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INTRODUCTION

Mizoram is situated in the southern-most corner of the North Eastern Region and is bounded on the north by the States of Assam and Manipur, on the east and south by Chin Hills of Myanmar and on the west by Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh and the State of Tripura. It covers an area of 21,087 Sq.Km. It has an International Boundary of 404 Kms. with Myanmar and 318Kms with Bangladesh.

The population of Mizoram as per 2001 Census is 8,91,058 with a density of 33 per Sq.Km. Literacy as per 2001 census is 88.49% which is the second highest in the country.

Mizoram has one air-link i.e. Lengpui Airport, which is about 42 kms away from Aizawl and there is rail head up to Bairabi. The National Highway No.54 connects Mizoram from Cachar District of Assam.

The hill areas of Mizoram enjoy cool temperate climate. The average annual rainfall is 217.5 cm. The temperature varies between 12 and 18 degrees Celsius in winter and 18 and 29 degree Celsius in summer.

For administrative purposes, Mizoram is divided into 8(eight) districts namely, Aizawl District, Lunglei District, Kolasib District, Mamit District, Champhai District, Serchhip District, Saiha District and Lawngtlai District and 15 nos. Administrative Sub-Divisions with 22 nos. Rural Development Blocks. Each District is headed by a Deputy Commissioner while each Sub-Division is under the administrative control of Sub-Divisional Officer. Since Chhimtuipui area (comprising Saiha and Lawngtlai District) is the most backward of all the districts, special attention has been given to it, and some important subjects have been transferred to the three District Councils within Chhimtuipui area since 1982-1983.

Brief Story of Five-Year Plans and Annual Plans – Mizoram

Prior to 1972, Mizoram was one of the districts of Assam. During that period, very small amount was spent for the development of Mizoram and the outlays for the first three Five Year Plans were as given below:

1.	First Five Year Plan (1952-56)	-	Rs.	63.02	lakhs
2.	Second Five Year Plan (1956-61)	-	Rs.	210.83	lakhs
3.	Third Five Year Plan (1961-66)	-	Rs.	411.42	lakhs

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During the first three years of the Fourth Five Year Plan (1962-1972) the following were the Plan expenditure in Mizoram: –

1969 – 1970	-	Rs.	101.61	lakhs
1970 – 1971	-	Rs.	176.42	lakhs
1971 – 1972	-	Rs.	205.18	lakhs.

Since Mizoram attained the status of U.T. in January, 1972, Planning Commission approved an outlay of Rs. 275.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 1972-1973.

This outlay was enhanced to Rs. 437.00 lakhs in the later part of the year. Out of this provision, only Rs. 355.23 lakhs was actually spent.

During 1973-1974, Rs. 600.00 lakhs was allocated for Mizoram out of which on Rs. 573.73 lakhs was actually spent.

During the Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-1979) Rs. 46.59 crores was allotted for Mizoram against the total Plan size of Rs. 39300.24 crores for the country as a whole.

In the Sixth Five Year Plan, Rs. 128.47 crores was the outlay for Mizoram where as the total Plan size was Rs. 71,000.00 crores, but the said 6th Plan was not completed as there was a change of Government at the Centre.

Before the commencement of the new 6th Five Year Plan (1980-1985) there were two rolling Annual Plans for 1978-1979 and 1979-1980. During these two years, the outlays for Mizoram Annual Plans were Rs. 16.64 crores and Rs. 17.72 crores and the actual expenditures were Rs. 14.62 and Rs.16.11 crores respectively.

During the 6th Five year Plan (1980-1985) Rs. 130.00 crores was originally allotted for Mizoram. The actual expenditure during the Plan period amounted to Rs. 150.09 crores.

The original outlay for the 7th Five Year Plan (1985-1990) in respect of Mizoram, was Rs. 260.00 crores. However, the actual release of Plan fund during the period by way of Annual Plans was Rs. 364.50 crores, out of which the actual expenditure was Rs. 363.56 crores. Prior to the launching of Eight Five Year Plan in 1992-1993, there were two Annual Plans for 1990-1991 and 1991-1992, for which the actual expenditure were Rs. 125.35 crores and Rs.152.28 crores respectively against the outlays of Rs. 125.00 crores and Rs.152.00 crores.

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The original approved outlay for the 8th Five Year Plan was Rs. 763.00 Crores. However, the total approved outlays for the successive five years annual plans was Rs. 1064.60 crores, against which the total expenditure was Rs. 1064.45 crores.

The original approved outlay for the 9th Five Year Plan was Rs. 1618.51 crores. However, the total approved outlays for the successive five years annual plans was Rs. 1794.26 crores, against which the total actual expenditure was Rs. 1719.96 crores.

The agreed outlay for the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-2007) is Rs. 2300.01 crores. Out of the total approved outlay of Rs. 430.00 crores for the Annual Plan 2002-2003, the actual expenditure was Rs. 420.57 crores and the total approved outlay for Annual Plan 2003-2004 is Rs. 480.00 crores which will be fully utilised.