

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SECOND SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 23rd FEBRUARY, 2022
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

OBITUARY

1. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to make obituary references on the demise of the following dignitaries:
 - (i) PU SAITLAWMA SAILO, Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.
 - (ii) PU C. RAMHLUNA, Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Mizoram.
 - (iii) PU HRANGTHANGA COLNEY, former Minister, Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

3. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Hon. Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House Thirtieth Annual Report of the Mizoram Public Service Commission (MPSC) for the year 2020-2021.
4. **PU R. LALZIRLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House Audit Report of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram for the year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.
5. **DR. K. BEICHHUA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House Annual Report of the Office of Commissioner, Persons with Disabilities Mizoram for the year 2020-2021.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS

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

H. LALRINAWMA
Commissioner & Secretary

SPEAKER : *Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.*

- Psalms 37:1-3

Today, respected Member (*interruption*)

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it has come to our attention that you have allegedly embezzled about 100 lakhs for construction of Ngaizawl Road. In order to maintain the honour of this House, we felt that it is inappropriate for you to lead this session. We have intimated this issue to the House Leader yesterday and our suggestion was rejected. In order to convey our disappointment regarding this issue, we will not take part in today's sitting.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Pu Speaker, this House does not yield to hearsay and this kind of conduct should not be tolerated as the issue has no proof.

OBITUARY:

SPEAKER : Respected member Pu C. Lalsawivunga could not be here today due to medical reasons. Today, we will be conducting obituaries for former leaders of Legislative Assembly such as - Pu Saitlawma Sailo, Pu C. Ramhluna and Pu Hrangthanga Colney. Let us call upon the hon. House Leader Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I am with grief that we are having a eulogy for three former members of Legislative Assembly.

Pu Saitlawma Sailo was an Ex-MLA of Mizoram who died on 5.11.21 (Friday) at 1:45 PM at Aizawl Hospital.

He was born to Pu Zakhuma and Pi Zachani on June 17th, 1940 at Bualte village. He has 3 brothers and 5 sisters. He was married to Pi Hrangtawni in 1967 and has 3 sons and 2 daughters. He was ordained as church elder on 31.10.2010.

He completed his primary studies at Bualte Middle School in Tawipui and completed class 6 exam as a private candidate in 1961 and took first position in the Southern District. He completed BA in 1971 with distinction and was the first student to achieve so from Lunglei College. He completed MA from Guwahati University in 1984.

Pu Saitlawma Sailo worked as Headmaster from 1969-1971 at Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Middle School, Lunglei. He was elected as MLA from South Vanlaiphai Constituency under Mizo Union ticket in 1972 and served for 5 years. He again served as Headmaster at Theiriat Private High School from March, 1978 to June, 2002 as requested by the local leaders. He also served as Principal at Government Higher Secondary School at Hnahthial between 7.6.2002-4.9.2005 and at GHSS Lunglei till 2008.

He has several medical conditions in his later years. He was admitted to Aizawl Hospital on 12th October 2021 and was diagnosed with pneumonia; he was admitted in ICU and died on 5th November 2021 at 1:45 PM.

Pu C. Ramhluna died on 22nd November 2021 at 8:45 PM while being hospitalized at Ebenezar Hospital. He was born on 20.10.1947 to Pu Manglura Chinzah and Pi Sangthliai at Chawnhu village (Lawngtlai District). He has 3 brothers and 6 sisters. He has 2 sons and 3 daughters with Pi Lalrinawmi. He was ordained as church elder by Mizoram Baptist Kohhran Central Church on October 1994.

He completed primary and middle school at Diltlang and Lawngtlai. He completed BA (Economic Hons.) from St. Anthony's College at Shillong in 1970. He completed M. Sc. (Forestry) from Indian Forest College, Dehradun between 1971-1973 and completed LLB from Mizoram University in 2002 where he was a gold medallist.

Pu C. Ramhluna was an academic and became the first Mizo to pass Indian Forest Service (IFS) in 1975. He was stationed in several parts of India such as Andaman & Nicobar Island, Arunachal Pradesh etc. He was promoted to Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) in March, 2006 while taking the role of Special Secretary (Forest Department) to the Government of Mizoram. After his voluntary retirement in 2008, he was elected as MLA from Lawngtlai West Assembly Constituency under MNF party. He was Vice Chairman under SEDF, Commerce & Industry Development Board till his death.

Pu C. Ramhluna suffers from blood sugar and high blood pressure. However, this does not affect his standard of living. He was taken home from the office on 2.8.21 due to dizziness and was treated medically after consultation with doctors. He was again taken to Ebenezar Hospital on 28.10.21 due to ill-health and he died on 22.11.21 at 8:45 PM.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney, Ex-Minister died at the age of 81 years on 22.12.21 at 8:30 AM while being treated at Zoram Medical College.

He was born on 1.6.1940 at Biate village between Pastor Fehtea and Pi Kapchhungi. He has 3 brothers and 6 sisters. He married Pi Lalthlamuani on 22.2.1974 and has 5 sons and 1 daughter.

He studied at Biate and Sialhawk Middle School and GM Champhai High School. He completed his Bachelor's degree in 1964 from St. Anthony's College, Shillong.

He went underground as MNF for seven years. He became Secretary of Aizawl District Congress in 1973. He was elected as President of Mizoram Janata Party in 1979 and became Vice President of Mizo Convention (MC) in 1983. He was elected as MLA representing Khawbung Constituency in 1993 as independent candidate. He became Cabinet Minister under Congress Coalition Ministry with Industries, Excise and Taxation Department under his charge. He received *Indira Gandhi Priyadarshini Award* and *Millenium Achievers Award* during his tenure as a Minister.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney was admitted to Ebenezer Hospital on 18.11.21 due to ill-health. It was discovered that he contracted Covid-19 on 11.12.21 and was transferred to ZMC on 12.12.21. He suffered an embolic stroke on 21.12.21 and died on 22.12.21 at 8:30 AM.

Pu Speaker, it is unfortunate and a great loss that we have lost such benevolent leaders and I deeply mourn the passing of these leaders.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister, Dr. Lalthangliana.

DR. R. LALTHANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, Mizoram suffered great loss in losing phenomenal former members of Legislative Assembly and I would like to convey my deep regrets.

Pu C. Ramhluna is an exceptional person and I have first-hand knowledge of his skills and dedication to his work. If I am not mistaken, he was the first Forest Secretary under the State Government.

During my tenure as Forest Minister, I have the honour to receive his guidance and advice in many affairs such as State Matching Share. Forest village was established with his assistance. He has made countless tour of his whole constituency which is rare among the members of Legislative Assembly. He was a church elder at Baptist Church and has made many contributions to society.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney was dependable and extremely dedicated to his work during his tenure as President and Vice-President of YMCA.

Pu Saitlawma Sailo hails from Theiriat village and has been an admired figure in the South especially among the teachers. He was highly educated and one of the forerunners in promoting education in Mizoram. Education was his priority during his tenure as an MLA. His passing was greatly mourned especially by the southern part of Mizoram.

Lastly, I pray that the former leaders rest in peace and may God bless the ones they left behind.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga to deliver his eulogy.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I have a personal connection with Pu Saitlawma Sailo and I have no words to express my sadness at his passing. He was an advocate for education especially in the southern parts of Mizoram.

As mentioned before me, Pu Ramhluna was a church elder, officer and politician who placed his faith in God. He was a member of a group of male singers called “*A hmangaihna faktute*” while studying in Shillong. I have received pragmatic advice from him and has learnt many things from him.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney sacrificed his youth for Mizoram and the people. He was a former Minister and his passing is a tremendous loss for the people of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Biakzaua.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Pu Speaker, thank you. It is unfortunate that we have lost 3 former members of Legislative Assembly. We have heard from several members about them and I would like to add one story about Pu C. Ramhluna.

Pu C. Ramhluna hails from Chawnhu, a small village in Lawngtlai District. He was a remarkable leader and an accomplished academic. There are lessons to be learnt from his journey that success comes to those who tried irrespective of their background.

SPEAKER : Dr. ZR. Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR. THIAMSSANGA : Pu Speaker, it is a sad moment not only for us, but also for the people of Mizoram as we mourn the passing of Pu Saitlawma Sailo, Pu C. Ramhluna and Pu Hrangthanga Colney.

Pu C. Ramhluna has made a deep impact on his colleagues and was described as a ‘practical real forester’. During his time as a politician, there was no report of unethical behaviour from him.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney was a laidback person and is an advocate of clean and healthy living. He is a family man and gives priority to his family which can be seen from the successful way he raised his children.

It is my wish and prayer that the Lord be with the families of these great leaders.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Deputy Chief Minister, Pu Tawnluia.

PU TAWNLUIA, DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is a sensible idea and prudent of you to allow us to honour and share our memories of these great leaders.

We have heard from other members that Pu Saitlawma Sailo was an educator who placed great importance in education. He was an educator for 38 years and have served as an MLA for one term. We have many things to learn from him.

Pu C. Ramhluna was an academic and have served the government for 33 years. He has integrity and have deep connection with his constituency and does not discriminate anyone.

Pu Hrangthanga Colney was an exceptional leader even during his student days. He has gone underground for 7 years during Mizoram’s fight for freedom. His 2 elder brothers have also gone underground. His whole family has deep love for Mizoram and he has sacrificed his life for Mizoram.

I pray that God be with the families of these 3 great leaders.

SPEAKER : The families of Pu Saitlawma Sailo, Pu C. Ramhluna and Pu Hrangthanga Colney are also here with us in this House. Let us now stand in silence for 1 minute to pay our tribute and respects to them. (*1 minute silence observed by members.*)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

We will now move on to *Question Hour*. Pu Lalduhoma is not here with us to ask starred Question No. 1. I would like to take this moment to explain myself if you would allow me.

In regards to the issue surrounding construction of roads for Ngaizawl and other areas, I would like to state that I have never been involved in unethical dealings for this project. I spearheaded this project and was fortunate to work with PWD on this project. I did petition for my constituency to be included in this project. I hail from Lungtan and Khawhai and have personal connection with these villages, and as such, the percentage of work completed in these areas are much higher than Ngaizawl even though they are in the opposition side.

I am glad that members from BJP have decided to stay. Pu Ngunlianchunga is also not here to ask starred Question No. 2. We will now call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga and Pu Zothantluanga to ask starred Question No. 3.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department be pleased to state - if the government have any new plan for rubber plantation -

- a) Is Rubber Board of India feasible for Mizoram?
- b) Are there any undertakings from Rubber Board of India to benefit the owners of rubber plantation?
- c) How many rubber trees can be planted within 1 Ha area?
- d) What is the price of latex per kg?
- e) Is there any plan to increase the volume of rubber planting?
- f) Currently, how many mature rubber trees are there in Mizoram?
- g) Is there any undertaking from the Govt. of Mizoram to extract latex from these trees?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. In response to Dr. K. Pachhunga and Pu Zothantluanga's questions -

- a) Yes, plans are underway for new rubber plantation.
- b) Yes, Rubber Board of India has supplied rubber seeds for free and at subsidized rates. Plans in process for the establishment of Manimalyar Company under Mizoram Rubber Board. This company will assist in purchase of latex at a reasonable price.
- c) 500 rubber trees can be planted within 1 Ha.
- d) Latex is sold at the rate of ₹145/kg.
- e) Yes, there are plans to increase the volume of rubber planting.
- f) Presently, there are about 2,00,000 mature rubber trees in Mizoram.

g) Plans are in place to construct 50 rubber smoke houses.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am aware that rubber plantation and extraction is an arduous process since I also own a rubber plantation.

Extraction of latex cannot be carried out in one smoke house; labour quarters are also required. The house should be spacious enough to accommodate machines, drains and the floor needs to be concrete as well. The price of latex has increased considerably which is very much welcome. Would it be possible for the government to provide more supports to the owners by increasing the supply volume of rubber seeds?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will Mizoram government be able to purchase the rubber sheets if the farmers fail to sell them? If they do, what will be the minimum support price?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to answer the questions.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Zothantluanga's question is - I would advise the growers to be more self-sufficient and to not be too reliant on the government. We do expect assistance from NABARD and SEDP.

In response to Pu BD Chakma, I believe that this would not happen as long as the central government is in existence. And as such, there have been no discussion of minimum support price.

SPEAKER : Since Pu Zodintluanga Ralte is not here to ask starred Question No. 4, let us call upon Pu Zothantluanga to ask starred Question No.5.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Will the hon. Minister for Fisheries Department be pleased to state -

If Mizoram have produced fish seeds?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu K. Lalrinliana to answer the question.

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you.

Mizoram have produced about 90 lakhs worth of fish seeds between 2020 - 2021.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Pu Speaker, thank you. Is there any production at the crab farm in Kolasib District? Is the farm successful?

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Pu Speaker, thank you. My question is the same as of Pu BD Chakma. There has been mentions of crab farm in social media as one crab costing ₹9,000. I kindly request the hon. minister to explain and tell us the truth.

SPEAKER : *Supplementary Question* from Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER : *Question Hour* has ended. Shall we let him continue? (*The House agree to let him continue with his speech.*) Please continue.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA: Pu Speaker, the success of fish growers greatly depends on the quality of fish seed. Would it be possible for the government to distribute fish seeds for free or at least at a subsidized rate?

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

PU K. LALRINLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. In response to the question of Pu BD Chakma, construction the crab farm is ongoing in Kolasib District and there is no production as yet.

Pu Speaker, the answer to Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte's question is - I am devastated that a smear campaign has been spread across social media in regards to the crab farm. We are planning to file FIR against the individual who spread this false information. We received ₹57 lakhs from SEDP for this project, far less than the rumour in social media as ₹547 lakhs to be received for this project. Currently, we are researching and conducting a trial crab farm to comprehend how the crabs will thrive in a pond setting.

Pu Speaker, in response to Pu Zothantluanga, our centralized goal is to generate more brood fish in order to produce high quality fish seeds. We have also subsidized fish seeds by 70% through SEDP. In spite of the pandemic where there is shortage of workers, we were able to produce more than 50 lakhs in fishery industry. We expect this amount to increase as we are slowly easing into pre-pandemic setting. Thank you.

LAYING OF PAPERS:

SPEAKER : We will move on to *Laying of Papers*. Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga to lay in the House 'Thirtieth Annual Report of the MPSC for the year, 2020-2021'.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I lay before this House the 'Thirtieth Annual Report of the MPSC for the year, 2020-2021'.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon the hon. Minister Pu R. Lalzirliana to lay on the table of the House 'Audit Report of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram for the year, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17'.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I lay on the table of the House 'Audit Report of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram for the year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17'.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Let us call upon the hon. Minister Dr. K. Beichhua to lay before the House 'Annual Report of the Office of the Commission, Persons with Disabilities Mizoram for the year, 2020-2021'.

DR. K. BEICHHUA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, thank you. I lay on the table of this House 'Annual Report of the Office of the Commission, Persons with Disabilities Mizoram for the year, 2020-2021'.

DISCUSSION ON MOTION OF THANKS:

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed.

We will now move on to discussion on *Motion of Thanks* and discuss the speech given by the hon. Governor of Mizoram. This *Motion of Thanks* was moved by respected member Pu K. Laldawngliana; 10 minutes each will be given to each member and House Leader and Group Leaders will be given additional time. Let us call upon Pu K. Laldawngliana to open the discussion.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Pu Speaker, thank you. I thank God for placing me in this position and I would like to quote a Bible verse, II Timothy 4:5 that has put me in this position. I also thank Tuirial constituency for their faith and trust in me.

The speech of the hon. Governor has highlighted the developments and projects undertaken by the government. Covid has disrupt our lives and in the process, Mizoram along with Kerala is struggling to contain infection rates for a long time. I express my gratitude to the hon. Chief Minister for his leadership and resourcefulness during these trying times.

The hon. Governor mentioned the flagship programme of this Ministry - SEDP and mentioned that 83.93 crores has been set aside for this programme. I find it admirable that such a sum could be set aside for SEDP despite the pandemic.

I feel especially grateful to the hon. Governor for mentioning my late entry to the House.

The hon. Governor also mentioned the important place Mizoram has occupied in the Central government during its recently passed Union Budget. The Central government has approved and sanctioned ₹500 crores for Aizawl by-pass road and ₹100 crores for pilot project of bamboo link road.

There are several projects and development work currently undertaken by the State government which is mentioned by the hon. Governor such as addition and improvement of security force at Assam border. Development of the 3 new districts i.e., Khawzawl, Saitual and Hnahthial will commence shortly. There are also several projects under PWD which was funded by World Bank Fund and Asian Development Bank. Several projects and development works are ongoing under PHE, Health & Family Welfare, Home Department, Power & Electricity, Ministry of Rural

Development, Forest Department, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department, Fisheries Department, Food & Civil Supplies, UD&PA, Land Revenue & Settlement Department, Education Department, Sports & Youth Department and Industries Department.

Although every development works and projects headed by different departments cannot be included in the hon. Governor's speech, I am thrilled that the hon. Governor took time to mention the undertakings of smaller departments such as Legal Metrology Department, Printing & Stationery Department, Institutional Finance and State Lottery.

It is definite from the speech made by the hon. Governor that the State government has accomplished many projects and will continue to do so. I move that this House thank the hon. Governor for his speech. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu F. Lalnunmawia.

DR. F. LALNUNMAWIA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I support the *Motion of Thanks* moved by respected Member, Pu K. Laldawngliana.

Pu Speaker, the Hon. Governor stated in his speech how well the Government of Mizoram cope with the Covid 19 crisis which emerges as one of the best performing states in India. This is quite notable. Meanwhile, it is unfortunate to learn that there are some people who used to baselessly criticizing the government through social media. However, it is soothing to learn from the Hon. Governor's speech of how the government worked tirelessly for the people during this difficult time.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Hon. Member Pu K. Laldawngliana for winning Tuirial Constituency bye election.

Pu Speaker, we can see from the Governor's Speech that Notification for the establishment of Lunglei Municipal Council was issued on 22.11.2021. This is a great achievement especially for the people of Lunglei.

In the new union budget, ₹500 crore is kept for Aizawl by pass project. Besides, ₹100 crore is kept for bamboo link road pilot project in the state. I would like to thank the Hon. House Leader for his tireless effort for this kind of projects. It is the same regarding Champhai – Zokhawthar road under the initiative of PWD. It is apparent how it will help the people in their livelihood of the people there.

We can see from the Governor's speech how the PHE Department had done a great work. It was pointed out that 61,850 families from 209 villages were now provided with functional house-tap connection. I would also like to thank the Hon. Dy. Chief Minister and his department for this.

It is great to learn that 1,000 LPM oxygen plant was inaugurated at ZMC. This is much needed especially during this Covid period. It will surely solve the problem of the patients as well as the staff to a great extent. This hospital which was initially 150

bedded hospital is upgraded to 280 bedded after the Covid pandemic. The ICU is also upgraded to 48 beds from 13 beds.

Pu Speaker, we have also seen the achievements of Rural Development Department in this Governor's Speech. Funds were availed under rural employment guarantee scheme through which wages could be given to people living in villages. It is notable that ₹597.5 lakh was profited from off-season tomato alone. It is a huge success from Horticulture Department. Besides, great amount of income was also made from cabbage and dragon fruit also.

It is also a notable work that the Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department had made us through the time of crisis due to the pandemic. There are other points also to be mentioned like Education Department, Sport and Youth Services, etc. However, I will stop here as the time does not permit me. I support the *Motion of Thanks* proposed by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu L Thangmawia.

PU L. THANGMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am really happy about the Governor's Speech. To begin with, it is overwhelming to learn that Municipal Council will be introduced in Lunglei as approved by Council of Minister on 16th November, 2022.

The Central Government has allocated ₹500 crore for underground road in Aizawl. Besides, ₹100 crore is also allocated for Sihmui – Muallungthu Aizawl Bypass Road. These projects are very important for the people especially those living in the western side of the city.

Proposals for bamboo link road as well as development works through SEDP are worth mentioning. Plan for establishment of Police Outpost, Border Police Check Post, Foreigner Facilitation Centre at NE Khawdungsei and Teikhang contained in Point No. 7 is also an important one. It is also pleasing to see how the hon. Governor pointed out in his speech the notable works done by the government during the pandemic. Besides, its effort to provide better road connectivity for the people is also notable.

The initiative for supply of drinking water facility to most of the villages in Mizoram and Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme are also worth mentioning. The Hon. Governor also mentioned about the Green India Mission through which ₹2989.08 is sanctioned for Creation and Maintenance of Plantation.

Lastly, in point No. 16, three villages of my constituency Ngopa, Lamzawl and Pawlrang were mentioned. I am overwhelmed how the hard work and success of the farmers were mentioned in the Governor's Speech. I support the Motion moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinsanga Ralte.

PU LALRINSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I found many points in the Governor's Speech to be thankful for. To begin with, the decision made for Lunglei

Municipal Council is a notable one. I do hope it will be a huge step for development for the people of Lunglei. Budget allocation for Aizawl by-pass road and bamboo link road in the union budget shows the efficiency of the hon. Chief minister.

The proposal for police company headquarters at Vairengte in my constituency is another notable point. We had often faced border disputes in this area in the past. Stationing our police at this place is a bold and important move by the government. ₹82 lakh had been spent for construction of duty posts in this area. Besides, IN was constructed at Bilkhawthlir with a sanction amount of ₹400 lakh. I am obliged to mention this kind of work in a very important place like Bilkhawthlir.

In order to solve water scarcity within Serlui Constituency, nine villages were included under JJM. This will surely help the people to a great extent. Bilkhawthlir PHC was reconstructed under Health & Family Welfare Department. Setting up of X-ray machine and establishment of Health & Wellness Centre is also an important step.

In Education Department, 157 High School teachers were recruited under SEDP. This will help improve education especially in rural areas. The road construction work at the disputed border areas is a notable one under PWD. There are many other points also, however, I will end my speech here supporting the Motion of Thanks moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Hon. Member Dr. BD Chakma.

PU B.D. CHAKMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am happy to take part in the discussion of this Motion of thanks today. Before I move to the topic, I would like to express my desire that this House continue to function with fairness and respect. I, as an opposition member, also try to perform as a constructive one for the people.

Moving to the governor's Speech, Firstly, I am very happy about the increase amount of pension grant to Ex-MDC and Mizoram Regional Council Members. I am also pleased to hear that approval for Lunglei Municipal Council was also made. I am also very happy that the central government allocated ₹500 crore for Aizawl bypass road and ₹100 crore for bamboo link road. There are also certain initiatives under SEDP also. However, I reckon there will be possibilities to construct police posts through central project instead of SEDP.

It is also great that ₹51.80 crore will be available for combating illicit drugs and narcotic drugs. Equipment of all police stations with CCTC is important. The question is, if it is carried out properly. I will verify this matter as soon as I visit Chawngte. I would like to acknowledge the works done by the Hon. PHE Minister regarding Jal Jeevan mission in the State.

We have seen in newspapers how the people are warned of stopping power disconnection for not paying bills. I would like to ask what the exact position and how much debt does the government has for power supply. While thanking for a new oxygen plant at ZMC, it is desirable that Genomic Sequencing Facility may also be established.

I wish the rules and regulations could be followed regarding material components in Rural Development Department. Regarding Agriculture Department, the rice production decreases this year. This is quite unfortunate. It is my opinion that agricultural activities should not be stopped even during the pandemic.

The farmers have lost their animals on a massive scale due to African Swine Fever. In this regard, I would like to ask if the farmers will get compensation through SEDP. It is desirable not to depend on the central fund alone. I am pleased with the introduction of 'One nation, one ration' initiative.

Regarding High Schools, I reckon several fixed pay teachers were recruited under SEDP. The wages paid to these teachers seems too little. I hope it will be increased through allocation made in the State budget. Further, regarding Higher & Technical Education Department, it is stated that the department is expected to have ₹20919524 revenue. I would like to ask from where this amount will be generated. I also found making Land Establishment for Mizoram University Southern Campus.

I am happy to learn that huge amount was received from the central government through PMJKY. Artificial Football turf is also under construction under this scheme.

We heard that the Ministry of Shipping has approved ₹2292.94 lakhs for Inland Water Transport. I am happy to learn that there are projects going on at Khawthlangtuipui.

Pu Speaker, our state is still quite young in tourism industry. I am happy that it keeps growing under an able Minister. I hope this continues in the future. I would like to express my gratitude that ₹99 lakh was sanctioned to seven minority concentrated areas. I would like to hear the name of this areas.

Lastly, I request all the hon. Members to purchase stationery items from Printing and Stationery Department outlets so that it may become revenue earning department. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We shall have a recess for now. The sitting will resume at 2:00 PM.

2:00 P.M.

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo.

PU LALRINTLUANGA SAILO: Thank you, Pu Speaker. Before I move to the motion, I would like to state that I felt unfortunate that the opposition members left the august House only due to hearsay. I found it degrading for the dignity of this House also.

Among many points in the Governor's address, I would like to congratulate the people of Lunglei for the approval of Lunglei Municipal Council. I am overwhelmed for allocation of fund for Bamboo Link Road in the union budget. Another allocation is

also made for Aizawl bypass road. I found this two to be vital for the development of the state as well as the people.

We have also found that there is a good cooperation between NGOs, church and the media for maintaining peace within the state. Police barracks were constructed through SEDP. All these steps to maintain law and order in the state are notable.

The Government's effort to provide good roads for accessing remote areas during this pandemic is quite remarkable. Projects were also made for providing drinking water to remote villages through Jal Jeevan Mission. Employment guarantee scheme for the people living in rural areas was implemented in a much better way. All these are remarkable signs of development under this government.

The efforts and achievement of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department to provide us with sufficient supply during this pandemic is worth mentioning. Besides, we were under siege by the neighboring state during a very difficult situation. They still could manage to provide for the people. I sincerely thank the department for this.

The recruitment of teachers under SEDP shows how concern this government is for the improvement of education in the state.

Regarding Sports & Youth Services, it is notable how the government had five artificial turf football ground during three years' time only. There are many ongoing projects in other disciplines also.

I am very happy that international trade will be implemented soon through Inland Water Transport project. This will sure be a blessing for my constituency in particular. I am happy to learn how the YMA, NGOs, church and the government worked together towards rehabilitating refugees from Myanmar.

Lastly, I am happy that the Mizoram Subordinate Services Selection Board was established. I do hope that the pace for filling up of vacant government jobs may be quicker. I am supporting the Motion of thanks moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu H. Biakzaau.

PU H. BIAKZAUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. First of all, I thank the hon. Chief minister that ₹71.381 lakh has been allocated for increase of pension allowance for former MDC and MPRC. We have also seen the efforts towards decentralization of power as stated in the election manifesto. Lunglei Municipal Council denotes this initiative.

It is overwhelming to see that ₹600 crore has been allotted for Mizoram alone. We are the only NE state to get this amount of allocation. I would like to express my appreciation of the cooperation between the government, the church and other civil societies for maintaining peace in the state. Construction of building for police forces at Assam border is an important one. Other buildings were also constructed at Khawzawl and Saitual.

Lok Adalat had done a great job last year. They settled 1389 cases last year. This is a remarkable work of the government. It should also be mentioned that 210 kms of road was constructed last year under PMGSY by PWD.

Regarding PHE Department also, 61850 families in 209 villages were given functional house-step connection through JJM Scheme. Construction of Khawzawl and East Lungdar Power & Electricity Department Sub Station was inaugurated through SEDP. 132 KV Sub Station is also under process.

There are several ongoing health infrastructure development programme. ZMC and Aizawl Civil Hospital is also maintained and renovated properly and regularly. There are notable works under RD Department especially regarding NREGA. The National Afforestation Programme through Green India Mission under Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department is a notable one. Fire Prevention & Management Scheme is also now implemented successfully.

Various schemes were implemented through Agriculture Department. Production of cabbage, tomato, watermelon, dragon fruit and many other crops drastically increased last year. Vegetable and fruit supply chain during covid pandemic is also worth mentioning.

Under Veterinary Department, Veterinary Hospitals were constructed in four districts. Besides, 37 RAH centers were upgraded to Dispensaries. I would like to mention the notable works done by Food, Civil Service & Consumer Affairs Department during Covid crisis to provide essential commodities for the people.

Recruitment of 157 High School teachers through SEDP is an important one which I am really happy about. Construction of artificial turf football grounds, volleyball and basketball courts and other sport infrastructures are very important for the development of the youth. The initiative for smart classroom under ICT Department is also another important point.

Distribution of funds received from the central government to Autonomous District Councils for Skill Development & Training Centre is also an important move made by the government. With these points, Pu Speaker, I would like to support the Motion of Thanks moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu Lawmawma Tochwawng.

PU LAWMAWMA TOCHHAWNG: Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. I would not be able to go through the speech in detail due to time constrain. First of all, I am really happy with the approval for implementation of Lunglei Municipal Council. I found this to be the fulfillment of the government's commitment for decentralization of power.

As mentioned by other members also, allocation of ₹600 crore in the union budget for Aizawl by-pass road and bamboo link road is quite notable. I believe this really shows the sincerity and hard work of the hon. Chief minister.

The mentioning of initiatives for maintaining peace and order in the state is very important. The cooperation of the people, the church, the government and other civil societies for this purpose is vital. Constructions of buildings and other infrastructures by PWD in spite of many limitations imposed by Covid Pandemic shows how this government aimed for the development of the state. The efforts made by PHE for providing water supply should not be overlooked. The achievement made by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer affairs during this difficult time is also rather unbelievable.

The works done by Sport & Youth Services department for the youth is very important. The youth today are the future of the state and thus, this department is somehow in the helm of the future of the state. In Transport Department, an achievement which seems small yet very important if their achievement of making ₹200 lakh revenue last year. Inland Water Transport project at Khawthlangtuipui will also surely serve an important purpose for our state.

Ending my speech, I would like to support the Motion moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will now call upon Er. H. Lalzirliana.

ER. H. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Regarding the Governor's Speech, I would like to start with is regarding the approval for Lunglei Municipal Council. I consider this as a great achievement of the government. Besides, allocation of separate fund for Mizoram in the newly passed Union Budget is phenomenal.

I am very happy particularly for the public water supply initiatives through JJM. My constituency is immensely benefitting through this mission. Besides, we are also enjoying several advantages regarding access to essential commodities also.

Regarding School Education Department also, our constituency is called 'aspirational district' and thus, it is more beneficial for us.

One of the biggest achievements of the government is establishment of Mizoram University Southern Campus. Besides, I am very impress how the sportspersons of our state attain a new height through different sport infrastructures built by the government.

Lastly, I would also like to mention Inland Water Transport. This initiative proves that this government works for the people. Therefore, I support the Motion moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Pu C. Lalmuanpuia.

PU C. LALMUANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I found many interesting points in the Governor's Speech. To begin with, I am really happy for the approval of Lunglei Municipal Council which further marked a clear indication of decentralization of power.

The allocation of ₹500 crore and ₹100 for Aizawl by pass road and bamboo link road respectively are phenomenal. It shows the sincerity and efficiency of the hon. Chief minister.

There are several developments through PWD also. There are ongoing major projects like Champhai – Zokhawthar Road, Tlabung – Kawrpuichhuah, Chhunkhum – Chawngte, etc. All these are quite important for the people. I should not fail to mention the works done by JJM under which 209 villages were given water supply. I would like to thank the department for this achievement.

We are all aware about the importance of ZMC nowadays. There is a huge need for oxygen every day. It is good to hear that a new bigger plant was set up for ZMC. The number of beds also increased to 268 from 150. The number of ICU bed is also increased to 48.

Under Rural Development Department, it is worth mentioning that people living in rural areas were provided wages for 100 days under Employment Guarantee Scheme. This helped them a lot during Covid crisis. The production of different crops immensely increased under Horticulture Department also.

Regarding Veterinary Department, 37 nos. Rural Animal Health Centre were upgraded to Veterinary Dispensary and six dispensaries were also upgraded to Veterinary Hospitals. Chicken hatchery farm is also an important achievement of the government.

It is really notable that Transport Department had now made revenue for the government. The department had also given travel concession to weaker sections of the society the practice which is an important contribution for the society.

I am thankful for the ongoing multi-level parking project at Mizo High School building and the progress of Inland Water Transport project.

Thus, I am really thankful for the points mentioned in the Governor's speech and I support this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. ZR Thiamsanga.

DR. ZR THIAMSANGA : Thank you, Pu Deputy Speaker. First of all, I would like to congratulate the mover of this *Motion of Thanks*, Pu K. Laldawngliana for winning Tuirial Constituency Bye Election.

In Point No. 3 of the Governor's Speech, we read that wastes from AMC community quarantine center were disposed carefully. I found this very important for public health. Besides, I am happy to learn that ₹2.5 lakhs each was sanctioned to every ward for the fight against Covid 19.

Approval for Lunglei Municipal Council is another notable step taken by this government. I hope it will also be approved soon for Champhai and other District Capitals also.

Allocation of ₹500 crore for Aizawl By-pass Road and ₹100 crore for bamboo link road are worth mentioning. Seizure of ₹51.83 crore by Mizoram Police was also mentioned in the Governor's Speech. It shows the great work done by the Police.

The work done by State Legal Services Authority is often overlooked. It is great to learn that 1389 legal cases were settled last year. Regarding PHE Department, 61850 families from 209 villages were given household water connection. A huge project is underway in Champhai District also at Keilungliah.

As already mentioned, Education Department has done a great job recruiting teachers through SEDP. This will solve teacher shortage problem in rural areas to a great extent. I would like to mention the work of Rural Development Department also. It is the result of the immense effort from the department and the hon. minister that the people in rural areas could get 100 day's wages during Covid crisis through Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Agriculture Department as well as Horticulture Department had also done a great job during the pandemic. Increase in food production shows their work in this regard. Besides, introduction of vegetable supply chain is also an important move under this department.

There are several developments regarding Sports & Youth Services also mentioned in the Speech. I would like to praise the hon. Sports minister for his achievements. Regarding Forest Department also, 2.8% of the total area is estimated to be forest cover in India. Meanwhile, the total forest cover in Mizoram is 84.52% which is an overwhelmingly large area. I would take this opportunity to thank P&E Department and the hon. minister concerned for completing East Lungdar – Khawzawl 132 kV Line. I also appreciated the work of Revenue Department that they could issue 584 House Passes and 885 LSCs amid Covid crisis.

Lastly, it is great to witness the great achievements of Health & Family Welfare Department. Their work in fighting against Covid 19 and the cooperation among the people of Mizoram is exceptional. Linear Acceleration machine for cancer treatment is also launched by the department. Plan for inauguration of cancer hospital is also an important development for the people of Mizoram.

With these words, I support this *Motion of Thanks* moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. K. Pachhunga.

DR. K. PACHHUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I am happy that the Hon. Governor pointed out many achievements of the government in this time of crisis. I would like to start with allocation of ₹500 crore for Aizawl bypass road and ₹100 crore for bamboo link road in the union budget.

It gives us immense joy as we learn that approval for Lunglei Municipal Council was given. This will surely bring development for Lunglei in the near future. Besides, it is also worth mentioning that Mizoram University Southern Campus.

The Health & Family Welfare Department shows great performance during the Covid 19 pandemic. Upgradation of ZMC to cope with the need is phenomenal. It is also notable that bigger oxygen plant was also installed recently.

Being a hilly area, there used to be water scarcity. It is great to learn that the government could provide massive number of household water connection through central scheme. The government also provided us with enough essential commodities even during the time of crisis.

We can also learn from the Governor's Speech that there is a huge increase in Agricultural as well as Horticulture product. Besides, there is an increase in meat production also. The people of Mizoram are eagerly waiting for the success of the government's flagship programme SEDP. This speech showed how the government tirelessly worked for the welfare of the people. Hence, I offer my support for the Motion of Thanks to be passed. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon Dr. Vanlaltanpuia.

DR. VANLALTANPUIA : Thank you, Pu Deputy. I would like to support the Motion of Thanks moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana on the Governor's Speech. The Hon. Governor had highlighted lucidly the great works done by the ministry during the past three years.

We have learned that there are 8,33,426 voters at present in Mizoram for which I am happy for. Also, regarding PAD, I have immense pleasure to hear that ₹71.38 lakh for the Ex-MDCs who had worked sincerely for the state.

I believe that this year's union budget may be the first time Mizoram is mentioned separately in the capital expenditure. The efforts made by the hon. Chief minister for this is remarkable. I found the cooperation of the government, the people, civil societies as well as churches for the betterment of the state is also worth mentioning.

We had a border dispute for many years. I believe that this government takes the most proactive steps in this regard. It is obvious the people are happy and at peace under this government. I thank the hon. Chief minister and the hon. Home Minister also in this regard. Renovation and strengthening of Police outposts at various places is really a good thing for the state.

It is great that several PWD works were mentioned especially the constructions and maintenance of roads. There are roads at all places of the state. This clearly shows that the government under the Leadership of hon. Chief Minister has serious concerns for the need of the people.

Jal Jeevan Mission, as already mentioned, functions under PHE Department. The works done through this mission are really assets to the state. We are fighting against the Covid pandemic, the fight being spear headed by Health & Family Welfare department under the guidance of Hon. Minister Dr. R. Lalthangliana. I would like to mention how the department improves a lot despite this crisis.

In fact, it is not possible to mention all the positive things mentioned by the Hon. Governor within this short time. Therefore, I would like to support the *Motion of Thanks* moved by Pu K. Laldawngliana. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now call upon Pu Zothantluanga.

PU ZOTHANTLUANGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. I am honored to take part in the discussion of *Motion of Thanks* today. We are facing a huge problem due to Covid 19 pandemic. Amid this crisis, I am happy to see how well the government, the people, NGOs as well as the church work together to fight against this disease. This is highlighted in the Governor's speech also. Several facilities and equipment were provided to ZMC due to the disease. This is a kind of blessing in disguise.

The allotment made in the Union Budget for Mizoram is another important point. New projects for Aizawl by-pass road and bamboo link road initiated by the hon. Chief minister were approved by the central government. The work done by the hon. Chief minister in this regard is a notable one.

We the people of Mizoram are striving hard for self-sufficiency. To help them in this quest, there are several developments in the veterinary department. Hatchery plants were installed the product of which are set to be increased. In order to help difficulties in food items, Vegetable Supply Chain was designed during the pandemic. Several infrastructure development works are still going on in spite of the Covid 19 crisis. There are many new sport infrastructures also. The works done through JJM under PHE Department is phenomenal. Therefore, i am supporting this Motion of Thanks. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us call upon the hon. Chief Minister, Pu Zoramthanga.

PU ZORAMTHANGA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Before I discuss about the motion, it is unfortunate that the Opposition Members have left the House today. As I have informed them in person, it is inappropriate to maintain this House merely on the basis of some anonymous audio recordings. Thus, I request them to attend the budget session in the coming days.

The MNF Ministry faces a kind of crisis each time it came into power. During the previous ministry, there is a huge crisis due to bamboo flowering and again this time, while we are having great expectations, the Covid 19 crisis got us again. Besides, there is a massive problem due to African Swine Fever which is incurable. Another big problem is the border dispute with Assam which the public is well aware of. This border problem alone is also a big problem itself. Moreover, we are again facing a huge refugee problem in the eastern side. Refugees enter Mizoram by the thousands. In view of all these major problems, it is just amazing how we could manage ourselves. We have heard about the financial problems. The amount which we failed to get from the central government which is already passed in the budget is ₹2,700 cores.

I personally tried very hard for the bamboo project passed in the union budget this year. There was never such similar project in other states before. Therefore, we

need to act as the pioneer of this kind of project. ₹100 crore is approved for the project. It is the same regarding Aizawl By pass road also. We left no stone unturned to make these projects a success. As a result, ₹500 crore was allotted for this project also.

Lastly, regarding SEDP we are trying our best to implement the government's flagship programme. However, the Covid pandemic does not allow us. There is a huge financial constrain during this time of crisis. In spite of this problem, we are still trying to start by distributing ₹50,000 to sixty thousand families. We do hope that we could continue the programme in the next ministry also.

I believe by God's grace we will continue to form the Ministry even in the next election. So, I will conclude by stating my support in passing the Motion of the hon. Member Pu K. Laldawngliana.

SPEAKER : I will now call upon the hon. Member Pu K. Laldawngliana.

PU K. LALDAWNGLIANA: Thank you Pu Speaker. I express my gratitude towards my fellow members for their constructive ideas and support. I express my gratefulness towards Lunglei and Chhimtuipui as they will establish their own municipal council and I am positive this will bring a better change towards the development of our state.

We are thankful to the Central Government for their approval of ₹600 crore project and also for the progress achieved through SEDP. It is gratifying to see the co-operation between the government, NGO's and the churches of Mizoram towards their battle against the pandemic. From the Governor's Speech it is obvious that under this Ministry, all departments have given their efforts and we have seen great progress, so, I request all my fellow members to adopt the Motion of Thanks by the Governor. Thank you, Pu Speaker/

SPEAKER : We have discussed the Motion of Thanks, "*That the member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly is deeply grateful for the address which he has been pleased to deliver on the 22nd February, 2022*" and all those in favor of adopting this Motion may say, "Aye" and those who oppose may say, "No" (*There is no objection.*)

Since there are no objections, the *Motion of thanks* is unanimously passed by the House. (**Pu K. Laldawngliana** : Thank you, Pu Speaker.)

We have finished our business for today and we will resume our session tomorrow, i.e., Dt 24.2.2022 at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (4:22 PM)