhs
26) Information & Public Relations	-	₹256.56 lakhs
27) District Councils & Minority Affairs	-	₹4,433.83 lakhs
28) Labor, Employment, Skill		

	Development & Entrepreneurship	-	₹151.44 lakhs
29)	Social Welfare	-	₹6,838.36 lakhs
30)	Disaster Management & Rehabilitation	-	₹1,685.70 lakhs
31)	Agriculture	-	₹13,953.12 lakhs
32)	Horticulture	-	₹1,460.15 lakhs
33)	Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation	-	₹475.73 lakhs
34)	Animal Husbandry & Veterinary	-	₹1,438.37 lakhs
35)	Fisheries	-	₹514.45 lakhs
36)	Environment, Forest & Climate Change	-	₹5,675.63 lakhs
37)	Co-Operation	-	₹355.59 lakhs
38)	Rural Development	-	₹10,403.96 lakhs
39)	Power & Electricity	-	₹32,328.39 lakhs
40)	Commerce & Industries	-	₹2,658.38 lakhs
41)	Sericulture	-	₹168.69 lakhs
42)	Transport	-	₹332.63 lakhs
43)	Tourism	-	₹7,335.22 lakhs
45.	Public Works	-	₹36,984.84 lakhs
46)	Urban Dev. & Poverty Alleviation	-	₹6,663.14 lakhs
47)	Irrigation & Water Resources	-	₹421.09 lakhs
48)	Information & Computer Tech.	-	₹187.62 lakhs
	TOTAL	-	₹2,27,888.05 crore

SPEAKER : We will have a short time for questions. Pu Lalthanliana.

PU LALTHANLIANA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The amount for our Demands is generally high which exceeds ₹5000 lakhs for 14 departments. There are demands which were passed by the end of the year and I am afraid if this practice invites corruption. I do not object but if the amount can be decreased and improved. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, regarding 'Construction of multipurpose Sport Centre for the southern region of Mizoram at Darlawn' of Demand No. 22, Sports & Youth Services Department, I believe the sanction was made only for northern region while it is written here as southern region at two places.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Demand No. 25, is Water Supply & Sanitation Deptt. but the copy of the Assembly Sectt. is as PHE. Which is correct one?

SPEAKER : Now Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to wind up the discussion on his Demands.

PU LASAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I will try and clarify as much as I can but there are some points as well on which I need to apologize.

The point that Pu Thanliana, Hon. Member has mentioned regarding our budget, Pu Speaker, since it is budget estimate, we cannot go as per regular budget. Fund allocation of a financial year is apparently varies from time to time; there are time when it is higher or lower than expected. It is in fact, the desire of state govt. to implement as per budget estimate. But due to unavoidable circumstances, we are unable to function as per regular budget.

In regard to what Pu R.L. Pianmawia has mentioned, it is notified that the PHE may be changed to Water Resources. However, the Engineers are reluctant to drop the name 'engineer' as they are Engineering Deptt. The Hon. House leader may clarify the case.

Pu Speaker, I now request this august House to pass "The Mizoram Appropriation (No. 1) Bill, 2018."

SPEAKER : Now that the Hon. Minister has moved the House to pass the Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 2018. All those who agree to pass may say, 'yes' and those who disagree may say, 'no'. The Hon. Minister may read out the total amount.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the total amount for Supplementary Demand for Grant is ₹2,27,88,85,000.00/-

SPEAKER : The House has unanimously passed ₹2,27,88,85,000.00/- of Supplementary Demand for Grant.

PU VANLALAZAWMA : Pu Speaker, the Hon. Minister did not clarify regarding the name of PHE deptt.

SPEAKER : Any clarification required?

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, It is Public Health Engineering Deptt.

PU LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Our confusion is, Pu Speaker, definitely there was proposal to change it as 'Water Resource Deptt.' and has already been passed in the Cabinet meeting also. It will act as a nodal Deptt. for Water Resource Ministry of Central govt.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Pu Speaker, this should be clarified. Like I have mentioned earlier, it is mention in the discussion as PHE while Supplementary Demands for Grant referred the same as ‘Water Supply and Sanitation Deptt.’ for any question being submitted could have been rejected if it is directed to the wrong department. Tomorrow, we are going to discuss the Demand of Pu Zodintluanga and so is confusing how we should address the Minister by his department concerned.

PU LALTHANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: I will give assurance on behalf of the Govt. that there will be understanding unless and until the Govt. take final decision.

SPEAKER : Now, let us call the Hon. Minister, Pu Lalsawta to move the House that ‘The Mizoram Appropriation Bill No.1, 2018’ be passed.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I appeal to this august House to pass ‘The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 2018’.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Finance Minister requested the House to pass ‘The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 2018. All those who agree, say ‘yes’ and those who disagree, say ‘no’.

The House has unanimously passed ‘The Mizoram Appropriation No.1, 2018’.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to budget discussion for the year 2018-2019. Each member will be allotted 10 minutes. Let us call Hon. Member, Pu Zoram Sangliana to take his time.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Speaker, our budget today is very special and I am proud of the Hon. Minister for presenting such innovative and inclusive budget.

Pu Speaker, from what I studied the budget, the main objective of the Govt. is economic growth without hindering the public share. It is commendable how there is increase in the state own tax revenue and non-tax revenue. We have financial management in which the fiscal deficit is under controlled. Pu Speaker, I wonder if there is any other state where revenue surplus budget is discussed in the House.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that this budget is target focus like the projects for infrastructure and maintenance through NEDP.

The govt is showing great keen on healthcare. It is pleasing to note that ₹.20 crores is allocated for upgradation of Referral hospital and a huge fund for medical college as well.

The govt. has two major programmes promised to the people during election campaign such as NLUP and prioritizing the educated unemployed youth. Thus, the govt. emphasizes entrepreneurship awareness programme. It is pleasing that we are discussing a budget which targets youth development.

Pu Speaker, for continuation of NLUP programme, ₹80 crores is highlighted in the budget which is remarkable. There is no other project like NLUP which the beneficiaries benefitted directly. Pu Speaker, the performance of agriculture can be seen from the decreased in GSDP agriculture share and from the economic & statistic data. (DY. SPEAKER: *Your time is up*). I will sum up, Pu Dy. Speaker

Pu Dy. Speaker, through Vigorous implementation of several centrally sponsored schemes and the state's flagship programme of NLUP and NEDP, there is a notable achievement in the agriculture and the allied sectors. The result has been acknowledges by UNBO, resulting in the opening of UNO office in our state and steps taken under International fund for agricultural development. Project fostering climate resilient uphill farming system will deal with eradication poverty and research for alternate cultivation system. It is pleasing to note that for this project, ₹13 crore for state matching share is allotted in the budget.

Pu Dy. Speaker, two last points of suggestion. Point one is under central govt minimum support price scheme and if it is not suitable for all crops, the govt should continue the scheme at least on selected items to resolve the problem of farmers in selling their products. Second point is if Incentive could be given to our research scholars and if the study tour could be arranged by the govt for our scholars. And lastly, I suggest that computer and laptop is provided to the scholars from NEDP. I conclude my speech with these suggestions expecting the authorities to fulfil. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Who is next? Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, if we look at the budget it is nearly one thousand crore; it has increased considerably. However, the budget allocation is not satisfactory and it reflects towards the benefit of ruling party and the growth in tax. While this is the case, it is pleasing to note that there is a sufficient fund allocation in Health Deptt. and RD.

Pu Dy. Speaker, there is a proposal for increase of Power bill where as the fund allocation has gone down from the previous year. I request the Hon. Finance Minister to explain the reason and also make clarification in this regard.

Likewise, there is huge fund allocation for NEDP and NLUP. But the NLUP nodal departments which requires sufficient amount of funds such as Cooperation, Commerce & Industry and Labour & Employment are seen with decreased fund allocation than the previous year. I, therefore, cannot accept this budget as a healthy budget.

Pu Dy. Speaker, we have heard so many grievances from the people towards poor condition of our roads. It seems that the govt. is not heeding to the opinion of our people as it reflect in the fund allocation of PHE Deptt where as huge amount of fund is allocated to CAD, SAD and Sports Department. This indicates excessive favour of the Govt towards the District councils. There should be equality in the distribution of fund allocation.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We have only 5 minutes left for recess. We will take break and Meeting will be resumed at 2 pm.

2:00 PM

SPEAKER : Who will start the discussion? Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma.

PU NIHAR KANTI CHAKMA: Pu Speaker, as we are discussing the Budget, 2018-2019, I am pleased to state that it is people oriented budget which includes all section of the society. Sustainable livelihood of the people which is the utmost import is highlighted in the budget.

Pu Speaker, NLUP and NEDP is a blessing for the people as it gives the opportunity to obtain benefit from NLUP and NEDP immensely.

I appreciate step taken for setting up Medical Education & Research Medical College. Pu Speaker, another point is Solar Power Project. I am grateful to the Hon. Finance Minister for the budget he present as it is people oriented budget. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Thank you for using your time correctly. Next is, Er. Lalrinawma.

ER. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I am grateful that today we are able to have budget discussion. Before, I start the discussion, let me point out that we have not received work programme of the department for this year and last year. And, it may as well be clarified the reason that concerned MLA's are not included in the Housing for All District Committee, IWMP and PMKSY.

Pu Speaker, coming to the State's flagship programme i.e. NLUP, it is mentioned that we have notable achievement in Agriculture and Allied sectors. However, there is imbalance growth in production sector, primary agriculture and its allied sectors. Therefore, careful research is needed for balancing the growth.

Coming to Healthcare, Pu Speaker, I opine corpus fund is less sufficient. As we all are aware of the fact that in order to benefit RSVY, it is a mandatory for lower section of the people to deposit certain amount from their MR bill but not for the Govt. servants. Pu Speaker, if a Govt. servant contributes 1% of his salary, it will make a difference in corpus fund. I am willing whole heartedly that it is started from tomorrow itself.

From the budget allocation of fund and work projects, monitoring plays a key as NEDP needs efficiency and accurate monitoring. As per answer given from Starred Question No. 30, NEDP fund is allocated for Education Deptt. as well. If so, Pu Speaker, School building fund should also be allocated as there is no sufficient fund available from the Education Deptt. Likewise, fund allocation from NEDP should also be made for the repair of side drain in rural areas. Pu Speaker, I will end my speech here, thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else to speak? If not, we will now come to the end of today's meeting. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 am.

Sitting is adjourned (2:30 pm).