

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

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2022  
(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 ZORAMTHANGA**, hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following:
- (i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India Performance Audit of Select District Hospitals in Mizoram for the year ended 31 March 2019.
  - (ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, General, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31 March 2019.
  - (iii) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31 March, 2020.
  - (iv) The Second Annual Report 2020-2021 of Mizoram Lokayukta.
3. **PU LALCHAMLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the Mizoram Private Security Agencies (Private Security to Cash Transportation Activities) Rules, 2022.
4. **PU VANLALHLANA** to lay on the Table of the House Statement of Action Taken on the Further Recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 8th Action Taken Report, 2020 relating to Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

***Bill for introduction, consideration and passing***

5. **PU K. LALRINLIANA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Fisheries (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022".

***ALSO***

***to introduce the Bill***

***to move that the Bill be taken into consideration***

***AND***

***to move that the Bill be passed.***

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

6. **GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR  
2022-2023**

General discussion on the budget for the year 2022-2023 (to be concluded).

**H. LALRINAWMA**  
Commissioner & Secretary

**SPEAKER** : “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it”.

- Proverbs 4:23

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

Pu C. Lalsawivunga is not present due to physical illness. Now let us call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask starred Question no. 61.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state –

The purpose for construction the adjoining building next to Lunglei Civil Hospital?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer to hon. Member question is –

The building next to Civil Hospital Lunglei is for Trauma Centre and RT-PCR lab and also for other purposes.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng to ask *Supplementary Question*.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Whether Union Health Minister who recently visits Mizoram brings about any development for health?

Is Trauma Centre launched in other states as well? Is there any approach to build Mortuary in Lunglei Civil Hospital? If so, how far has it proceeded? Will the lift in Lunglei Hospital be repaired?

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma to ask *Supplementary Question*.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. The service of 6 contact-based drivers deployed at Civil Hospital, Aizawl on Covid service were terminated w.e.f. March, 2021, but their salary for February amounting to ₹9,000/- has not been paid. Later in April, they were again re-employed by offering a salary of ₹15,000/- per month. However, their salary for the existing appointment up to December plus salary of the previous appointment i.e. February had been paid not in full. Will measure be taken to clear up payment of their salary?

**DR. K PACHHUNGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. My *Supplementary Question* is - What is the capacity of Oxygen plant in Lunglei Civil Hospital? Is there any approach to set up Oxygen refilling centre for the Southern region?

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Minister Dr. R Lalthangliana to give the answers.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER** : To answer the question of Pu Lalduhoma, I do not know the details of how payment was made and I will look into the matter.

As of Pu K Pachhunga's questions, Serkawn Baptist Hospital has Oxygen plant with a capacity of 800 liters; and, approach has been made for filling station for southern region.

As of Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng's questions, we expect to have mortuary building in Lunglei Civil Hospital by the next financial year. About lift, it is of 20 years in service and we have repaired it two times yet, there are defects every now and then. It may be noted that a new lift cost 25-30 lakhs which is quite high. Yet, let's hope we can do something about it.

Construction of Aizawl Trauma Centre is obstructed by various problems which further delayed the process. It may be noted that this center will be one that stand out with a funding of more than 10 crore. Whereas construction of Lunglei Trauma Centre has 90% physical achievement, Kolasib 100%, Champhai 75%. Lawngtlai and Siaha are good as done.

We address certain aspects to the Union Health Minister including Mental Hospital of which 40 nos. to be constructed in various states. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Dr. Vanlalhlana to ask *Starred Question* No. 62.

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for UD&PA be pleased to state -

- a) When will construction of Aizawl New Market be started?
- b) Will PAHOSS scheme be continued?

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, the answer is -

- a) Modernization of Bara Bazaar has already been approved by the Govt. and tender will be issued by this month.
- b) Under PAHOSS, 11 beneficiaries have completed their respective constructions and the project is ongoing on as of now.

**DR. VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, *My supplementary Question* - Smart City is of a project which we have signed with BEL for ₹100 crore. Is the work completed?

Secondly, the core elements of Smart City include 10 elements such as Education, Health etc. but Sport is excluded. However, number of sport infrastructures are seen in the tender. Does this mean it can be used for other purposes?

Lastly, PAHOSS concerns for parking but many used such constructions as garage. May the hon. Minister clarify the case?

**PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is true that the main priority of Smart City is of Health, Education etc. but the committee may make adjustments as necessary. It doesn't mean we neglect other aspects but building sport facilities is important for youth. As of constructions under PAHOSS, we do not have any information that the said constructions are used as garage.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrindika Ralte to ask *Starred Question* No. 63.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Finance Department be pleased to state -

- a) What is the exact flagship programme of the Govt. of Mizoram?
- b) Amount of fund spent so far in this regard?
- c) Total nos. of Myanmar refugees entering Mizoram as per the record?

**SPEAKER** : Let us call upon the hon. Finance Minister, who is our Chief Minister to reply.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, to answer Pu Lalrindika Ralte -

- a) The Flagship Programme of the Govt. of Mizoram is *Socio-Economic Development Policy* (SEDP).
- b) Budget allocation to the Line Departments are as follows: -
  - i) 2019-2020 - ₹56,260.79 lakh;
  - ii) 2020-2021 - ₹11383.91 lakh;
  - iii) 2021-2022 - ₹8893.45 lakh;

**TOTAL- ₹76,538.15 lakh.**
- c) So far, there are 24289 nos. Myanmar refugees up till 12.2.2022

**SPEAKER** : Pu BD Chakma to ask *Supplementary Question*.

**PU B.D. CHAKMA** : Pu Speaker, what is the funding pattern of the Mizoram Consolidated Fund of the State towards the three ADCs? Is there any standing rule; and if there is specific rule for salary and non-salary head? If not, may the law be enacted regarding this? I asked this because all the budget provisions are used for salary.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW** : Pu Speaker, *My Supplementary Question* is - There are shortage of supply of certain needs for Myanmar refugees. As such, DC Siaha has made a demand for this purpose. May the Govt. comply with the demands made?

**SPEAKER** : Any questions of refugees related are assigned to Home Department but the hon. Finance Minister may answer it.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, it is a fact that most of the budget provisions to ADCs are used for salary and no funds left for development works. To resolve the problem, we suggested not to make any new recruitment, yet, there is other way round. In this regard, i would like to mention that there are no specific standing rules. As such is the case, we need cooperation of all the hon. members if we have to make a stringent instruction so as to tackle this problem.

As of the point raised by Pu KT Rokhaw, we are doing our best on our part to give a hospitable treatment to Myanmar refugees and we even receive many positive reactions on our actions. On this issue, we need to work as one and we will continue so to support them as necessary.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga to ask *Starred Question* No. 64 on behalf of Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state -

- a) Has Genomic Sequencing been done in VRDL, ZMC?
- b) The total number of persons taking 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Covid vaccine and, the percentage;
- c) Is there any problem in the process of Covid Vaccination? If so, how?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, answer is -

- a) Genomic Sequencing Laboratory has been set up in ZMC/VRDL and is donated by PATH (USA). It is not in function as yet due to minor defects in the REAGEN kit.
- b) The data as per on 16<sup>th</sup> February -  
     1<sup>st</sup> Dose – 8,04,336 (96.41%)  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Dose – 6,39,364 (79.49%)
- c) There were some problems in the process of vaccination and thus could not be carried out in full swing in some remote areas which are not accessible by vehicles. Besides, we also faced problem in some places which were not covered by network connectivity. Apart from this, there are many people who rejected vaccination for receiving fake information through social media and some for religious issues.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Zodintluanga to ask *Supplementary Question*.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, my Supplementary Questions are –

- i) May healthcare scheme be implemented from December – April so that it covers the masses?
- ii) Is Financial Rules Accounting Procedures still in practice as per the Finance Audit, 2020?

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary Questions* are -

- i) When will the hospital constructed under NRHM at Longpuighat be completed?
- ii) When will the Govt. clear the debt on healthcare? What is the total amount of debt? Is it a fact that debt during the previous year remains unpaid?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. Vanlaltanpuia to ask *Supplementary Question*.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Pu Speaker, my *Supplementary Question* is - How many test had been carried out through RT-PCR Lunglei?

**SPEAKER** : Dr. R. Lalthangliana, the hon. Minister to answer.

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, regarding Genomic Sequencing, I will give the answer in writing since it is figure related. As of healthcare bills, it is not possible to pay in a short span of time as it is becoming ₹40-50 crore. Yet, we still working on it.

The reason as to why PHC Longpuighat cannot be put to function is shortage of doctors. MPSC could not make recruitment for the same due certain procedures.

As of RT-PCR Lunglei, Pu Zodintluanga have donated one and the other four were installed at Tourist Lodge, Lunglei. Regarding total nos. of test, I cannot give the exact number. Normally, there are 20-30 tests in a day as it fluctuates every now and then.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Pu Speaker, *Point of Order*. Can this House assure that healthcare process be completed by the month of April from next year?

**DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker there is governing council under the chair of the hon. Chief Minister comprising representatives from NGO's and heads of various departments. I cannot assure on my own but we will look into the matter and discuss about it.

**SPEAKER** : *Starred Question* No. 65 to be asked by Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, my questions are as follows -

- a) From Finance Commission to Rural Local Bodies during 2020-2021:
  - i) The date of receiving and releasing of *Tied Fund*;
  - ii) The date of receiving and releasing of *Untied Fund*;
- b) From Finance Commission to Rural Local Bodies during 2021-2022:
  - i) The date of receiving and releasing of *Tied Fund*;
  - ii) The date of receiving and releasing of *Untied Fund*;
- c) Do the Government follow the rules which underlines that Grant in Aids must be released with 10 days; if not, the Govt. must release including the interest?

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, my answer to hon. Member Pu Lalduhoma's questions is -

- a) i) *Tied Fund* 1<sup>st</sup> Installment received on 17.06.2020 is released on 27.11.2020; 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment received on 31.03.2021 is released on 26.04.2021.  
ii) *Untied Fund* 1<sup>st</sup> Installment received on 27.08.2021; Date of release - NIL; 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment received on 15.07.2020 is released on 19.11.2020
- b) i) *Tied Fund* 1<sup>st</sup> Installment received on 31.03.2021 is released on 24.06.2021; ii) *Untied Fund* 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment received on 10.05.2021 is released on 13.07.2021. *Untied Fund* 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment received on 13.07.2021; Date of release - NIL
- c) Since the share of taxes we received from Delhi is usually late, we could not release on time. However, we pay it with the interest to the concerned body if we released the fund after 10 days of receiving the fund.

**LAYING OF PAPERS:**

**SPEAKER** : Now, we shall move to *Laying of Paper*. I call upon the hon. Chief Minister to lay on the table of the House:

- i) Report of the Comptroller Audit of Select District Hospitals in Mizoram for the year ended 31 March, 2019;

- ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Social, General, Economic and Revenue Sectors for the year ended 31 March, 2019;
- iii) State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31 March, 2020;
- iv) The Second Annual Report 2020-2021 of Mizoram Lok Ayukta.

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

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- iv) The Second Annual Report 2020-2021 of Mizoram Lok Ayukta.

**SPEAKER** : Distribute the copy. Now Pu Lalchamlia, hon. Minister will lay “*The Mizoram Private Security Agencies (Private Security to Cash Transportation Activities) Rules, 2022*”.

**PU LALCHAMLIA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “*The Mizoram Private Security Agencies (Private Security to Cash Transportation Activities) Rules, 2022*”.

**SPEAKER** : Now, distribute the copy. Now, Pu Vanlalhlana, Chairman, Public Accounts Committee shall lay *Statement Action Taken on the Further Recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 8<sup>th</sup> Action Taken Report, 2020* relating to Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I lay “*Statement Action Taken on the Further Recommendation of Public Accounts Committee contained in the 8<sup>th</sup> Action Taken Report, 2020*” relating to Labour, Employment, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Department.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS:**

**SPEAKER** : We will go to *Legislative Business* and I call upon Pu K. Lalrinliana, hon. Minister to introduce “*The Mizoram Fisheries Second Amendment Bill) 2022*”.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I beg to introduce “*The Mizoram Fisheries Second Amendment Bill, 2022*”.

**SPEAKER** : The hon. Minister begs to introduce the bill, and do we agree? (*The House agrees.*) If so, let us call upon him to introduce and move the bill for discussion.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, thank you. *The Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002* originates from the *Lushai Hills Autonomous District Fisheries Act,*

1935. There are 16 Sections and 6 lists in the schedule. This Act, “*Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002*” was amended of the “*Mizoram Fisheries Amendment Act, 2016*” which was passed and published on 17.1.2017.

Mr. Speaker, it proposed “*The Mizoram Fisheries Second Amendment Act, 2022*”, section 1 of the “*Mizoram Fisheries Act, 2002*” will become “*The Mizoram Fisheries Second Amendment Act, 2022*”; Section 2 (c) “*fish* includes fish fin, shellfish and turtle” will be followed by “and any other aquatic organisms of economic and ecological importance”; (d) *Fisheries Officer* means Director of Fisheries and includes any officer serving under the Department of Fisheries; (g) *Fixed in the soil* – here, *soil* will be substituted by water/river bed for clarification.

Then, section 4 (1) will become “*Fisheries Chief and Fisheries Warden at the State level*”; Section 4 (4) will be replaced by “*No officer below the rank of..*”

Then, Section 6 (1), (c) “*or*” will be inserted between ‘*electrical and mechanical*’; Section 6 (1) (e) Sub (7) “*vending*” will follow the word “*catching*” and adding “*The government may notification specifying a permissible size or weight for a species or group of species*” at the end.

Section 6 (2) “*punishment will be 2 months, and extendable to 4 months and fine of ₹ 8000/-*”; Section 6 (4) “*punishment will be 1 month extendable to 2 months with fine of ₹4000/-*”. Section 10(1) will be replaced with “*not less than ₹2000.*” Then, Sl. No.3 will be substituted with “*Catching, vending or sell of fishes below notified permissible size.*”

The implication of these amendments is reducing hazardous activities to fishes and its habitat and improve production. So, I ask the House to pass this Bill.

**SPEAKER** : Now, we will have 5 minutes for discussion. Who will start? Dr. Vanlalhlana will start.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is a great pleasure to hear from the concerned minister about the need for amendments regarding the possible fines and authorizing Head Constable to be able to arrest the violators. Indeed, we need to educate the people regarding fishing etiquette.

However, I believe, the prescribe method regarding fishing should still be on the list; it is now removed from the Bill. Besides, there are various flaws regarding punctuations on this Bill, I could recall they were very precise with it earlier.

The implications of the Act itself sounds promising. I hope effective measures would be taken regarding the ill effects of dumping of soil on rivers which hampers aquatic life. Thank You.

**SPEAKER** : Who will be next or, may I invite for winding up? Well. Now, I invite the hon. Minister to wind up the discussion.



**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** As mentioned earlier, “catching (*coma*) vending” is important and ‘*Chief Fisheries Warden*’ will also be added since this is solely a typing mistake. Anyway, I express my gratitude towards my fellow members for their suggestions and ideas. And, I request the hon. House to pass the proposed amendment bill. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** The hon. Minister asked the House to pass “*The Mizoram Fisheries 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Bill, 2022*”. Those in favor to pass this Bill may say, ‘*Aye*’ and those who oppose may say, ‘*No*’. (*No objection.*)

The ‘*Ayes*’ have it since there is no objection. So, “*The Mizoram Fisheries 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Bill, 2022*” is unanimously passed by the House.

**PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER:** Thank you, Pu Speaker.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET:**

**SPEAKER :** We will now move to *General Discussion on the Budget* and each member will be allotted 10 minutes. May I now call upon Pu L. Thangmawia.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, today, I salute all the freedom fighters for their past endeavors. I am grateful that I could be standing here among them and I also pay my respect to those who have passed away.

Pu Speaker, I am glad that the local body grants increase by 29% and so is the *State Disaster Management Fund* by ₹2 crore. An amount of ₹31.19 crore is allocated for health grant which will be very useful for renovation works of hospitals, quarters and reconstruction of new buildings. It is also gratifying to know that under *The Prime Ministers Development Initiative for North East*, construction of Aizawl by-pass on the western side will be initiated and that ₹100 crore will be allocated for the pilot projects.

I am glad that ₹20 crore is allocated for the reconstruction of DC building in which 31.88% is placed for social service sector and 24.28% for economic service sector. Pu Speaker, funds allocated for the three autonomous district council had also increased by 9.08% and Sinlung Hills Council had also increased by 23.67%. I am glad with the funds allocated for MYC; and I hope and encourage our youths to give their best in their endeavors. Pu Speaker, I also want to encourage the beneficiaries of SEDP to achieve success from the aid they receive. At the same time, I express my gratitude towards our finance minister and the department as we have seen an increase in the budget amidst the pandemic. Thank you.

**SPEAKER :** Pu KT Rokhaw is next.

**PU K.T. ROKHAW :** Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have gone through the budget carefully and we can see that 71.43% are for the salaries and pensions of the govt. employees; only 28.57% left for development. Since the ministry will try to increase its income from Tax revenue and non-tax revenue, I am afraid it will be burdensome for the people. Also, the fiscal deficit of 5.20% is way too high which shows the failure of the ministry in finances. Funds allotted will keep on decreasing

while our revenue expenditure is still very high. So, I suggest the State the government should find strategy to generate its own revenue. The amount expected to be generated from non-tax revenue, general service and social service which are quite high indicates impose of high taxes towards the people.

For the year 2022-2023, the expected revenue surplus is ₹1419 crore. How will this amount be generated? May the hon. Minister give an explanation in this matter? Considering the capital receipt which amounts to ₹2,581 crore, the expenditure crosses four thousand crores which is not proportionate. Besides, it is highlighted that ₹1,000 crore will be taken as loan from RBI. It proves that our budget is not very satisfactory.

Pu Speaker, I suggest SEDP should be distributed without any discrimination. At the same time, may the concern minister give the reason for not highlighting PAHOSS, Healthcare and Bamboo in the budget? Also, why funds received for fighting the pandemic is not a mention? Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalchhuanthanga.

**PU LALCHHUANTHANGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. At the outset, may I request the hon. House Leader to mention the amount of funds to be received from the Central Government which he had mentioned in the previous session. Pu Speaker, why is the salary head, medical treatment, minor and major works decreasing and why is the funds for the construction of Aizawl by-pass road on the western side is utilized for the Northern region? (*Hon. Dy Speaker takes the Chair.*)

Pu Speaker, also, what is the reason for the absence of budget heads for recovery of debts and of healthcare not a mention? Also, under *Schemes for Financial Assistance to State for Capital Expenditure*, ₹100 crore was received which will be utilized within Aizawl District only. Why is the same kind of fund not being allocated for other districts as well? Should we not prioritize the three newly established districts? Regarding power supply, we have reiterated the potential we have in Mizoram for power projects but no plan is made for any kinds of power development schemes.

Pu Speaker, SEDP had often been a mention and I urge the government to increase the amount of 1<sup>st</sup> installment so that the beneficiaries utilize for improvement of their economic status. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next is, hon. Member Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

**DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA:** Pu Dy. Speaker, I express my gratitude towards the hon. House Leader since we have not faced any problem in our supplies. At the same time, it is great that renovation of highways also is in progress in many areas amidst the pandemic. I am glad that the amount of capital expenditure is high and that our revenue expenditure had also increased by 8% whereas the amount of debt also decreases gradually. It is heartening to know that through Financial Assistance to State for Capital Expenditure, ZMC will be well-equipped and reconstruction of Aizawl DC will also be initiated.

An amount of ₹7,700 crore is placed for SEDP out of which 350 crore is allocated for family development. Infrastructures, healthcare and economic development along with agriculture will all be initiated under SEDP indicating the success of our flagship programme. I appreciate the plans made by the hon. Finance Minister for generating surplus revenue. After receiving all the funds allocated, we will then be able to work towards the overall development of our State. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

**PU LAWMAWMA TOCHAWNG:** Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am glad that an amount of ₹350 crore will be placed for a family oriented under SEDP. I am also glad that we are able to give the state matching share without fail. It is heartening to know that the government established a Mizoram Resource Mobilization Committee, I hope and believe the work of this committee will bring about a change in the development process. I am also glad that many projects will be initiated under PM-DevINE. Within 2021-2022 financial year, a lot of progress had been made under SEDP whereas ₹700 crore is allocated for the coming year. I hope this will definitely bring about a change in the development of our State. It is gratifying to know that ₹2.60 crore is allocated for Mizoram Youth Commission and ₹80 lakh for establishment of Lunglei Municipal Council. ₹6.01 crore is also allocated for Sinlung Hills Development and ₹2.14 for Sialkal Range Development Council which are all very gratifying.

I believe the most important point is to utilize such funds appropriately. Last, but not the least, I would like to stress the need to try our best so that farmers utilize their funds and start their cultivation on time. With that, I will conclude by stating my support in passing this budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : We will have a short recess and resume our session at 2:00 PM.

### **2:00 PM**

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : I call upon Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga to continue with our discussion.

**DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA:** Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. Amidst the pandemic, I am glad that the hon. Finance Minister, the Chief Minister of Mizoram could come up with this budget. It is encouraging that certain amount is allocated for SEDP in order to uplift the economic status of the people. It is further learned that funds allocated under the 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission will increase by 22.7% and is much appreciated.

This Ministry prioritizes Primary Healthcare and overall development which is much appreciated as well. State Disaster Management fund for the year 2021-2023 had also been increased whereas ₹500 crore will be allocated for construction of Aizawl bypass road of the western side through PM-DevINE; ₹100 crore is allocated as pilot project for construction of Bamboo link road in various places within Mizoram. Whereas ₹261 crore is expected from External Aided Fund and ₹170 crore from

NABARD for rural infrastructure. Apart from that, ₹2.6 crore is allocated for Mizoram Youth Commission and ₹60 crore for MLA fund.

Moreover, Pu Dy Speaker, ₹ 80 crore has also been allocated for establishment of Lunglei Municipal Council whereas certain amount of fund is expected for Sinlung Hills Development Council and Sialkal Range Development Council. Such amounts of fund allocation clearly indicate the implication of our budget of bring about overall development of the people. So, I express my support in passing this budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. Vanlalhlana is next.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It has been a mention in the House increase of Supplementary Demand as a result of increase of funds from the Central Government. This may be true to some extent, but we have to know that fund borrowed for *Ways & Means* indicates our needs for more funds despite an enormous sum we received from various sources.

Pu Dy. Speaker, the estimate amount for the coming year decreases on which I hope will result in decrease of our power bill. Page 42 highlighted ₹45 crore of budget received for the year 2020-2021 on which I have submitted RTI in the Ministry of Finance. In reply, I received email mentioning additional amount of ₹93 lakhs being allotted for Rural Local Body which is highlighted also in the Economic Survey by Planning. However, it is not reflected in the budget. So, what is the reason? Also, the revised estimate for this year is ₹62,500 lakh and is estimated to come down the next year at ₹58,700 lakhs. What measure will be taken in this regard?

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is also encouraging to know that we will be receiving ₹600 crores which is the highest among the North Eastern States. Regarding re-construction of DC office, I opine it is better to keep the building was a heritage. Regarding the fiscal policy, I wonder if we follow the fiscal rules underlines by the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

Most of us seems to concern the infrastructure of SEDP. In this regard, I think it is important that the beneficiaries are given awareness on how to manage with the funds so as to achieve their goal. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Next is, hon. Member Pu Lalrindika Ralte.

**PU LALRINDIKA RALTE:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. We are the representatives of the people and I believe it is important that we should make more efforts in executing our legislative work. It is obvious that we are facing financial crisis. So, I believe it is important that we should be more careful in the utilization of our funds. It is important to bear in mind that our earnest discussions in the House should not be taken personally and it is important that our leaders have an open mind towards other members in our common efforts for development of our State. We need to give more efforts against the practice of corruption. At the same time, I would like to make an appeal to the people concern to be more cautious in choosing their representatives and not to choose those who will only steal from them. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu Vanlalhlana is next.

**PU VANLALHLANA** : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. As per the rules, I suggest that the *Performance Budget* and the *Detailed Work Programme* be distributed during the presentation of the budget as it contributes a great deal to the members. It is reiterated often a mention that the expected fund for combatting covid amounting to ₹2,000 crore as not being received. In this connection, I want to know the amount of funds we receive to fight against the pandemic.

Last week, BJP Mizoram submitted their plight to the Governor stating their desire to have a President's Rule in Mizoram, the point being lack of efficiency in the administration, binding the hands of law executioners, ignorance of the State Govt. to follow instruction from the Central, prevalence of the practice of corruption and the existence of illegal trading system. So, I request the hon. House Leader to clarify the detail.

Pu Speaker, obviously the BJP and MNF party works together as NEDA since the two parties support each other during the general election. While this is the case, it is confusing that the lone BJP MLA is sitting here in the opposition bench.

Regarding ₹600 crore of fund obtained under PM-DevINE, I would like to know if diversion could be made. There is one contractor by the name 'Kamrul' who is allegedly assigned to number of projects under the State Government. The problem is – this non-tribal contractor acquired a tribal certificate so that he is exempted from paying taxes which I opine as of a serious matter. Also, the hon. Chief Minister has once pointed out the existence of many contract works as being given on sub-contract basis which also is a serious case and necessary action thus should be taken.

Regarding the plan for construction of Meidum - Hortoki road of 19 kms to be taken up through NABARD, it is learned that there is another proposal for inclusion of another 27 kms and the work which is allegedly assigned to the said Kamrul and his friends. The local residents believe this new road as being proposed only for the benefit of the contractors whereas as renovating the old road of 19 kms is more preferable. Also, the MNF party, before the election made a promise for allocation of ₹1,500 crore to SEDP to attract voters; but till today, it has not been allocated which is much regretted.

I would also like to point out regarding one of the invitees at a dinner hosted at Mizoram House New Delhi on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November. He was a well-known smuggler named Abu Mazumdar, who had also once been invited in the swearing ceremony of the MNF Ministry. May the hon. House Leader inform the House of how this smuggler become the invitee of such important events? Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo is next.

**PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO:** Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I find this budget quite satisfactory. However, some members criticizes only because they did not find the word 'allocation' in it. Regarding the name 'Kamrul', I assume he become a repeated

topic only because we insisted to resume our ties with him for he had been working on several projects even before the 2018 general election.

I find it remarkable that even with the pandemic, the hon. House Leader could come up with this budget and that an amount of ₹31.19 crores is placed for healthcare under the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. As for me, I find the plan to renovate our health infrastructure facility to be quite satisfying.

I am glad that ₹10.47 crore will be allocated for irrigation projects and that Mizoram health system will be initiated with an amount of ₹280 crore; and, Super Specialty Cancer Hospital Project will be initiated with the allocation of ₹500 crore. Apart from that, we have learned about ₹1,958.70 to be allocated through UD&PA for *Sustainable Urban Transport Project* within Aizawl City. Also, budget allocation for *Mizoram Victims of Crime Compensation* has also been made as huge amount of funds is placed for Social Services Sector. It is also encouraging that ₹700 crore is allocated for SEDP and ₹2.60 crore for Youth Commission.

It is truly appreciative especially for members from constituencies that fund for Area Development is allocated and that Lunglei Municipal Council will be established. Also, plan for reconstruction of DC office and improvement of Animal feed distribution system happened to be good news for us. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Dr. K. Pachhunga.

**DR. K. PACHHUNGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We have visited all the four corners of Mizoram and witnesses our highways and roads being improved. Even in the pandemic and blockade of some roads, our leaders had never run out of supplies on our basic needs. While everything was on halt during the pandemic, we can see that development continues. It is encouraging that construction of PHC buildings, RMSA High School buildings and +2 school buildings are being proposed whereas numbers of go-down being constructed amidst pandemic. Apart from that, I appreciate that priority is given to *Health & Wellness* so that water connection is made available even in the remote corners of our state. In particular, I am truly happy that many schools within my constituency had also been renovated.

In order to alleviate traffic problems within Aizawl city, ₹50,000 lakh is allocated for construction of by-pass roads; an amount of ₹1,00,000 lakh has also been allocated for bamboo link roads which will definitely serve a great purpose for the farmers. It is heartening to know that State Super Specialty Cancer Hospital will also be established. For all that reason, I am convinced that this budget truly concerns the welfare of the people as a whole and the development of our State. So, I express my support in passing this budget. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Hon. Member Pu Zothantluanga is next.

**PU ZOTHANTLUANGA** : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Amidst the pandemic, I am glad that the House Leader could come up with this budget and that 50,000 lakh is allocated for Aizawl by pass-road and ₹10,000 lakh for bamboo link road from the Union Budget. Even with the pandemic, 28.57% of capital expenditure is allocated for

the coming year and ₹700 crore for implementation of our flagship programme along with Area Development Fund. It is heartening to know that ₹2.6 crore being allocated for MYC and that Lunglei Municipal Council will also be established. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Hon'ble member Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

**DR. VANLALTANPUIA** : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. I am glad that an amount of ₹ 12,290.63 crores is allocated for our budget and I believe this will bring about a great development for the people of our State. We must be aware that our funds are short by ₹ 2,632.58 crores which greatly affects our economic status but if we look at the amount of untied funds, we can be positive that we will see progress in our development and I am glad that Mizoram Mobilization Committee and Manpower Assessment Committee has been established. It is also heartening to know that our state holds the title of the Most Improved State and the Best Performance State in India in 2021 in the 'State of States' competition.

Pu Speaker, from the budget we can see that the State Government is applying the disinvestment policy in many cases which I believe will be for the betterment of our development and at the same time big investment policies are also vital for our development and Sikkim had set a good example on this matter. It is heartening to know that our gross fiscal deficit for the year 2022-2023 will be 3.07% and that there are many health strengthening projects under PM DeviNE scheme. Lastly, I express my gratitude towards the hon'ble Chief Minister for the allocation of funds for MYC in order to shape our youths to achieve success in All India Service and Central Services. Thank you.

**DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Hon. member Er. H. Lalzirliana.

**ER. H. LALZIRLIANA** : Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker. The increase in our budget between 2021-2022 and 2022- 2023 is 25.65 % and the capital expenditure has also increased by 28.57 %. From the receipts expected recovery of loans & advances an amount of ₹ 33.61 crores are expected and ₹801.30 will be expected from state-own tax revenue and ₹ 836.43 crores from state own non-tax revenue and the total amounting to ₹ 1,671.3 crores. It is important that we stand united in giving our best efforts to uplift and develop this State. I am glad that there are funds allocated under many heads which makes me question if these are available in other states. Funds for ex- gratia compensation are provided and so far, 420 nos. of people have been compensated. I am grateful that plans are made to refurbish PHC, Sub- Centres and CHC in different areas. We are fortunate that PM-DeviNE, a special package will be available for us and that funds will be allocated under general service sector, social service sector, economic service sector, SEDP, Lunglei Municipal Council Corporation, Autonomous District Council, MLA funds, Shinlung Hills, MYC etc. Another important point is the Scheme for financial assistance to state for capital expenditure which covers the renovation of ZMC infrastructures, 132 KV strengthening, solid waste management etc. So, for my conclusion, I will say that this budget is gratifying for a small state like ours. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu C. Ngunlianchung.

**PU C. NGUNLIANCHUNGA:** Thank you, Pu Speaker. From our budget 71.43 % are for government employees, pensions, bill for power, water and supplies etc. and if we look at this Demand for Grants there are 28 departments where their BE have decreased considering last year. Since the capital expenditure is less development may not have much progress in the coming year. I am glad to know that under PM- DeviNE an amount of ₹ 500 crores will be allocated for the construction of Aizawl by – pass road on the western side and I hope projects to eradicate traffic jam could also be among the pilot project.

Bamboo link road has often been mentioned but do we really need to construct this road? Our hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned that funds allocated for the year 202-2022 for the three autonomous district council has increased by 9.08 % but this is mainly due to the fact that funds allocated for the previous year was not sufficient and even the additional funds allocation may not cover the salaries for March and providing at least the salaries is mandatory. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu Zodintluanga Ralte.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA RALTE:** Thank you Pu Speaker. I am glad that Mizoram Resource Mobilization Committee was established but it keeps me thinking that it might only be a waste of funds if they are unable to do their work as required. Bamboo Link Road has often been mentioned but only the first installments had been allocated and the rest was never released since their work was unsatisfactory. So, I hope such kind of incident does not happen twice. Why is Brandisi and Latiflorus not mentioned in the budget and the beneficiaries of SEDP must choose their trade soon since the time of cultivation is almost over. Regarding EAP, it will be wise to reconsider this as this may only result as a burden for the government.

If we look at the utilization of SEDP, it is clear that it does not result in real progress or development which means that this flagship program is a failure. Pu Speaker, it is important the certain amounts of funds for work are allocated for our ministers and MLAs for developmental work if they really want to work for the betterment of the people.

Pu Speaker, from what the hon'ble Minister said, I am of the opinion that there are no intentions to compensate pig owners if funds are not received from the Central Government. This shows that the government does not have any intention to provide aid to the less fortunate. I find it surprising that Education departments took loans from NABARD without knowing the rate of interest and the amount required for their monthly payment. If this is how the ministry carries out their administration, it might be a key point for them to lose in the next election. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Hon. member Pu Ramthanmawia.

**PU RAMTHANMAWIA :** Pu Speaker, going through the budget we can see that the purpose of the budget is to achieve progress and development of the State. Even through the pandemic, the ministries tried its best and have pulled through so, I believe God anointed this Ministry to face and go through all these trying times. Our budget may not be satisfactory but it aims for progress and development of the State. On the



matter of Zoramchanna and Kamrul, they have been working on projects which are not given by the hon'ble House Leader and I believe they are recommended by departments and such occasion could occur often if their work is satisfactory.

I am glad that an amount of ₹ 100 crores is allocated for Bamboo Link Road and I too have constructed 8 km long at New Khamrang which was very beneficial to the people and I hope this project continues since I am positive it will serve a greater purpose for the people. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Lalduhoma.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Thank you, Pu Speaker. With the pandemic we enjoy relaxation on many things, our fiscal deficit had increased and our budget had also increased by 26.68% but what will be the consequences? We have availed 'Auction of State Development Loan' many times and we still have a balance of ₹3,948.17 crores which needs to be paid back within 10 – 13 years. I am also aware that an amount of ₹100 crores will be taken as loan under Scheme for Financial Assistant to State for Capital Expenditure which can be paid back after 50 years. What we do and accomplish will have either a positive or negative impact on the future generations so it is important that we choose our path wisely.

The amount of debt we have will increase immensely by the end of the year. ₹100 cores was intended to take as loan for Ways & Means but by the end of the year the actual amount taken as loan was ₹3,788 crores (Interruption)

**PU ROBERT ROMAWIA ROYTE, MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, Point of Order please. Funds taken as loan under Ways & Means Advance are paid back and then taken again. It needs to be paid back after 90 days and the people needs to know that the amount of debt mentioned may not be accurate.

**SPEAKER** : Pu Duhoma may continue.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : The amount of loan which is applicable at one time is ₹ 256 crores and an amount of ₹ 100 crores are intended to be taken this year and your target under Ways & Means had exceeded by ₹ 3,788 crores and this year they have taken a number of 101 times and they have over drafted twice. The rate of interest is very high unlike other loans taken from a bank and these loans needs to be paid back within 14 days.

**SPEAKER** : Kindly address the Chair instead of addressing directly to each other.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble House Leader said that in order to avoid higher amount of loans in the years to come, they have increased the amount of loan to be taken under Ways & Means and it will be laid in the House as supplementary demands and we will know exactly how much was utilized.

**PU L. THANGMAWIA** : Pu Speaker, the advisory committee had a meeting and delegates of ZPM had also attended and they never mentioned about discussing our

supplementary demands. If they do want a discussion, we are very much willing, but let them submit their wish to discuss the supplementary demand.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, in order to evaluate our taxes a Resource Mobilization Committee had been set up for the past three years and I am anxious to know the number of committees they have. Even with their recommendations, the amount of funds from the state own tax revenue is lesser than expected. The growth rate of our GSDP in 2019- 2020 is 19.66% and this year it is 16 % meaning that our economy is deteriorating.

If we look at the disbursement of loans and advances, we have placed an amount of ₹ 81 crores in 2019 but now only an amount of ₹ 60 crores is invested showing clearly that our financial status is deteriorating. If we look at social services, we can see that this has also decreased and no funds are allocated under General Economic Services. Guarantee Fund had also decreased and if we look at the budget, 'Other Institutions' gets the most fund and who are these 'Other Institutions' I request our hon'ble Finance Minister to give a detail description during his wind up and in my opinion our Fiscal Policy had also failed its objectives. Thank you.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** General Discussion had been made after Demands for Grants 2022-2023 had been presented and studied and explanation would be further carried in depth detail in department wise afterwards. Since, Finance generalized the entire departments, clarification cannot be done in detail unlike discussions or Question & Annexure that used to be carried out in department wise. We shall have more detailed discussion once the subject concern under my department is discussed.

The system of Planning Commission, particularly the plan and non-plan funds divided by the Central were extremely strenuous since, although the amount was vast, majority of the sum could not be implemented for developmental purposes, thus creating hurdles in the earmarked sectors. The NDA, on understanding the problem, proposed a new system called NITI AAYOG which unified the plan and non-plan budget where funds could be used by all states accordingly whenever required.

Answering Vanlalhlana's question in previous years, plan and non-plan funds were kept separate where work programme was implemented under plan funds mainly for the purpose of Planning Commission. However, under the new system, performance budget and detail work programme were used in other ways since plan and non-plan funds were unified.

In previous years, Planning Commission controlled the plan fund and works were distributed in lesser quantity to each department. The NDA however, had now given freedom to each state by unifying the funds.

Development cannot be seen in faster pace if works are distributed in lesser quantity and so under the NDA, the State Government followed the Central Government's system. Therefore, ₹ 7000 crores were kept for pensions and employers' salaries were half of the total budgets were reserved for pensioners' salaries. The Department had made a thorough estimation for employers' salaries, pension funds,

establishment and office expenditures. The Department had submitted the estimation which is why the exact essential expenditure can be known in the budget.

Under the new system, Finance Department had identified other essentials besides employers' salaries kept as reserved funds and the remaining united fund, so that funds could be used necessarily. Before the NDA rule, funds were distributed in lesser quantity and larger amounts were reserved in state matching share. However, due to roads and departments refurbishment and renovation, 10 % could not be fulfilled by the departments.

The state matching share suffered severely when funds are distributed in lesser quantity due to the expenditures on other purposed. Thus, funds were unified and reserved in Finance and Planning departments. The Department had informed that projects worth crores could be achieved in the Centre and called for those who are in need of matching share. This year alone ₹ 200 crores were reserved in the matching share under SEDP project and if 90:10 ratio was implemented, crores were expected to be gained. However, since funds distribution were less, they vanished before enjoying the benefits which is why the Finance Ministry had dissolved the Planning Commission and implement the new system which has been followed by the state government.

In the current year, Sport Department was called due to their low budget which showed that state matching share are given to those in need since the funds were shared by all the departments.

Regarding salaries, each department had submitted their rough estimation and the sums were never deducted, instead most has balances unless due to recruitment purposes.

Under austerity measure, adjustment was made so that the balanced funds could be used for other purposed with Finance Department recommendation. Since changes were made regarding the head account, adjustment was made in the Supplementary Demand as presented in the budget.

Under 'ways and means advance' all stated in India received funds equally depending upon their state's company. Mizoram state had received roughly ₹ 256 crores which could be referred to as 'borrowed' However, RBI had limited the withdraw amount and so, the state government had implemented the wage and means advance policy where the Central government deposited it through sheet of taxes and devolution which were properly recorded.

The amount withdraw were reserved in RMS and since the received amount is not stable, the amount borrowed differ every year. When the received amount is in large quantity, crores were benefitted as additional and exempt from borrowing. The same pattern has been experienced by all the states of India. The amount borrowed and paid had been recorded and ₹2000 crores borrowed during the previous years had reached ₹ 3000 crores in the current year. However, bigger states like Maharashtra had borrowed more than ₹1 lakh crores which proved that the bigger the state, larger is the financial transaction, thus larger is the amount being borrowed.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, it is difficult to understand for the public when GSDP is stated in percentage, it will be better if the exact amount is stated.

**DR. VANLALTHLANA** : Pu Speaker, we have the highest amount of debt which was 100 % and while Maharashtra was about 16 %.

Percentage to GSDP is addressed in amount and not in percentage to the public for their better understanding GSDP of every state within India can be known by browsing the internet and need not be played Infront of the public. In fact, budget is regarded as family budget where the head of the family had taken intensive care in earnings and the expenditures. Under the NDA new format projects had been made in Central in order to earn money worth crores and reserved the amount with increments to state matching share. Instead of distributing the amount to departments, they were used in essential expenditure and other purposes.

Regarding Supplementary Demand, projects such as building infrastructures, agriculture, horticulture and others had summed up crores which increased the amount although they were frozen unless it is passed. Majority of the supplementary demand were formalized hence, there are no separate spent or borrowed. Since, crores earned through various projects were formalized, the amount increased numerically. The other factor, ways and means advance, although been recorded properly, also contributed to its increased rate.

To answer few points on demands and questions, especially contractor posts, I would assemble at least 20 coveted contractors who had 10 plus years work experience and distribute it individually to each head of departments.

To clarify the Aizawl By pass, few House members had mistaken the development implemented on the western side to the northern side. Survey was done in Sihhmui route in hope to connect Maullungthu side and since the direction pointed towards the southern and western sides, the term 'western' was given to the project.

In regards to healthcare, the State government had requested ₹ 50 crores from Central Finance Minister for the establish of Mizoram Health Care System but the proposal was declined by the Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha mainly due to fear of jealousy. However, the Finance Department had appealed Asian Development Bank by inviting Japanese Country Director of Aizawl. Thus, ₹ 100 crores were received for the set up of Mizoram Health Care System.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : The hon'ble House Leader said that funds had been allocated, can explanation be given in this regard.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I have not completed my statement, I a stating the facts about my previous ministry.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : Pu Speaker, we do not need to go over the works of the previous ministry. There are no funds allocated for the purpose. If you truly give priority to the health condition of the people, funds should be allocated.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** This was the year between 2007-2008. However, the next 10 years were ruled by the Congress Party. In the newly elected term, i.e. between 2018-2019, healthcare committee had its first meeting where ₹ 170 crores were realized for the scheme. Although some interests were seen, the former ruling party had neglected the healthcare budget. Thus ₹50 crores were added between 2019-2020 budget and the grand total amounted to ₹ 200 crores.

SEDP funds were also used due to the scarcity of funds which caused hurdles to the Department. Funds, although were not distributed in large sums, were still given to those in need. Since debts were still in large quantity, separate recorded debts cannot be maintained, infact, the increments had to be used from the SEDP and ₹ 3- 4 crores were used annually. ₹1000 crores had been appealed for the establishment of extra knowledge project which would be beneficial for the Healthcare System.

Under SAQSCE, the Indian government on understanding its necessity, decided to lend ₹1 lakhs crores to every state which should be paid after 50 years. The state government, on acknowledge its importance, tried its best by identifying work problems beforehand.

I had received a telephone call from the Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitaram where she stated that ₹ 400 crores would be funded for special assistance, even though only ₹100 crores were expected as highlighted in the budget. I am grateful to the Central Finance Ministry since development will be seen in a faster pace with the unexpected additional funds.

₹60 crores were kept as MLA funds and since SEDP is the foundation and flagship for socio – economic development, it touches all realms of technical programmes. Thus ₹ 700 crores were kept and ₹350 crores were reserved for family-oriented projects and others for matching share, road maintenance and other purpose. Finally, although the opposition parties had requested to report the GSDP in percentage, ‘amount’ is the simplest term the public could understand it.

To conclude, certain development plans and project such as elevated road construction or in general to create the state as Switzerland of the East were ceased and put on to halt by several factors such as covid pandemic, ASF disease, boundary conflict, wars, refugees and earthquakes. However, we had liberated and led the people in peace and harmony after such disastrous shocks and hoped for the recovery and progression of the economy and development plans. I am immensely grateful to release the Demand for Grants and for a successful budget general discussion.

Budget concern is complex for everyone, particularly the Supplementary Demand. Knowledge is gained only through trials and errors and years of practicing it. Full discussion on supplementary demand, although agreed by the House members, was never done in the past and is only appropriate if formal proposal is submitted to the House and will commence eventually after the proposal is exercised and agreed.

**PU LALDUHOMA** : He is the leader and we tend to follow his footsteps.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER:** Pu Speaker, I am glad that we could have a discussion under a good environment. Thank you.

**SPEAKER** : We have finished our business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, i.e., 2<sup>nd</sup> March,2022 at 10:30 AM.

*Sitting is adjourned (5:28 PM)*