SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM (SIXTH SESSION) LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR THIRD SITTING ON THURSDAY, THE 9th JULY, 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 LAL THANHAWLA**, Hon'ble Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House "The Mizoram Information Technology (Electronic Service Delivery) Rules", 2015.
- 3. **Pu JOHN ROTLUANGLIANA**, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the following :
 - i) The Mizoram Food Security Rules, 2015.
 - ii) Guidelines for Selection of Beneficiaries under The National Food Security Act, 2013 in the State of Mizoram.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

- 4. **Pu LALRINLIANA SAILO** to present to the House The Statement of Action Taken on Action Taken Report of Committee on Estimates, Public Works Department on Pradan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
- 5. **Pu LALTHANLIANA** to present to the House the following Reports of Public Accounts Committee :
 - i) Ninth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Fifth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Higher & Technical Education Department.
 - ii) Tenth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2009-2010 relating to Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department.

- iii) Eleventh Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Environment & Forest Department.
- iv) Twelfth Report on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Eighth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Report of C&AG of India for the year 2010-2011 relating to Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department.

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

6. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to move an Official Resolution in the following form :-

"WHEREAS elimination of dry latrines and manual scavenging, and the rehabilitation of manual scavengers in alternative occupations has been an area of high priority for the Government. Towards this end the Central Government had enacted the **Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993.**

AND WHEREAS consequent upon the enactment of the said Central Act, under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India, resolutions had been passed by all Houses of Legislatures of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal for the adoption and regulation of the said Central Act by the Parliament by law; and accordingly, the said Central Act stood automatically applied in those states in the first instance.

AND WHEREAS sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 1 of the said Central Act provide that:

"(2) It applies in the first instance to the whole of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and to all the Union Territories and it shall also apply to such other State which adopts this Act by resolution passed in that behalf under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution. "(3) It shall come into force in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura and West Bengal and in the Union Territories on such date as the Central Government may, by notification, appoint and in any other State which adopts this Act under clause (1) of Article 252 of the Constitution, on the date of such adoption."

AND WHEREAS a writ petition W.P (C) No. 583 of 2003 was filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by Safai Karamchari Andolan and others against Union of India and all States and Union Territories, praying, inter alia, for directing the Respondent State Governments which had not adopted the said Central Act 'to explain on affidavit the steps taken by their respective Legislatures to pass appropriate resolution under Article 252 of the Constitution of India for adopting the said Central Act'.

AND WHEREAS by its order dt. 11.12.2007 in the said Writ Petition, the Hon'ble Supreme Court observed and directed as follows:

"It has been brought to our notice that the states of Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Delhi and U.T. of Chandigarh have not adopted the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The concerned States and U.T. shall file affidavit explaining the reasons for non-adoption of the Act in their respective States."

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Sixth Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its tenth Session moved and passed a resolution for the adoption of the said Central Act in the whole state of Mizoram.

AND WHEREAS taking into consideration the continued prevalence of manual scavenging, the Parliament has recently enacted a new Central Act viz. **"The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" (Central Act No. 25 of 2013).** This Act, inter alia, has provision for elimination of insanitary latrines and complete prohibition of employment of manual scavengers. The provisions in the new Act encompass those in the previous Central Act of 1993. **AND WHEREAS** Section 3 of *The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their rehabilitation Act, 2013 stipulates that:*

"The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any other law."

AND WHEREAS the Central Act of 1993 has now outlived its utility and may, consequently, be repealed.

AND WHEREAS Section (2) of Article 252 of the Constitution of India provides that:

"Any Act so passed by Parliament may be amended or repealed by an Act of parliament passed or adopted in like manner but shall not, as respects any State to which it applies, be amended or repealed by an Act of the Legislature of that State."

Now, therefore, as required under Article 252 of the Constitution of India, the Seventh Mizoram Legislative Assembly in its Sixth Session proposes to resolve as follows:

"That the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 stands repealed in the whole State of Mizoram."

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

7. Discussion and Voting on Vote on Account (August - October 2015).

<u>LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS</u> Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

8. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Entry Tax Bill, 2015".

ALSO

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

9. **Pu ZODINTLUANGA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Municipalities (Third Amendment) Bill, 2015".

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

10. **Pu LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Appropriation No. 4 (Second Vote on Account) Bill, 2015".

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

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