

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR FIFTH SITTING ON MONDAY, THE 12th OCTOBER, 2015
(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 LALRINMAWIA RALTE**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) The Payment of Gratuity (Mizoram) Rules, 2015.
 - ii) The Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Rules, 2015.
 - iii) The Mizoram Maternity Benefit Rules, 2014.
 - iv) The Mizoram Industrial Disputes Rules, 2015.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR
2015-2016.**

3. **General Discussion** on the Budget for the year 2015-2016
(to commence)

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : But you are the chosen people, the royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(I Peter 2: 9&10)

We shall now take up questions. After the answer, the owner of the question may ask another supplementary question and the answer will be given by the Minister. After that, we shall take another two supplementary questions which will be answered together by the Minister.

Let us call upon Pu Lalruatkima to ask Starred Question No. 53.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My Starred Question No. 53 to Minister of Trade & Commerce Department is:

- a) Whether there is a proposal to close down MAMCO. If so, what is the reason?
- b) Does MAMCO have any debt? If so, how much is it?
- c) Decision of the Govt. for the future of MAMCO employees.

SPEAKER : Let us call the Minister concerned.

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

- a) It is proposed to be closed down. The Govt. of Mizoram has deployed Deloitte & Touche Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. to examine restructuring of the PSEs and its recommendation is to close down MAMCO.
- b) There is no loan debt. However, it has a total debt of ₹6,80,618.
- c) The Employees were asked to make their decision according to the Mizoram State Public Sector Enterprises Early Retirement Rules (ERR), 2015. The employees who are not willing to avail this scheme will be dealt with the Special Scheme for Recruitment of Employees of the closed Public Sector Enterprises under the Govt. of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. We have seen that there is an attempt of restructuring of PSEs in the Budget Speech of our Hon'ble Finance Minister. The OM of Special Scheme for Employees was notified on the 30th and

other notifications are also made in September. My Questions are: -

- 1) We see no option for Group-A employees in this ERR. How is the future of this Group-A employees?
- 2) Secondly, will the government again take a long time for processing payment of the employees who chose to avail ERR as it is done in the past to the persons availing VRS. The rules stated that they will be paid ₹1 lakh within 90 days if there is technical problem. Does this mean that there is no actual attempt to pay them within this period?
- 3) It is learned that there is no specific option for the persons availing ERR and also no calculation of the amount which they are going to received has been made. Can this be done now?
- 4) We have said that there is increase in production from NLUP. If MAMCO important for the marketing of these productions made through NLUP? What is the main factor in the decision to close down MAMCO?

SPEAKER : We will take another supplementary question and the Minister will answer it together. Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask how many projects have been handled by MAMCO at the moment and also how much is the total cost of such projects. Secondly, what will be the future of such projects if MAMCO is closed down? Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. When was the Deloitte Recommendation concluded and in which year they were being deployed?

SPEAKER : The Minister Concerned may answer all of it, at a single time.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding the question of Pu Lalruatkima regarding Group-A employees, it is under process. And, ERR options is not finalized as yet; it is only the beginning in this regard. The Government will take necessary steps according to the availability of funds also. Pu Speaker, i am not sure about the calculation of benefits.

Regarding the importance of MAMCO in the process of NLUP, the examiners have recommended it for closing down.

MAMCO undertakes various projects at the moment, viz. Construction of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) School, Khawzawl and Mamit. Pu Speaker, I could not provide the project details and as of when Deloitte & Touche Consulting India Pvt. Ltd. were deployed.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, may i ask another question?

SPEAKER : We will not take another supplementary question other than clarification of previous questions.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, about the future of the ongoing projects will be decided later.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is a fact that all our Public Sector Undertakings are of sick units which often create problems since the previous ministry. The CAG Reports also generally recommended its termination. However, it is not that easy as there are various things to be sorted out before taking action. The Cabinet has now decided to proceed by using Early Retirement Schemes and golden handshake programmes.

MIFCO is decided to be handed over to private sector. Hopefully, it is better and more beneficial for both government as well as the unit.

There is also an opinion to transform MAMCO into a construction company. However, it is a long time since we got a recommendation for its termination as Steps are being taken to do so. However, the main problem is about the future of its employees. After formulation of the Early Retirement Scheme, many of them submitted their option and the government is processing it at the moment. It is necessary to consider carefully if we still need ZENICS since ITC Department has been formed. Some corporations also claimed that they start earning income. However, these are only due to the fact that they are used to sell things other than their purview. In reality, they are still liability for the government.

Regarding the works handled by MAMCO, we have PWD who can take over

the project work.

SPEAKER : Let us now give time to Pu R.L. Pianmawia to ask his Starred Question No. 54.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Starred question No. 54 to the Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare Department –

Is there any fund provision for the repair works of decapitated Angawadi buildings?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Social Welfare Minister Pu P.C. Lalthanliana may answer.

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to starred Question No.54 is: - ₹225 lakh has been availed from the Government of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs during 2014-2015 for the renovation of 50 Nos. Anganwadi Centres.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : Pu Speaker, my supplementary Question is - Will the fund be made available for construction of new buildings?

SPEAKER : Any other supplementary questions?

PU P.C. LALTHANLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, funds for construction of new buildings of Anganwadi centres come separately with the permission to establish such centres. ₹4.50 lakh will be availed for construction of new building from Child Welfare Ministry.

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon Dr. K. Beichhua to ask Starred Question No. 55.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : My question to the Hon'ble Fisheries Minister is -

i) Is there any other initiative for cage culture fish farming as the like of Serlui dam?

ii) If so, in which places are they?

SPEAKER : Hon'ble Minister concerned to answer.

Dr. B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, my answer to Dr. K. Beichhua's question is: -

- i) Yes, there are other initiatives for cage culture fish farming.
- ii) It is proposed to be done at Teirei which is within Mamit Reserve, Palak and Tamdil.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, what is the amount of revenue collected so far from fish produced at Serlui Dam.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, the daily newspaper dated 27th July underlines some foul plays as being involved in the supply of fish seed under NLUP. Is this correct? If so, is the case being given to ACB for investigation as proposed by the Chief Minister?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer both questions.

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, to answer the supplementary Question No. 1, we are having 48 cages from which the production in the first year is 330 quintals and 210 quintals in the second harvest. The profit in the first harvest is Rs.28 lakh which is shared by the locality and the department by 50:50. The profit made in the second harvest is Rs.20 lakh and is again shared by both parties.

Regarding the second question, it is in the hands of ACB. In case of illegal move in the system, necessary action will be taken.

PU LALRUATKIMA : As stated by the Minister, there is sharing of profit with the local people by PPP mode. How can that be, while the local people of Builum are all evacuated?

SPEAKER : Can you answer it?

PU B.D. CHAKMA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I do not have any idea about their

eviction as it is not our concern.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua may ask starred question No. 56.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation Department is -

- a) Is there a proposal to acquire Zodin Cinema Hall for construction of motor parking?
- b) If so, what is the cost?
- c) Who is the owner of this building?

SPEAKER : Let us now call upon the Minister concerned Pu John Rotluangliana to answer it.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answer to starred question No. 56 is: -

- a) Yes, there is.
- b) It costs ₹1,000 lakh
- c) The owner is S.T. Khama, Electric Veng, Aizawl.

SPEAKER : Any Supplementary Question?

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, it seems that Rs.1000 lakh is too much. Is there any bargain? Is the building meant for parking alone or other purposes also?

SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU VANLALVENA : Pu Speaker, who is the negotiator in the transaction?

SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : What will be the revenue source for the government from the proposed building?

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister may answer the questions.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, having plan to resolve the problem of traffic and overcrowding in the city, the government is informed that Zodin Cinema Hall is on sale. A consultative committee was then formed for its purchase in which Dr. K. Beichhua himself is also a member and we decided to purchase the building. Since the area is a crowded place with AR ground lying just on the opposite, opinion arises for setting up parking lot in this area. Quite a long process had taken place in the negotiation as Pu K. Sangthuama, a personal friend of the owner of this building contributed a lot. The owner then agreed to sell the building to the government at the negotiated rate for the sake of the public. Regarding the question of Pu Z.S. Zuala, it is hopeful that large amount of revenue is coming if the plan is achieved.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, it is the desire of the government to have this place even if it is a little expensive. We knew that the owner is trying to sell it to another person and we tried hard to avail it at the lowest possible cost in which Pu K. Sangthuama had played an important role as well. I really appreciated his efforts in such case which concern convenience of the public.

I think that this will not serve only as a parking lot but also as multi-purpose conveniences. It may also be good for auditorium.

Pu Speaker, in the construction of the Millennium Centre during our previous ministry, there was a plan to accommodate parking lot at the basement and vegetable market at the first floor. Another floor had also been planned to rehabilitate shopkeepers of Bazar Bungkawn area with a view to widen the road. The then Governor, P.R. Kyndiah laid the foundation stone and the contractor was also selected. An expenditure of ₹ 2 crore involved in the process.

It is very unfortunate that such plans were not fulfilled by the following ministry like parking lot for public convenience. It is hopeful that an expenditure of ₹10 crore will be reimbursed only after 2 or 3 years of completion and will be used for setting up parking lot, shopping arcade and auditorium also.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you for giving me the time, Pu Speaker. I have had also enquired that place for the government during our time in the ministry but to no avail due to lack of funds. I again proposed purchasing this place to our Chief Minister and the Ministers in our meeting as I also phoned the owner of the land. Being the opposition member, I had a feeling that it is inappropriate for me to thoroughly involve in the process. However, I think that anything which is good for the public and our state is the most important.

I had also proposed reconstruction of our DC Office with basement for vehicle parking. However, it seems that there is some issue as it is a part of our heritage. In my personal opinion, this will also solve much of our problems. I was involved in such cases as for my objective is to serve for the public irrespective of political parties.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalruatkima to ask starred Question No. 57.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker, this is question shared by two members to the Hon'ble Minister of Home Department –

- a) Whether ex-gratia is given to those Police personnel who had lost their life in an encounter with HPC 'D' at Zokhawthiang.
- b) If so, how much is given per head?
- c) Whether such Police personnel are rewarded; and If so, how much and when were they rewarded.
- d) Whether compensation is given to the police personnel who had died in the incident of Zokhawthiang on 28th 3. 2015.

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Home Minister may answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER : Pu Speaker, the answers is –

- a) Approval has been given for payment of ex-gratia; and, 2 relatives of such victim were given employment on compassionate ground and 1 remains.
- b) Ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh each has already been approved in respect of the following Police personnel who had lost their life in the ambush, such as:
 1. S.I. Zoramthara Khawlhiring, AZL DEF
 2. D/G-III C. Lalchuailova, AZL DEF
 3. C/573 Hmangaihawia, 1st Bn. MAP

Relatives of such Police personnel being appointed on compassionate ground are:

1. K. Lallhmangaihtluanga,
B/o Late S.I. (U.B) Zoramthara Khawlhiring
Job Appointment: H/C (Opr.) at MPRO.
 2. Denghliri, W/o Late D/G-III C. Lalchualova
Job Appointment: IV Grade
Serchhip DEF (Appointment order enclosed)
 3. Compassionate appointment has not yet been given to the family of
Late C/673 Hmangaihawia, 1st Bn. MAP
- c) Award is not given to such Police Personnel who had lost their life in an encounter with HPC 'D'.
- d) Ex-gratia of ₹10 lakh each has been approved for further payment to the victim families, Vide No. D.32011/1/99-HMP Dt. 2.9.2015 (copy enclosed). However, sanction order from the Director, Disaster Management & Rehabilitation is awaited.

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Pu Ruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, we have learned from the answer that ₹10 lakh each has been approved to three persons. According to the Office Memorandum Dt. 27.10.2010 of Finance Department, ₹15 lakh has been allowed as ex-gratia for Action Against Militants, Terrorist and Extremist, etc. Why only ₹10 lakh is approved out of a total of ₹15 lakh which had been permitted?

Secondly, why is compassionate job appointment in favor of the relative of Hmangaihawia of Dinthar remains undone? And, why those injured in the encounter have not been rewarded?

SPEAKER : Supplementary Question from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Pu Speaker, why the MLAs who were on tour to a sensitive area had not been given security whereas the need is known? Is there any attempt to provide security and if such injured are compensated?

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, may I know whether those insurgents were arrested? If so, how were arrested? What action is taken by the

government in this regard?

SPEAKER : The Minister concerned may answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as per OM issued by Finance Department, deaths during service is classified into different classes. It is the desire of Home Department that the existing case falls under the category of ₹15 lakh. However, the Finance Department opined it should fall under ₹10 lakhs for it is not actually of death during operation.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, this OM could be interpreted in various ways and so let me read it out.

- a) Death occurring due to accident in the cause of performance of duties - ₹ 10 Lakh;
- b) Death occurring in the cause of performance of duties attributable to acts of violence by terrorists, anti social elements, etc. - ₹10 lakh;
- c) Death occurring due to: -
 - i) Enemy action in international war or border skirmish; and,
 - ii) Action against militants, terrorists, extremists, etc. - ₹ 15 lakh.

This point is what I would like to stress upon. Those victims in question should deserve ₹ 15 lakh according to this point.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is the point I have just given. On security measure, SI and a constable were sent to clear-off the route in advance. However, they proceed uninterrupted without perception that ambush may happen.

The reason why security was not given from Aizawl is that we believed such incident will not happen where as the concerned MLA of this constituency has even informed it will not be necessary. Regarding the question as to whether such militants were arrested, Pu Speaker, one was shot death, one arrested and the remaining left untraceable.

PU LALRUATKIMA : My question regarding compassionate appointment has not been answered.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: The reason that any relative of Hmangaih mawia was not given job appointment, his family could not yet decide to whom the appointment would be given.

DR. K. BEICHHUA : How about other casualties?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, as I have already stated, the driver attached to Pu R.L. Pianmawia MLA is proposed be given IV Grade appointment.

SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama may now ask Starred Question No. 58.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the Hon'ble Home Minister is: –

What is the reason for the delay of fund provisions for Indo-Bangladesh Social Infrastructure to four villages covering 1,447 families within Mamit District amounting to ₹14,29,94,000 even though it has already been sanctioned?

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Home Minister may give the answer.

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

The fund is not meant to be given to each family but for construction of public infrastructures. It is not yet released due to Financial Sanction issued on the 27th March, 2015 as a result of Financial Year's ending. In this regard, Finance Concurrence has been done twice but it remains unapproved. We have again submitted with new estimates to Finance Department.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Speaker, I would like to ask why there is an objection from Finance Department while it is already proposed to be drawn as AC Bill.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, how many villages of Mizoram were fenced out in the Indo-Bangladesh Border Fencing? What is the area of Mizoram which has been fenced out?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Minister concerned to give the answer.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, regarding Pu K. Sangthuama's question, I cannot not say except that we could not fulfill the norms of Finance Department as yet. We will give more efforts in the future.

Regarding border fencing as asked by Er. Rinawma, I have no answer at the moment.

SPEAKER : Er. Lalrinawma may now ask his Starred Question No. 59.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the Hon'ble Tourism Minister is: –

- a) Number of trekking routes being proposed for Mizoram;
- b) How much is the estimate?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister concern may give the answer.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, answer to Starred Question No. 59 from Er. Lalrinawma is: –

- a) 3 Nos. trekking routes.
- b) The estimates are as follows: -
 - i) Trekking Route, Aizawl (Reiek to Ailawng) - ₹400.00 lakh
 - ii) Trekking Route, Chalfilh - ₹800.00 lakh
 - iii) Trekking Route, Blue Mountain of Sangau - ₹495.07 lakh

Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over. We shall finish this question. Supplementary questions, if any?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, how much is sanctioned for the work; and, how much is the physical and the financial achievement?

SPEAKER : The hon. Minister may give the answer.

PU JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, out of the total sanctioned amount of ₹80,16,000, 40% of the work is being completed so far on the trekking route, Aizawl (Reiek - Ailawng). For trekking route Chalfilh, 45% of the work has been completed so far and the amount already been released is ₹160.00 lakh. Regarding trekking route Blue Mountain of Sangau, ₹99,10,000 has been released and 50% of the work is done.

For information of the House, Pu Speaker, fund provision for the 2nd installment is not coming as yet as the work is on halt at the moment. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The Question hour is now over. Pu S. Laldingliana and Pu Hmingdailova Khiangte have applied permission of leave of absence as they were both granted.

Now we shall move to Laying of Papers. Hon. Member Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte has four papers to be laid in the House. Let us now give time to him.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the consent of this august House, I hereby lay the following papers: –

- a) The payment of Gratuity (Mizoram) Rules, 2015
- b) The Mizoram Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Rules, 2015
- c) The Mizoram Maternity Benefit Rules, 2014
- d) The Mizoram Industrial Disputes Rules, 2015

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. Meanwhile, the Chair will be changed.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now have a general discussion on the Budget presented by the hon. Finance Minister on 9th October, 2015 (Friday). Let us first call upon hon. Member, Pu Zoram Sangliana.

PU P.C. ZORAM SANGLIANA: Pu Deputy Speaker, I, first of all would like to thank our hon. Finance Minister for preparing a very clear and vivid budget speech. Besides, I am very thankful for providing us the booklet of our budget speech which helps me a lot.

Pu Speaker, from my recent experience, I felt that it is important to check if the equipments used by our contractors in their work are the same as prescribed at the time of tender. For example, there is a strong vigilance in the ongoing work of Bairabi Road which leads to the construction of one of the best roads in Mizoram. I am also thankful to all our officers and staffs who work for this construction work.

In Kolasib, the construction of roads was undertaken by an engineer from the locality, I really hope that this will bring improvement. Meanwhile, there is something which should be done from the part of the people as well as me, the MLA. We Mizos are the people who are ready to render public services. It is our practice to look after public roads and places. I would like to urge the people to continue the same good deed nowadays also.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I have heard that our Police rescued a 7 years old girl from the hands of kidnappers; it is notable that this took place outside Mizoram, about 60 kms from Silchar. I really appreciate the meritorious service of our Police under the leadership of our hon. Home Minister. It is also the proper and strong leadership of our hon. House Leader which leads to all this efficiency and service for which I would also like to congratulate him as well.

Regarding the District hospitals, it is important that we assessed the productivity of the projects. It is also important to take into consideration of how much manpower we have.

Speaking of District Hospitals, the Administrative Block, Electrical Trade Building Block, Automobile Trade Building and Multipurpose-cum-Library were fully constructed through Higher & Technical Department in September, 2014 at Thingdawl, Kolasib spending ₹800 lakhs from the budget allocation of ₹1,230 lakh. Regarding the collapsed bridge, it is the PWD's job to secure the bridges, nuts and electric poles from missing.

Pu Speaker, when will Polytechnic be opened for the students and when will it be put into function? In this connection, it is appreciating that the Nursing College is constructed which comprises the main building and Girl's Hostel and was completed during 2013-2014.

Pu Dy. Speaker, while making a big project to the Central for the Kolasib

District Hospital, I have a speculative thought that the unoccupied Polytechnic buildings may be furnished for use as the said hospital. In this connection, I suggest that no building which will not be occupied for the purpose may not be constructed in the future.

The Govt. is taking measures to eradicate jhuming and accordingly on the 21st July, more than 700 farmers, each having their own paddy fields passed a Resolution with 7 points at the WRC Farmers Meet. With your permission Pu Speaker, point 5 & 7 reads, “Let a Processing Mill owned by Private or public Society be established; Let the Govt. determine a reliable marketing for rice products; Let initiative be taken in selling the newly harvested rice that are produced from Kolasib District to the processing Mill within the District only”.

While such is the case, concerned farmers today enjoy only 30% of their rice production while other states enjoy 70%. It would be much obliged if Kolasib District enjoys the 70% and a Processing Mill. I also believe that it is time for the department to buy rice from Kolasib District also as our farmers, just like Supply Department dares to buy the supplementary from Burma side.

Point 7 states, “If anyone misuses WRC-I & II provided by the Govt. for cultivation, he will be restricted from receiving aid and support”. It was passed by 700 farmers while I was assisting the hon. Agriculture Minister. So, Pu Speaker, I believe it is time that we change our motives; we should help the farmers in profiting their cultivations if we want increase our rice productions.

Looking back from the time that institution was first established, the schools looked after by the Christian Community are more successful than the Govt. schools. We therefore need to examine ourselves. As regards to the problems faced on posting and transfer, it would be more appropriate if we started from primary sector and hand over the authority to the Mission or Private and let them paid till retirement.

Thank you for giving me an extra time, Pu Dy. Speaker. It would be much appreciated if we give ourselves a thought on whether we are making the best use of any plan or and project from the Central. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu K. Sangthuama.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA : Pu Dy. Speaker, in regard to taxes, there is a hope in receiving 35.68 from Excise and 1.5 from VAT this year. The 37.16 seems to be a source for receiving more finances. Our budgets are often limited and I believe it would be very difficult for the concerned person to fix it up. On the other hand, the following are the budgets to be used from the plan fund provided by our Finance Minister on Friday: -

S/Nos	Department	Budget Amount
1	Soil & Water Conservation	₹3.61 crore
2	AH & Veterinary	₹3.47 crore
3	Integrated Veterinary	₹3.12 crore
4	Minor Irrigation	₹4.9 crore
5	PWD	₹39.87 crore
6	Food, Civil Supplies	₹27.59 crore
7	PHE	₹14.44 crore
8	Cooperative	₹11.34 crore
9	P&E	₹24.05 crore
10	Finance	₹37.1 crore
11	PWD (from UD&PA)	₹114.70 & ₹57.87 crore
12	Parking lot	₹10 crore
13	MLA Fund	₹20 crore
14	Central Society	₹40 crore
TOTAL		₹342.42 crore

It looks like our Plan Fund is not that limited. Roads are very important and I believe we can take measures expeditiously.

(Pu John Siamkunga at the Chair).

We all know the condition of our roads and we have mentioned it many times here in this House and we will continue to do so. Our Plan Fund is more than ₹3,000 crore and some portions may be used for office expenses and other charges. I believe that there is limited budget for the Development Fund; I request our Finance Minister to pay more attention next year.

This office expenses and other charges decrease compared to last year and this shows our improvement which is very impressive. I also believe that we could make a

lot of improvement if our Ministers and the officials of the Finance Department give a sincere thought on making budgets.

It would also be much appreciated if our leaders and the Govt. give more importance to the road of Company Peng since it is our main lifeline. Also, DM&R made a useless drainage in the eastern side which consumes a lot of fund and we will face a big problem if it is damaged. So, I want them to have a look at it again and it is necessary that our Govt. takes initiative to the Central Govt. to make it more significant.

Earlier, it is said that ₹70 lakhs was estimated for Ramrikawn-PTC road but the amount required is not much if we deploy JCB and lay the boulders. So, I would like to request our leaders of PWD and also the hon. Chief Minister to sincerely witness the use of ₹70 lakhs.

As we all know, the work on Sihhmui - Ramrikawn road has ended due to changing of Fund head; I believe the work can still be continued if this is taken to the Central expeditiously and this will solve many problems that we are facing. I request the PWD, UD&PA and our leaders to give total importance to this problem.

Regarding hospital for Sairang, it will soon be renovated but there is a problem with the location. The local community wants it to be constructed on the same spot but PWD said it does not accommodate. It would be great for the local community if their wish is considered as it will further help in saving the fund. (CHAIRMAN : Your time is up.) One minute Pu Speaker. It is often a problem to construct against the wish of concerned communities. So, I request the PWD and Health department to carefully resolve their differences with sincere thought. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I feel obliged to have a general discussion of the Budget here today and I believe making budgets like this would be very difficult task. So, I would like to share my gratitude to our Finance Minister and the official staffs for their hard works.

Our process of our approaching funds and of budget speeches differ compared

to the previous years. The 14th Finance Commission changed their process in giving their funds and a surplus on Non-Plan deficit and Devolution of Tax. On the other hand, there seems to be a lot of untie Fund. The amount recommended to us excluding the share of tax is ₹4905.41 crore and the released amount is around ₹4761 crore. Around ₹211.77 crore remains unreleased which is huge amount for our state. And, I believe the reason for the unreleased amount is due to failure on our part especially in LAD, Health, Forests, Minor Irrigation and Education Departments.

Some Departments do not even receive 80%, 70% and we really need to make more efforts especially by the Finance Department. We also need to study the reports given by the Finance Commission so that we can see if we are able to attain it.

Looking at our financial condition, the 14th Finance Commission recommended ₹12,183 crore for 5 years in Deficit Grant Fund and then we will receive ₹2,139 crore for this year. We will also have ₹18,197 crore in Devolution of tax for 5 years and we will receive ₹2670 crore for this year. It is a fact that this is our main source of financial affairs.

In case of Specific Grant, we are given only for ULB but not PRI. The report of the Mizoram Finance Commission has been submitted and all the financial situations of PRI especially the V/Cs of the villages have been calculated. The Finance speech stated that the Govt. is looking into it and will make a decision whether to accept it or not. So, this needs to be given a thought expeditiously.

I would also like to mention that a great work is done in SDRF for recommending ₹84 crore for 5 years.

Looking at the closing balance of our budget estimate, 2015-2016 financial statement, it is determined as ₹602 crore to the closing balance but in this revised estimate, around ₹639 crore is on Deficit which indicates there is miscalculation by more than ₹1,200 crore.

We clearly wrote our budget estimates of 2014-2015 in our financial statement for 2014-2015 but they made a mistake and we really need to look at ourselves for this mistake; especially the Finance Department should look over themselves since this is a very important issue.

The Budget Estimate of 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 does not suit each other. So, making a mistake on our important budget which will be seen by other states (PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Chairman, which page is it, so that we can correct our mistakes.) 1st page (PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Which part of the 1st page?) the Budget Estimate. First, there is Actual Budget of 2013-2014 and then Budget Estimate of 2014-2015. The 2014-2015 Budget Estimate is entered as 2015-2016 which seems to be incorrect entry.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Chairman, the first column shows the actual amount and those that needs deduction got deducted. So, do you mean that we do not keep minus on the 4th column?

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Chairman, our opening budget of Budget Estimate, 2014-2016 is ₹34,080.00 lakhs and on 2015-2016 Annual Financial Statement, it is written that our opening balance of Budget Estimate, 2014-2015 as ₹85,368 lakhs. So if this is incorrect, there can be a major crisis.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: We may have looked at different reports; this is 2015-2016.

Er. LALRINAWMA : The Annual Financial Statement, 2015-2016 needs to be compared with 2014-2015, Pu Chairman.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: I did not bring the 2014-2015, where exactly is the mistake on 2015-2016?

Er. LALRINAWMA : The opening of the 2nd column of Budget Estimate 2014-2015 is wrong; the ₹85368 lakhs is incorrect. (PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER : How is this incorrect?). It was ₹34,080 lakhs when we laid our financial statement last year and this should be entered here.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Chairman, this is very complicated. I don't believe I can settle it like this easily because when the estimate is revised, excelling usually occurs. So, it may also be because the Actual excels it. Anyway, I am afraid I make a mistake; so Pu Chairman, It would be appreciated if I am given in writing.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Chairman. I will provide it in

writing. We all make mistakes (**CHAIRMAN:** You may put it in writing as there can be confusion.

PU K.S. THANGA : Pu Chairman, BE and Actual cannot be the same and we will also have a look on 2014-2015. Usually, BE is estimate and the Actual will be different overall.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Chairman, it should not be the same but the budget Estimate that we keep on the Annual Financial Statement of 2014-2015 was highlighted on 2015-2016. It should be comparable which is not. Anyway, let that be done later.

Regarding our Revenue Receipt, I believe we have made quite an improvement especially on tax. We can excel taxes of 2009-2014 on Actual with 7.67% but we need to make efforts especially on non-tax. Our Budget estimate on non-tax did not reach Actual with ₹190 crore.

9 NLUP line Departments enter the economic service and we usually excel the past years whenever we make Budget Estimate. But our Budget Estimate of last year did not excel this year and this made me wonder a lot. So, I believe that NLUP did not bear much fruits because we are hoping ₹210 crore for 2014-2015 and ₹183 crore this year. We decrease our hope to ₹26.5 crore for this year on economic service especially on non-tax.

Our expenditure is very high yet we have low hopes when the time comes and I believe that the Govt. has no hope from our Finance Department and Minister to improve our economy. Pu Chairman, you need to give me more time for the delay. (**CHAIRMAN:** 3 minutes adjusted for the delay.)

Pu Chairman, we need to be very careful on our expenditures. The total amount of our Actual that excels our Budget Estimate from 2008-2009 to 2013-2014 is ₹1006 crore and the Govt. spends ₹1262.82 crore which is more than the income of these 6 years. Even though I criticized, I feel obligated that we use 11.2% on capital expenditure in 2013-2014, 14.86% in 2014-2015 and 19.15% this year.

I would also like to request our Finance Minister to give explanation on how we calculated our GSDP. We kept ₹9,805 crore on GSDP in 2104-2105 while earlier,

we kept ₹14,204 crore on our Finance Minister's Budget Speech. Our GSDP has increased to 15% from the previous 4 years and to 10% from the past 2 years. But today, we keep the interest 44.86%; that is impossible. What kind of economy do we have?

Pu Chairman, I request our Finance Minister to clarify it because we have Finance Account which we all received on July. There is also 2015-2016 GSDP Projection and ₹10,818 crore was projected. Our debts also is increase, I believe it is around ₹6,260 crore in this current situation. Also, our Consolidated Fund has increased to 80.70% and we assume K. Deposit is necessary. Thank you, Pu Chairman.

CHAIRMAN : Pu Chalrosanga Ralte is next.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Pu Chairman, I feel obliged to be a part of the discussion on this Budget. Our state is developing as evil arises at the same time. I appreciated that CCTVs are provided within Aizawl City by the Home Department.

Measure has also been taken to upgrade Forensic Science Laboratory to function as a separate Directorate and is now successful as we are beginning to collect necessary equipments for crime investigation from the Central Govt. I believe that the Plan Fund of ₹20 lakhs laid by our Finance Minister is a less sufficient for the department. So, I request our Minister to favor this important department next time.

In regard to sports, our Plan Fund had decreased from last year by 450 to 400 and this is very unfortunate for the Sports Association. Can we also receive Cess here in Mizoram for State Sports Promotional?

Regarding MLA Constituency Fund, it is truly appreciated as the amount has been increased to ₹20 crore thanks to the efforts of our Finance Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary, Pu K. S. Thanga.

Our Finance Minister has wisely mentioned in his Budget Speech that we always need to make effort in increasing our taxes that we earned and for that the Govt. also searches all the available financial sources. It must be noted that tax is essential for all concerned citizens if we want development. Thus, we are also taking measures on MLPC, tobacco products, entry tax and land revenue.

Lastly, Pu Dy. Speaker, I would like to thank our Finance Minister, the Parliamentary Secretary K.S. Thanga and Finance Officials for taking measures in having an excellent Budget.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Lalthanliana

PU LALTHANLIANA : Pu Dy. Speaker, we must know that our Finance Minister works very hard to achieve this difficult task. Thanks to his efforts, we are able to have this Budget in Mizo language for our better understanding. Economizing our finances has been our major concern as we have heard measures taken in this matter. It seems that we need to make more efforts on the problem of inflation. I agree to point No. 18 which underlines the need to increase water and power bill gradually so that it will cause much burdens to the consumers.

I would like to discuss about the Institutional Development Consultancy who has been hired for setting up the details of the Municipal Council since before the general election. I would like to know terms & conditions for the hiring and also how far is the work being done.

We have seen that funds are kept for roads but there is hardly any that associates with improvement of our city. It is the time that we resurface Sihpui - Thuampui road and Ramhlun Sports Complex which will certainly help us in resolving traffic problems and overcrowding.

It is also very appreciating that the MLA Fund is increased. On the other hand, I feel sad that our special category regarding our matching share will be discarded. If this is really happening, I hope that our funding pattern does not change to 50:50 since we still faces difficulty with 90:10.

There are many things left to be discussed but our time is limited. Overall, I agree with this budget even though more funds are needed but there is nothing much that can be done. It is also necessary that the Departments often give awareness on taxes and increase the Govt.'s income. It is also necessary to provide awareness to the people if taxes are to be increased or inflations may cause. I also believe that we can make progress in our state's financial crisis if we make more efforts and cooperation. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu R. Vanlalvena.

PU R. VANLALVENA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. Budgets are really hard to understand even if we study them a lot; I often wonder how difficult it would be for our Finance Minister and his officials since we are always on debt for a very long time now. They will be so tired and their responsibility would also be very unpleasant. So, their hard works are to be praised and the budget also proves that our Finance Minister tried his best in developing our state. He also hopes to decrease our fiscal deficit to 0.77% and to have around ₹1804 crore of revenue surplus.

On the other hand, the Head of Departments also need to make all efforts to make this come true. ₹326.56 crore is expected for State own Tax Revenue and the Taxation Department plays an important role in making this successful. They should also give more efforts on VAT and entertainment tax.

The Govt. concern for the people can be seen from our budget despite our financial crisis. I find it appreciating to see that the price of the rice is lower than the actual price. Besides, I also feel obligated for keeping 19.60% for capital expenditure. Likewise, the revenue expenditure is also decreased to 80-40% comparing to 85.71% in the past years.

I believe that to be our Finance Minister is a risky job particularly in times of financial crisis which may be faced due to changing of financial pattern in the Central Govt. It seems that we would not be receiving normal central assistance, special central assistance, special plan assistance but I believe that our Minister would somehow find alternate sources.

On the other hand, we also need to make our best efforts especially on making projects by looking at our sharing pattern as to how the Govt. will proceed. We should also know which pattern and how much we will be charged for matching share; if we randomly take all that we receive, our debts will increase. It is unpleasant to have a debt and we should not randomly borrow money; we should have a debt on meaningful purposes. Other states like Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal, Assam, Gujarat, UP and Nagaland also have debts more than we do. For instance, the Samuel Tea Factory loaned ₹56 lakhs from NLUP for tea-processing plant at Biate which is very appropriate for the people as it generates employment to several families apart from producing the 'Mizo tea' which is quite profitable in the market.

Pu Speaker, I feel obliged that the hon. Finance Minister has laid an exceptional budget; I believe that our land, state and Govt. will achieve a great development. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will take a break and our discussion will be resumed at 2:00 PM.

2:00 PM

DEPUTY SPEAKER : 6 members had a discussion this morning and who is next? Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. There is a lot to discuss in this Budget laid by our hon. Finance Minister. Mizoram is looking forward to Good Governance and I believe that good financial management is really important. I also feel obligated to our Finance Minister and his Department for their wonderful works.

I hope we often looked at the Appropriation Accounts and State Finance C&AG Report and I have learned that several departments often exceed the allocated funds.

Our Finance Minister had disclosed this year as a “Year of consolidation”. There have been several changes in the process of using 14th Finance Commission fund as well as the process of the new Central Govt. Our budget depends on the hard works of several Departments. It is also unfortunate that there are often some Departments who are not careful on the C&AG Report.

Since our funding pattern is changing, Taxation Department comes close to mind. We need to have a particular assessment which will also be very important for emergency; it is very important that our Taxation Minister and the officials take careful initiatives in this matter.

Pu Dy. Speaker, as shown on the C&AG Report, the Govt. lose a big fortune every year for hiring contractors. The CPWD Manual underlines, “when advance mobilization is given for work, there should be an interest rate; but they were asked to

work without showing any interest rate.” So, it is necessary to have a look into this. It would be appreciated if it is also used to benefit the govt. while using it for having CPWD Manual financial power.

The NLUP fund is a huge and we need to make proper guidelines on how to spend it. It is necessary to make more efforts on Horticulture by practicing what is pleasant and ignore the unpleasant. Mizoram is beginning to understand the importance of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary and that is why it is also necessary to put more efforts on it.

Next is the Fisheries Department. Our land has several rivers; it would be a great idea if fishes are cultivated here. (....Power interruption....) I believe that it would be more useful if the funds were spent for protection of such rivers.

In regard to the Environment & Forest Department, the world is concerned about Global warming; it would be pleasing if we also take initiatives in this matter so that our state may hold the best performance in Environment & Forest.

Regarding the Minor Irrigation, there is hardly any project since the previous term. We cannot be independent without Minor Irrigation and that is why it is also necessary to make more efforts.

Next is the Power & Electricity Department. It is kept as a priority on every election manifesto and we need to make more efforts here as well.

Other states earned a big income from Industries Department unlike our state. So we need to work harder for our development.

Next is the PWD. We also need to take more steps on improvement of our roads which is truly important factor for development.

In regard to Health & Family Welfare Department, Mizoram has potential to be a Model State; if we give more efforts on PHC, we can escape the problem with our District Hospitals by 80%. On the other hand, it would also be appreciated if posting of Doctors are in proper order so that it would not be necessary for other Districts to approach the State Capital for medical treatment. We have only 3 beds in

the casualty of Aizawl Civil Hospital which is very frustrating for the patients and workers. So, we need to put more efforts here as well.

Next is the School Education & Higher Technical. Pu Dy. Speaker, Human Resources Development is one of the most important developments yet, amalgamation occurs a lot especially in my constituency. So we need to be more careful and put more efforts.

Although the developments made in Sports & Youth Services are appreciative, we need to put more efforts in promoting talented players especially from rural areas. Our hon. Minister assure to provide our field with artificial turfs, it will be much appreciated if the work is expedited.

Lastly, the 3 Autonomous District Councils today are a lot different from the early days. Most of our MDCs now are contractors than a politician. I request the hon. Minister of DCA to look into such patterns and take necessary action.

Pu Dy. Speaker, it is seen to us all that evils increases along with the developments and so is difficult to detect crimes without Forensic equipments. Hence, it is important for the Govt. to give attention to this problem as well.

It would be much appreciating if the PHE Department also expedites commission of Saiha and Lawngtlai water supply so that both are completed within this year. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Pu Joseph Lalhimpua.

PU JOSEPH LALHIMPUA: Thank you Pu Dy. Speaker. We have a good opportunity to have a general discussion and I hope you permit us to talk about our constituencies as well.

I would like to thank our Finance Minister and his Officials for this excellent budget; it must have been very difficult to prepare this.

The Central/Union Finance Minister said in February that 100% fund provisions on SSA and midday meal will be made, but now it is stated that 50:50. The process of the Central Govt. is very hard to understand especially for our state that

hardly have state revenue and resources. But still, our Finance Minister is able to present an excellent budget which is very appreciating.

Under the leadership of our Chief Minister and the efforts of our Finance Minister, there are several Corporations which will be terminated and the decision which no Ministry dares to do it. We also save a lot of fortune when the Govt. employees under Plan and Non-Plan were made to confirm their status with their voter's ID. So, I would like to thank our Chief Minister and Finance Minister for their courageous action. While that is the case, our Education Minister reported that not only those under Plan and Non-plan, the CSS also need to submit their voter ID. The SSA, RMSA, Hindi teachers are also expected to submit the same and I hope this will result in a positive effect in the financial management of our Government.

Being the assistant to our Education Minister, we have seen a lot of developments in my constituency and we are very much appreciated. A vast hall is now under construction at Chanmari and the Finance Department has also provided us with more than 1 crore; the PWD, Sports and Planning Department also give their best effort for the construction. If it is completed as planned, I believe it will be among the biggest hall in Mizoram as the estimate comprises a Basketball Court, parking lot for 40/50 LMV and to accommodate 3 Badminton courts when Basketball is not played as well as an empty space for 4 tennis boards; it is planned to accommodate at least 700 viewers in the gallery. There will also be a separate guest room for men and women accommodating 50 each. We still have a lot to do and I would like our Minister to keep this in mind.

Approach had been made to concerned authority for Zobawk PHC for a very long time but in vain. Thanks to the efforts of the ambitious Chief Minister and our Health Minister of the past and present, provisions has now been made and the work will be stated as soon as fund is released. So, I request our Finance Minister to observe the process since it will require lot of funds.

We are all excited that the Govt. is intended to acquire an old Zodin Cinema Hall for other purposes. In the same manner, we have a vast area at Lunglei Electric Veng which may be donated to the Govt. for public use with condition that the upper storey of the building is saved for YMA Hall. I believe this will be very helpful for both the people of Lunglei and the Govt.

With the efforts of Finance Minister of the previous ministry, we now have a Jt. Director, Account & Treasuries in Lunglei which immensely alleviate the problems of the pensioners, Govt. employees of Lunglei, Lawngtlai and Saiha District etc. But, Pu Speaker, we do not have the office building as yet even though the site is made available at a convenient location. It will be much appreciated if the govt. prioritized construction of this office building.

Last, but not the least, I opine the people also need to help the Govt. in economizing our finances. I once mentioned to our Minister of UD&PA that if we have a Municipal, we will be able to use JNNURM fund which will help us in having more infrastructures. Unfortunately, after having the Municipal, the Central Govt. stopped the JNNURM project.

We started to have several projects with the help of our Minister as a lot of progresses are seen. While this is the case, the Central Govt. has stopped many of the CSS funding and changed some of the funding pattern which includes those that were received and used by the Industry. There are several projects that got started and where a lot of fund is spent on it. Thenzawl is the city of Handloom in Mizoram and our Minister too has tried his best to expand the establishment however the funding of this project has also stopped. So, I request our Finance Minister to make an approach to the central so that at least the ongoing projects are safe to enable us producing our cultural dresses even in times of our financial crisis and that we may be able to continue to export the materials in large quantity. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Col. Z.S. Zuala.

Lt. Col. Z.S. ZUALA : I would like to discuss on those that I am really concerned. First, the plan and non-plan and CSS are all mixed up in our Budget and we may be able to economize it if we know how to utilize it.

It seems that the central has stopped our special category status and we may be compelled to give up many of our projects if the funding pattern should be 50:50. So, it is necessary for us to put more efforts to make our state independent; we need to look for more sources where we can collect revenue. It is also necessary to economize ourselves and I believe we can do this.

We have a good source of income like the Excise Department but the Govt.

cannot do this alone without the people's support. The public and NGOs should also have understanding in selling liquor as it is passed already. The NDA restricted consumption of beef but we need to prepare ourselves to adapt with the situation. Likewise, if we support the government policy, many developments will come. We also need to look at ourselves on distributing huge amount of fund on land compensations. It is the Govt. that provides house sites to the people; but when the government needs to acquire back certain plot of land, the government is charge heavily. Hence, that the Govt. spends a lot funds which consequently affected our developments.

It is also appreciating that the Govt. takes up restructuring and privatization of PSU and I believe that we can raise the power tariff.

I would also like to proceed to my constituency. For example, the Govt. purchased Zodin Cinema Hall for public use and I truly support the decision. However, it is now used for private businesses and could not be put into function as it should be.

Under the leadership of our Minister for Trade & Commerce, we have received ₹5 crores from NEC for renovation of Mission Veng Bazaar and we will be laying the foundation stone tomorrow. In this regard, I believe a great market place can be set up there by acquiring more lands from privates in the surrounding areas. As an agreement has been made, I hope that the Govt. purchase such private lands so that the market will serve the southern Aizawl sufficiently. The public and prominent citizens also are looking forward for the achievement.

In regard to NLUP loans, my constituency is given ₹10 lakhs each of free interest for piggery which is quite successful and it is very impressive that NLUP has provided such loans. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Apart from the general discussion, we still have 1 bill tomorrow; our House Leader and Finance Minister need to close our program after discussion. So, tomorrow may not be as free as today. Next is Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. We have seen many things that we would have never as we accept the 14th Finance Commission Report; it

is difficult to understand if it is appropriate for us or not. The population based according to the 14th Finance Commission is 17.5%; demographic change is 10%; income distance is 50%; area location is 15% and forest cover is 7.5%. These will increase by 11% every year till 2019-2020 and I am afraid it may bring unfavorable consequences if spiral inflation occurs as a result. That is why the amount of the untie fund is high as it may suit itself from normal tax sharing and devolutions. So, we need to be an expert in all such cases as we can see from our budget that we need to put more efforts on our income.

We receive 28.75% of our budget from Public Accounts Receipt; our Revenue Receipt is high with 67.22% while our Expenditure will be 83.16% and our Capital Receipt is 4.03%. Our Govt. is making an effort as seen on the budget speech. This budget looks for a source to increase ₹326 crore of our state in tax.

On the other hand, this Budget Speech indicates we need to put more efforts on our ₹252 crore of Non-tax Revenue. That is why our Finance Minister is hopeful that we can raise ₹35.68 crore from State Excise and ₹1.50 crore from tobacco products. Also, we can raise ₹1 crore from Mizoram Land Revenue Act and ₹5 crore from Stamp duty.

The professional tax was once ₹2,500 which is now increased to ₹12,000 when amending the Article 276, section 2 as per the 14th Finance Commission Recommendation. But this needs an amendment and if process is carried out smoothly, hopefully at least ₹43 to 45 crore can be collected from 51,601 Nos. Mizoram Govt. employees and also by collecting the same as 100% from Group 'A', 85% from Group 'B', 75% from Group 'C' and 50% from Group 'D'. But it is unfortunate that the Central Govt. accepted the 14th Finance Commission Recommendation but the order is now being held. So, it would be much obliged if it is expedited.

We need to economize ourselves if we are in this situation. Thus, VIP quota in supply of rice, sugar etc is all surrendered as a measure for economization as so for the welfare of the people.

Looking at our Expenditure, we will be spending 7.22% on pensions and more than ₹80 crore on Medical treatments. In other states, medical reimbursement is restricted only to a patient with serious case and our Govt. also takes initiative to

follow the same by a Committee so that our expenditure may be reduced by a huge margin.

₹1,045 crore is shown on major works which necessitate for us to maintain a meaningful expenditure with this huge budget. We also have seen the work program in our budget along with various steps to be taken up as well. ₹221 crore is allocated on minor works while our liability is mounting to ₹6,260 crore. These Liabilities generally comes from internal debt, Public Accounts liabilities and Loans & Advances. Our GSDP is also high but let us hope to achieve many developments with this. I believe the GSDP is worked out by the Central Govt. and not us. Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker and I find our budget discussion is truly appreciative.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Dr. Ngurdingliana.

Dr. NGURDINGLIANA : Thank you, Pu Dy. Speaker. It must have been a headache for our Minister and the officials when we stop receiving our usual funding and other financial aids; I truly appreciate their efforts in preparing this budget which I called “Budget with a purpose” for they still manage to present so well despite the budget allocation which is quite less as we need to pay attention to the sectoral allotment as well.

Our Budget shows that we need to spend a lot on our matching share; I therefore suggest not taking up any project unless it concern building the asset and our developments.

I am also grateful that we are able to receive ₹1 crore from Mizoram Entry Tax Draft Bill and Mizoram Land Revenue Act, 2003 and ₹5 crore from Stamp Duty and Mizoram Registration Rules. We are at a lower level among the North-East on Power Tariff. So, it would be grateful if our water bill is gradually increased every year.

Our minister of DM&R charges ₹50 for a small size silpaulin and ₹100 for a large size. I would also like to suggest other ministers as well not to hesitate increasing any tax. It is also noteworthy that our minister has a plan to minimize our Fiscal deficit to 0.77%.

This Budget Speech says, “It is the Government’s plan to enforce this

Financial Year 2015-2016 as a Year of Consolidation; and, it is hopeful that the civil deposit which we have credited for many years will be resolved within 3-4 years". A program is also made so as to make a Revenue Surplus. If our Fiscal deficit is decreased to 0.77% with the efforts of the minister himself, it is hopeful that he may resume his responsibility as the Finance Minister for the next term. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyone else to speak? If not, we will end our discussion for today.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: If we should continue with our discussion on this budget tomorrow with a limited time, I request you to own your power from the Chair, Pu Dy. Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will consult the House regarding this and we will arrange it tomorrow. So far, we have 11 members participated in today's discussion.

We will now conclude our sitting and we will continue tomorrow at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, 13th October, 2015.

Sitting is adjourned.