

**FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM  
( TENTH SESSION )**

**LIST OF BUSINESS  
FOR SIXTEENTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2007  
(Time 10:30 AM to 1 :00 PM and 2 : 00 PM to 4 : 00 PM)**

**PRESENT**

Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 10 Minister and 25 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

1. **QUESTIONS** entered in separate list to be asked and oral answers given.

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. **PU ZORAMTHANGA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of "The Mizoram Registration of Birth and Death Rules, 2007".
3. **PU AICHHINGA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of correction of reply to Starred Question No. 122(a) asked by Pu Sailothanga Sailo on 23.3.2007.
4. **PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of correction on reply to Starred Question No.224(a) asked by Pu Sailothanga Sailo on 30.3.2007.
5. **PU Z.H. ROPUIA** to lay on the Table of the House a copy of correction of reply to Starred Question No. 198 asked by Pu H.Liansailova on 28.3.2007.

**STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

6. **PU H. RAMMAWI** to make statement on a matter of his absence from the fourteenth sitting of the House on 30.3.2007.

**MOTION UNDER RULE 202**

7. **PU TAWNLUIA** to move a Motion under Rule 202 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.

**HALF AN HOUR DISCUSSION**

8. **PU LALDUHOMA** to move a matter arising out of replies to Starred Question No. 163 answered on 27.3.2007.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**  
**Bill for consideration and passing**

9. **PU H. RAMMAWI** to move that "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007" be taken into consideration.

**AND**

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

10. **Dr. LALZAMA** to move that "The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2007" be taken into consideration.

**AND**

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

11. **PU ZORAMTHANGA**, Chief Minister to move that "The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007" be taken into consideration.

**AND**

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

12. **PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA** to move that "The Mizoram Clinical & Health Establishment Registration (Regulation) Bill, 2007" be taken into consideration.

**AND**

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



S P E A K E R : "Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you live peaceably with all"

Romans 12 : 17-18.

Starred Question will be taken up. Let us call upon Pu H.Liansailova to ask Starred Question No. 241.

P U H. L I A N S A I L O V A : Will the hon'ble Minister, Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state - What is the plan programme formulated by the State Government to solve Unemployment Programme in the State.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the Hon'ble Chief Minister who takes up Planning and Programme Implementation to give answer.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A  
C H I E F M I N I S T E R : The State Government has a lot of plan formulated to solve Unemployment Problem in the State.

P U H. L I A N S A I L O V A : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I feel that it is unsatisfactory answer by saying "We have a lot of Plan". In fact, I would like to highlight the latest statistical data of Educated Unemployed registration. We have 1178 unemployed Post Graduate, 109 Engineering Graduates, 120 Medical Doctors, 179 Engineer Diploma holder, B.Sc, B.Com, and Honours about 4551. Totally 37177 unemployed youths are registered in the State. What I want to ask is whether the State Government can give special importance to employment generation like Teirei hydel Project in way of Privatisation Scheme ?

Secondly, whether the State Government could create road or building Construction Company for the unemployed Engineers.

Thirdly, whether the State Government can encourage educated unemployed youths to run big farm in the field of Horticulture, Sericulture and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department ?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : The answer given by the Hon'ble Minister is very pleasing. If so, I would like to know a target made by the Government and proposed target to be achieved within five years or any period fixed by the Government.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, a supplementary question. Whether Government of Mizoram has any proposal to set up call centre to generate employment for the educated unemployed youths ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, if we look all the Budget provision it appears that the provision made in the Budget it still the same. If Government had many schemes for employment generation will this Government provide more funds in the Budget or add the amount of Budget when revise estimate is made ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, as we have more supplementary question I will give answer to the questions collectively. First of all, they will be employed under the Government of Mizoram whether it is a Police Department or any other Department. Now, we are going to appoint 15 MCS and 20 MPS on direct recruitment. The posts lying vacant will be filled up as far as possible.

In Health & Family Welfare Department, number of posts have been demanded, about 200 posts have been filled up last year. I could not say how many posts will be filled up within this year.

On the other hand we are going to fill up as many posts as possible within this year. More than one thousand youths were employed during last year. I believe that we will cross more than one thousand posts. Even in Power and Electricity Department we are planning to privatize our Mini Hydel Projects and some other Projects for which a tender is being floated. Instruction is given to the Department to give Mizo tenderers if possible.

Regarding road construction, it is necessary to have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class qualified Contractors. The State Government always encouraged our Contractors to work out their eligibility by cooperating with non-Mizo Contractors or by Joint venture with non-Mizo Companies even if they cannot do by their own.



In Horticulture, Sericulture and Vety Department, the points raised by the hon'ble member is true to some interest. The Doctors are employed in private clinics/hospitals. We also highly advocate such practice.

The reason why we intend to form Youth Commission is to generate employment for the youths within India or Foreign. We are now going to set up Institution for such employment generation through revolving funds raised by the State Government. It is also difficult to fix a target under a particular level. Any way we will do our best for employment generation of the youths in India and abroad.

Regarding Budget provision, we cannot make Budget provision as much as we want. But we will do our best even when revise estimate is made.

Lastly, I would like to point out that we are going to employ the youth through Agriculture, Horticulture, Sericulture and Agro Forest to utilize the Soil of the Land. Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Let us call upon Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask Starred Question No. 242.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, before I ask my question, which is the same with Starred Question No. 245. Which is also my question. Please allow me to ask together for one answer.

**S P E A K E R** : It is not the procedure of the House. Please ask Starred Question No. 245 as a supplementary question.

**PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA** : Thank you hon'ble Speaker Sir. Will the hon'ble Minister Higher and Technical Education Department be pleased to state -

(a) The total expenditure incurred by the State Government during 2002-2006 for building grant and repairing specially for Colleges ?

(b) Name and number of Colleges with the allocated amount.

**S P E A K E R** : Dr Lalzama, Minister to answer the Starred Questions.

Dr LALZAMA  
MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, the amount spent for building grant and repair during 2002-2006 is Rs. 25,39,270/- lakhs only. The amount allotted for various College is as follows - For Government Saiha College in 2003 it was Rs. 76,000/- and in 2005 it was Rs. 29,970/-, Champhai College - Rs. 49,500/- in 2002, Rs. 49,500/- in 2003; Rs. 30,000/- 2004/-, Rs.60,000/- in 2005 and Rs. 30,000/- in 2006; Government Lunglei College - Rs. 2,59,890/- in 2003; Government Aizawl College - Rs. 47,200/- in 2002, Rs. 17,810/- in 2003, Rs. 1,65,400/- in 2005; Government Kolasib College - Rs.1,26,000/- in 2002; Government Serchhip College - Rs.1,24,000/- in 2002, Rs.20,000/- in 2003, Rs.1,00,000/- in 2004, and Rs.30,000/- in 2005; Government Zirtiri Residential Science College - Rs. 50,000/- in 2003, Rs.53,000/- in 2004, Rs. 50,000/- in 2005 and Rs.4,00,000in 2006; Zawlnuam College - Rs. 30,000/- in 2004; Lawngtlai College - Rs. 36,000/- in 2005; Saitual College - Rs. 30,000/- in 2006; Mizoram Polytechic Lunglei - Rs. 30,000/- in 2005; College of Teacher's Education - Rs.90,000/- in 2005; Boy's Hostel Shillong - Rs. 44,000/- in 2006.  
Total - Rs. 25,39,270/-.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, some Colleges in the State did not receive such grant and repairing fund for more than five or six years. What is the reason? Whether the hon'ble Minister had made pressure to the authority for those Colleges? And I ask Starred Question No. 245 as permitted by the Hon'ble Speaker.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon the hon'ble Minister to answer.

Dr LALZAMA  
MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the Colleges where there is Science subject are recognized under 2(F) and 12(b) of UGC Act 1956. The State Government does not provide fund especially for Science equipments. That is why they are not given Science equipments. But they can apply it under UGC Act, 1956..

I also want to say that we try our best for those Colleges who do not yet received building grant and repairing fund including Khawzawl College. We also tried our best for permanent affiliation.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker sir, it is clear that those Colleges are very busy for want of Science equipments. If so, it appear that the State Government has to make demand for those Colleges. Is the Government ready to make demand for those colleges?



Dr LALZAMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, some Colleges  
MINISTER : make demand to the UGC for Science  
equipments of their own. Besides the  
demands made by them, the State  
Government also make demand of Rs. 5 crores for purchase of Science equipments  
for those Colleges.

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Rohluna to ask Starred Question  
No. 243.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Will the Hon'ble  
Minister, Horticulture Department be  
pleased to state -

(a) Sub-Divisional Horticulture Officer, Champhai collected Rs.780/- each from  
69 grape growers at Hnahlan in 2005 as loan application fee to the National  
Horticulture Board. The Grape Growers did not yet received their loan. When will  
they receive their loan ?

(b) If they are not given such loans, will the Grape Growers get back  
their money ?

PU H. RAMMAWI : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Sub-Divisional  
MINISTER : Horticulture Officer, Champhai did not  
collect fee from Hnahlan Grape  
Growers as application fee but for project report  
and its processing fee as a letter of intent has to be submitted to the National Grape  
Board.

The time of loan to be given to the Grape Growers is not clear.  
It is highly depends on the Grape Growers and authorized Bank.

(b) They are not to be given back as it is for Project Report and its processing fee.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the SDHO imposed  
Rs.780/- from each farmer as loan  
application to the National Horticulture  
Board. I am keeping the copy of their  
agreement. If so, I would like to say that the SDHO must implement his proposal for  
the benefit of the farmers.

And I want to say that small beetles caused harm to the grapes  
last year. A number of such beetles were found at the farm. If so, Government has to  
do something to get rid off such cow dung beetles from grape farm. I therefore, ask  
the hon'ble Minister whether the Department could take step for such purpose.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Supplementary Questions, the selected farmers of turmeric informed me that they received turmeric seeds not fit for growing from various places. Some farmers brought such wild turmeric seeds to me. They want to raise four questions -

- 1) Will we be arrested when the said wild turmeric is sold ?
- 2) Will the quality of those turmeric be set aside ?
- 3) Whether the supplier of such wild turmeric will be arrested ?
- 4) If we refuse to grow it, will this Government supply ginger instead of such wild turmeric ?

The farmers were in great trouble, I expect the hon'ble Minister to clarify about it.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Supplementary question, the Mizo supplier of such wild turmeric had been arrested and sentenced to imprisonment. Will the non-Mizo supplier of such wild turmeric be arrested and sentenced ?

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Rammawi, Minister to give answer to the supplementary questions.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, regarding cow-dung beetles, officials had been sent to Hnahlan to take necessary action. Any way, insects and plague of any kind that could harm crops have surged up this year. The Department welcomes any informations as early as possible for immediate action.

Regarding loan application to National Horticulture Board, the Board can subsidized 20% of loan as incentive to the farmers if the farmer take loan from Bank. That is why, as I said before, the loan depends upon the farmer and the bank. Collection of the said money is for letter of intent, not for application fee. Five of them received the letter of intent from 66 farmers. In order to get letter of intent land patta and other documents are required. If a farmer had a letter of intent, the farmer may not get loan from Bank.



**S P E A K E R** : It appears that the Officer concerned has to inform the farmers clearly whether they will get back their money or not in such case.

**PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Officers are not the same, a reliable officer should know such thing.

**PU H. ROHLUNA** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I am clear that the said Officer promised them to get back their money if they had no loan from the National Horticulture Board. That's why, the Officers should be careful in such case.

**PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I will remind and instruct the Officer as you advised.

Regarding turmeric seeds, there may be different kinds of turmeric. Any way we will replace if there are some wild turmeric or bad seeds.

**PU ZODINTLUANGA** : If Mizo suppliers are sentenced why the non-Mizo suppliers also would not be sentenced ?

**PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we want good seeds, but there can be such bad seeds as well.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I would like to request all members to communicate the concerned Officers even if I am outside the State as early as possible if such things are noted..

**PU LALRINLIANA SAILO** : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I think it is better to discuss in his office without further critical question and answer.

**S P E A K E R** : Pu Zodintluanga to ask Starred Question No. 244.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir. Will the hon'ble Minister Public Works Department be pleased to state -

(a) The amount of loan from bank for construction of Millenium Centre at the Centre of Aizawl City ?

(b) The amount of loan unrecovered till date ?

(c) The amount of rent collected in advance ?

S P E A K E R : Pu Zoramthanga, the hon'ble Chief Minister to give answer.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : (a) (i) Vijaya Bank - Rs. 15/- crores.  
CHIEF MINISTER (ii) HUDCO - Rs. 25/- crores  
(b) The amount unpaid loan is Rs.22,49,95,537/-  
(c) The amount of rent collected in advance is Rs.20,21,14,000/-

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, Government of Mizoram spent Rs.490/- crores from Bank for construction of Millenium Centre evicting about 400 sellers of cash crops. But now it has been handed over to private firm for 90 years. What I want to ask is that whether the State Government had any proposal to construct building for those poor farmers ? If so, where ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the expenditure incurred for the construction of the Millenium Centre is Rs.34,16,60,089/-.  
CHIEF MINISTER The Millenium Centre Authority set up by the Government of Mizoram dealt with Sale Agreement of the Millenium Centre seeking easy repayment measure. It is clear that more income will be collected if it is not handed to private firm. But easy repayment is necessary to meet the expenditure of its own. It cannot be said the exact income now. There will be rental charge, the cost of the Millenium Centre, etc.

S P E A K E R : Your attention please,. Question hour comes to an end but the hon'ble Chief Minister nearly finish so let us give him time to finish his answer.



PU ZORAMTHANGA : Such income are to be calculated. But it  
CHIEF MINISTER will not be very much as the sale is not  
yet completed.

And New Market which is under construction is meant for  
those 400 cash crop sellers.

S P E A K E R : Question hour comes to an end.  
Pu Aichhinga, Minister could not attend  
this Session on family affairs, he, then  
authorized Mr R.Tlanghmingthanga to  
take his charge.

We will proceed to the next Business which is Laying of  
Papers. Now Pu Zoramthanga, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House ' The  
Mizoram Registration of Birth and Death Rules, 2007'.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind  
CHIEF MINISTER permission I lay on the Table of the  
House " The Mizoram Registration of  
Birth and Death Rules, 2007".

S P E A K E R : The copy be laid on the Table of the  
House. Now , Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga,  
Minister on behalf of Pu Aichhinga  
Minister to lay the copy of correction of  
reply to Starred Question No. 122 (a) asked by Pu Sailothanga Sailo on 23.3.2007.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind  
MINISTER permission I lay on the Table of the  
House the copy of correction of reply to  
Starred Question No. 122(a) asked by Pu  
Sailothanga Sailo on 23.3.2007.

S P E A K E R : The copy be laid on the Table of the  
House Now Pu B.Lalthlengliana,  
Minister to lay on the Table of the House  
the copy of correction of reply to Starred  
Question No. 224(a).

PU B. LALTHLEGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I lay on the Table of the House the copy of correction of reply to Starred Question No. 224(a) raised by Pu Sailothanga Sailo.

SPEAKER : The copy be laid on the Table of the House. Now, let us call upon Pu Z.H.Ropuia, Minister to lay on the Table of the House the copy of

correction of reply to Starred Question No. 198.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with your kind permission, I lay a copy of the correction of reply to Starred Question No. 198 asked by Pu H.Liansailova.

SPEAKER : The copy be laid on the Table of the House. Now, let us call upon Pu H.Rammawi Minister to deliver his statement on his absence from the House

to give answer to questions on 30.3.2007.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Thank you, Hon'ble Speaker Sir. My statement is that I could not reply Starred Question raised by Pu R.Lalzirliana on 30.3.2007 (Friday). The reason is that I could not attend the House on that day as I was suffering from high blood pressure and had to take regular treatment on that day. On the same day, I was at the Recess Room at 10:30 AM. My blood pressure changed at the same time and could not enter the House. I was taken for Doctor's treatment on that day. As I was under such condition I did not authorize any Minister to take charge of my duty and I therefore, beg pardon of the House, Speaker and the owner of the Starred Question Mr R.Lalzirliana the hon'ble Member on this day.

SPEAKER : Can we admit the statement of the hon'ble Minister ? Now, Pu Tawnluia, hon'ble Minister to move motion under rule 202.



PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Mr Speaker Sir, with your kind permission and as permitted by rule 202 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, I moved a motion as follows – “ That the Assembly House Committee be constituted to inquire the alleged involvement of the Government of Mizoram in illegal transportation of arms which was raised on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 by Pu R.Lalzirliana, Hon’ble Member of Legislative Assembly and 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2007 by Pu Lalduhoma, Hon’ble Member of Legislative Assembly”. Thank you

SPEAKER : Any member who support the Motion moved by the Hon’ble Minister.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon’ble Speaker Sir, DIG, Police is inviting a Press conference. But no reply has yet been given in regard to the motion moved by Pu Lalduhoma. I think the DIG should be summoned in the House to clarify the reason why he called a Press conference.

SPEAKER : What is important is who authorized the DIG ? The hon’ble Chief Minister or the Home Minister ?

PU LALDUHOMA : That is the question, the House now adopted the Motion for discussion while Press conference is called not to attend this Session. That might be regarded as contempt of this August House. If he had any thing to clarify he should speak on the day when no confidence is moved in the House.

SPEAKER : If he was authorized by Government before the motion is adopted it cannot be charged as contempt of the House. But after the motion is adopted, I feel that no Officer should call Press conference. Then, Motion is being entered, do we agree with it ? I did not say about term of reference and Membership. What is the opinion of the mover in this regard.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I feel that it is all up to the members. I accept whatever House ruling is.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker Sir, provided that the Committee is to be set up to inquire into the alleged actions of the Government of Mizoram, I would like to suggest that the seat of the Chairman should be occupied by the member from the Opposition. One incident may be cited to support my suggestion. Recently an enquiry commission was constituted at Champhai to probe into the case in which various arms and ammunitions were seized from the militants. Much to our surprise the findings of the Government's Enquiry Committee was that the rifle and pistols seized by the Police were toy guns. This false report has been made so that the crime could appear trivial. Hence, the Enquiry Committee should consist of all party members and the chair be occupied by the opposition member.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, my Legislature Party has confidence and trust that you are going to constitute this Committee with the right conscience. However, as stated by the member before me if the Chairman is not appointed from the Opposition, my Legislature Party will renounce from the opposition, my Legislature party will renounce from the matter.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Mr. Speaker, this House has full trust and confidence in your ruling and therefore you have sole authority to appoint the members of the Committee.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker Sir, it has been four years since the Suangpuilawn incidence and yet no report has been submitted. Therefore, it is imperative that the seat of the Chairman should be occupied by member from the Left in order to have justice.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Mr Speaker, I suggest that you make decision from the Chair.



PU R. LALZIRLIANA :

Mr Speaker, if we really want to reveal the truth and to find justice the Chairman of the Enquiry Committee should be appointed from the Opposition Member.

PU R. TLANGHMINHANGA  
MINISTER :

Mr Speaker, the more we discuss the matter the more we make the matter complicated. Therefore, let leave the matter to the Speaker.

S P E A K E R :

The House is fortunate to have House Committees that do not admit party politics. Therefore, let us not the matter bother us.

PU LIANSUAMA :

Mr Speaker, the function of the Chairman in the House Committees and that of the Session Hall has been completely different. As far as I am concerned the function and decision of the House Committees has never been biased. Therefore, I am confident that the Committee, if constituted, will function without partiality.

PU LAL THANHAWLA :

Mr Speaker, the Committee that is to be set up is different with that of the other House Committees. Even the nature and terms of reference have not been the same. Hence, the Opposition member are not to be blamed. If the House truly wants to excavate the truth CBI can be invited to do the job.

PU ZORAMTHANGA  
CHIEF MINISTER :

Mr Speaker, as already practiced before, the appointment of the Chairman of the Committee must be left to the Speaker's direction.

S P E A K E R

If I do not stop the discussion now it can go on without making final decision. So, I will call on the next business which is Half an Hour Discussion. Pu

Lalduhoma, hon'ble member has begged leave of the House to avail this period let us now call upon Pu Lalduhoma.

P U L A L D U H O M A

Thank you, Mr Speaker for allotting me time to discuss the replies furnished by the Hon'ble Minister against Starred Question No. 163 on March 27 on the

same day. The Hon'ble Minister for Horticulture Department had made an allegation that my statement regarding the procurement of Anthurium cut flowers from Zopar Export Limited was not based on fact and that I had made it up. As this is a public interest and could also spoil my reputation I would like to make a justification. To support my statement I have receipts issued by Zopar Ltd. to various Anthurium distributors. I think these receipts have clearly confirmed my statement. At the same time I would like to ask the Hon'ble Minister to produce documents that can support his statement. If not, the Minister should not hesitate to admit his mistakes.

Further, I would like to inform the House that, Zopar Ltd. has made a new Receipt form just the day after Anthurium was discussed in the House. I present the copy of the new receipt to the House.

Regarding the rate of Anthurium the Hon'ble Minister has refixed the existing rate which was according to the agreement made by the Anthurium Grower Association and Zopar Limited. This is the copy of the fixation of the new rate. Mr Speaker, has the Minister get authority to fix the rate of Anthurium? The notification issued by Zopar Limited has been started with the wording----' As per the wish of the Agriculture Minister, price of Anthurium has been are fixed in emergency meeting of today.....' Whereas price of commodities are usually in a higher manner the price of Anthurium has been refixed in a downward manner.

Another important point I would like to mention is that Zopar firm has not only deal in cut flower but also supply planting material. Whereas Zopar has planted only high quality material from Netherlands, other Anthurium growers are supplied with seeds like Indian hybrid and Indian Tissue culture whose products are small and tiny. As this is the case, Anthurium growers have met market problem and Zopar itself refused to purchase Indian Anthurium. Therefore, it is not fair to entrust only one firm to deal the supply of planting material as it has open door for monopolization... It would be appreciated if the Department officials and the Hon'ble Minister can take remedial steps.



S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon the Minister in-charge to give speech.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the copy of the explanatory note made by the mover has been given to me and I would like to say that the hon'ble member who moved our subject of discussion has not done this in a destructive manner.

Mr Speaker, Zopar Limited and Grower Association has made an agreement on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2003. In this agreement, the Government has no involvement. The agreement has made 2 kinds of rate, one is in figure and the other is in percent. Anthurium price has peak period and bearing this in mind the Growers decided to make the rate in percentage. This had been done for the benefit of the Growers. Again, in September, 2004 the agreement was amended when the rate was fixed. Mr Speaker, this is the copy of the agreement.

It is the intention of the Government to motivate the Growers and therefore, our discussion today is not to spoil the existing incentive but to promote their works I have even advised the Association not to be disappointed.

As regards to the wording of notification issued by Zopar Limited I would like to clarify that it is not the purview of the Minister to direct the price of Anthurium.

Mr Speaker, the Department has not advised Zopar Limited to reduce the price of anthurium. The Government is only concern with the benefit of the Growers and to enhance Anthurium prospect in the State.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, why is the rate reduced when the Minister is stating of promoting the growers. I request the hon'ble Minister to clarify. The Minister further stated that, the Government does not have a hand, if so, he should stop visiting the grower.

PU H. RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr Speaker, I don't visit the grower, but since questions were raised in the House, I gave an advice not to demoralise themselves, but instead use it to motivate themselves.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, Zopar issued this letter and distributed the copy to growers. In this letter, it is stated that the rate is reduced as per the wishes of the hon'ble Minister, and here the Minister has just stated that he does not interfere and that he is not aware of it. Mr Speaker, the matter should be taken to Priviledge Committee, as the moral of growers has been demoralized tremendously.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, it is between the grower MINISTER Society and Zopar. Mizoram is known for anthurium Mr Speaker, thus, I only gave an advice not to demoralize themselves, but use it to activate themselves. Mr Speaker, I submit the copy of their agreement for House property.

S P E A K E R : Whatever it is, the grower should know the rate. When anthurium growers deliver their flowers, if the cash is not given there and then, they should at least be told of the rate. The Minister and Department should take steps in this regard as this will activate the growers.

We will now move on the Legislative Business. We have 4 bills, 2 for amendment and 2 original bill. We will now call Pu H.Rammawi to ask permission of the House for the discussion of "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007".

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, with your permission and the House. I beg that "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007" be discussed in the House.

S P E A K E R : Can we all give the permission. If so, let us call the hon'ble Minister to move the Bill.

PU H. RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, in this Bill, "The Mizoram MINISTER Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007" the reason for the need of this Bill is given in the statement of object and reason. Mr Speaker, Supreme Court of India issued an order that Central and State Government should make Marriages Registration Rules, as there are many marriages without registration. Therefore, after careful study it is resolved that a



separate Bill be introduced to safeguard the nearest Rules we have at present, which is, 'Indian Christian Marriage Act 1872'.

Mr Speaker, this bill has been carefully examined and scrutinized by the hon'ble opposition members. We have left the legal language in the hands of Law Department. I would personally thank the Law Secretary for swift and efficient drafting of the Bill. I, however, regret to point out some of the typing mistakes.

Mr Speaker page No. 3, section 4, under appointment of register of marriage, there has to be a coma after necessary, i.e. 'The State Government may appoint either by name or by virtue of their office any person or persons as it thinks necessary'...Page No. 4 first line, last sentence- it should be section 4 and not 3. Then, in page No. 7 section 10, second line - there should be coma after inspection. Mr Speaker, in page No. 8. under Section 14, last line it should be section 3 and not 4. Under Rules and provision in page No. 10, Section 20, (b) last paragraph it is stated - under Section 5 and 6 shall be file'. File should be past tense and coma should be added there after. Please turn to page No.11, section 21, Sub-section 3, there should be a coma after may be. Next page, page No. 12 the 10<sup>th</sup> line, 'n' should be cancel in 'Marriage'. Page No. 13, it should be 'compulsory' and not 'compulsorily'.

Mr Speaker, the most critical part of the Bill is Section 4 page No. 3. Which is appointment of register of marriage. After careful study and taking into consideration of the Social practise, custom and religion, it is kept, "The State Government may appoint either by name or by virtue of their office for any person or persons as it thinks necessary". Mr Speaker, we feel it safeguard the said prospect. There is nothing much to speak of. I, therefore, request this august House to pass the Bill as the Supreme Court has urged the Central and State Government to implement. 'The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage Bill, 2007. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

The hon'ble Minister has just pointed out some tying mistakes. We will consider it as patent error. We will start discussing the Bill. Each member will be allotted 5 minutes. Pu Andrew Lalherliana.

P U A N D R E W L A L H E R L I A N A

Mr Speaker, it is true what the hon'ble Minister has just mentioned, the Bill was discussed before hand with the Opposition members. However, I would like to point out that the Presbyterian Church is serious about this Bill. In fact, Executive Committee is scrutinizing the Bill and are expected to submit the report by June. Therefore, though I have nothing to object clause by clause, I would like to request if the passing of the Bill could be postponed until the report of Executive Committee is ready. It could be a way of showing respect to the sensitivity of the Church by the House. Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker, the process of Presbyterian Church is very slow. It is not that I disagree with the hon'ble member before me but the Church has its duty to perform and so thus the Government. It may happen that with its busy schedule the Church may not be able to finish in time. As it is, we are in urgent need of the rules in order to safeguard the status of women. I, therefore, would like to voice my support to what the hon'ble Minister has just stated. Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, I was expecting the hon'ble Minister to state how various societies react to this Bill after they had discussion, but he did not mention about it. The present Government has the habit of consulting NGO, YMA, MUP on subjects which is not of their concern. Thus, my question is why has the Government not consult the Church and has the Church receive the copy. If so, why has the hon'ble Minister not mention about their opinion. From the information we received, Synod Executive Committee has discussed and has referred to OM, after which OM will refer to Services Department and then back to Synod Executive Committee by June. Mr Speaker thus it seems that we are passing the Bill before knowing the report of Synod Executive Committee. In my opinion, the Bill should be discussed together.

Mr Speaker, we are special provision State, thus, Customary Law Article 271(G) protects our customary marriage. Thus, there should be rules to protect the rights of Women. However, I do not see any harm in taking steps along with the Supreme Court order. The hon'ble Minister does not mention about the urgency of the Bill and it is not written in the objects and reasons as well. Therefore, can this Bill wait as it is, there are a number of typing mistakes and further the opinion of the Church should be taken into consideration.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, we are fortunate that we are able to practise our customary marriage law without any problem till date. But now that the Supreme Court has issued the order, we have to follow the order. I understand what the hon'ble members mentioned in regard to the opinion of the Church, it is not that we do not give significance to the Church's opinion, but the urgency of the Bill compels us. The Bill has been drafted as harmless as possible. The general idea of the Bill is that all marriages should be registered and that the Government will authorize individual who can conduct marriages. If there is any objection from the Church or MHIP, it will be changed as required.



PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, you have brought home special provision, but it is unfortunate you still have fear.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, we can not object the order of the Supreme Court. Like I mentioned earlier, it is just about the registration of marriage. If there is any

amendment to be made it shall be done. Therefore, due to the urgency of the Bill. I request that we pass the Bill for now.

PU S. HIATO : Mr Speaker, the Bill stated that newly marriage couple should register their marriage within 30 days. If so, does it include marriages that took place in the past years ?

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble Minister to wind-up.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Mr Speaker, we had discussion with MINISTER NGO and MHIP. Discussion was also held with Church Committee. During discussion hon'ble Minister Dr. Lalzama and myself informed the Committee the intention of the Government. The Church Committee has discussed to the extend that Christian Marriage Act, Rules provision could be suitable. However, we inform them that the present Bill is more appropriate.

Mr Speaker, dated 14.2.2006 of Supreme Court order stated that, it should be implemented within 3 months. Thus, the head of Government - Chief Secretary is liable for explanation any time, if the Act is not pass. We have discussed with NGO and the Church Committee, that once the Act is passed, Rules will carefully be drafted in consultation with them.

Mr Speaker, I urge the House to understand the various typing mistakes and the urgency of the Bill. As mentioned before it is an order issued by the Supreme Court which even the Central Government can not neglect. I, therefore, request this august House to pass the Bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Let us now take vote on 'the Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007'. All those who agree say 'agree' and those who does not agree say 'disagree' clause 3-21, main body of the Bill is passed by the House. Now, all those who agree to pass clause-I short title, clause-II definition, Preamble and Enacting formula, say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. The House has passed clause-I short title and clause-II. All those who agree to pass 'The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage Bill, 2007 say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. Now the House passed the Bill. We will have a break now. Meeting will resume at 2 : 00 PM

**Sitting adjourned 1 : 00 P.M.**

**2 : 00 P.M.**

SPEAKER : We will now continue our business. We have three Bills to discuss today. Let us now call hon'ble Minister Dr Lalzama to seek the permission of the House for the discussion of 'The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2007'. The copy has been distributed.

Dr LALZAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, I seek the permission of the House for the discussion of 'The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2007'.

SPEAKER : Do we all agree ? If so, let the Minister move the Bill.

Dr LALZAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, as we are aware, permanent farming has been considered in the State. The Government has been taking steps as to how farmers could benefit from their harvest. The Government had done whatever it could to search the market for their harvest. Meanwhile, in eastern part of Mizoram in around 1300 hectares, grape plantation is going on in full swing. The farmers began on their own. It is only recently that Horticulture Department distributed aids. In fact, Mr Speaker, it is not only in eastern area that grape cultivation is taking place but in different parts of Mizoram.



Even though Growers of Grapes in Champhai and the areas around give their best effort for their plantations, their knowledge is somewhat limit to bring about healthy production. It is, therefore important for the Government to make appropriate regulation for the process and production of Grape wine or Apple Juice.

On the other hand, in order to regulate the process, it is a must to form processing unit ; and so as to form the processing unit, licensing permission will be necessary. In order to issue licensing permit, modification of the existing MLPT Act may further be necessary. Hence, the matter has been discussed with Consultative Committee of Excise Department where as modification of MLTP Act has also been decided.

As for plantation at Hnahlan and the areas around, most of the variety are of Bangalore Blue variety the taste of which is sour and therefore needs processing. However, as already pointed out, syntax material is used in the process and it is believed that the product could be harmful for health. As a matter of fact, Shaw Wallace Company of Bangalore, the Company with 35 years of experience is being acquired to study the process and their finding is that the variety is of an ideal type for sacramental wine but stainless steel may be used instead of syntax material as the later is harmful for health. It is further determined that winery may be set up at the capacity of production within this areas so that clean and healthy wine is consumed in Mizoram provided with inclusion of this item as food item by the Central Government. I, therefore, opine that MLTP Act may be amended to suit the said production so that the concern farmers may be benefited from their products.

As it is shown in this copy of Bill, there is amendment in the principal Act sec-2 sub(1) clause (g) and the following clauses shall be inserted namely -

- “ (9a) Grape means fruit of vitis venifera,
- (9b) Guava means fruit of Psidium Gujava”.

In the principal Act, in Sub-section (1) of section 2 after clause(j) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely : -

“ Provided that it shall not include wine made from grapes and guavas under license from the Government, which shall not contain more than such percentage of alcohol as may be prescribed by the Government”.

Again, here in section 13 of the principal Act the following shall be added ; Namely : - “ or, (c) alter or attempt to alter wine or have in his possession wine with more than the prescribed content of alcohol”.

Besides, in section 26 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely -

26-A. Subject to general conditions of section 26 and with prior approval of the Government, the Commissioner or any other officer duly authorized by him may grant license and permit for -

- i) Manufacture of wine,
- ii) Wholesale and retail vending of wine,
- iii) transport and export of wine within and outside the State”.

After section 26A in the principal Act, a new section shall be inserted as follows, namely :-

26B. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 7, for the purposes of manufacture, possession, sale, consumption, import, transport, export of wine and all other matters connected thereto, the provisions of Mizoram Excise Act 1973 (Mizoram Act No. 7 of 1974) as amended from time to time shall apply with effect from the appointed day”.

In Sub-section (2) of section 70 of the principal Act, after clause(c), a new clause shall be inserted as follows, namely :-

“(cc) for regulating, manufacture, possession, sale, transportation and consumption of wine, and grant, cancellation and renewal of license for the purpose, and for prescribing procedure and conditions for the purpose”.

I, therefore, move to this House to consider this matter and be passed accordingly. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: The Minister has now moved the Bill. Who will be the first to speak ? Yes, Pu Andrew Lalherliana.

P U A N D R E W L A L H E R L I A N A

: Mr Speaker, considering what we have to discuss today – there will surely be the opinion that MLTP Act is tend to be weakened by this Amendment Bill. But as already explained by the concerned Minister, this amendment concerns for solution of the problem of the said growers as well as health of the consumers and the Legislature party too supports the idea due to that reasons. Thank you.

P U H. L I A N S A I L O V A

: Mr Speaker, as a member of the said consultation Committee, I too have attended the meeting for that concern and I have to mention that keeping in mind of the necessity of amendment of MLTP Act, the Committee agreed to proceed as proposed since it will open opportunity to the concern growers.

Speaking of MLTP Act, I have even put my effort to introduce MLTP Act in Mizoram during the previous Ministry of Congress Party as it is



considered as the urgent need of our State. As for this amendment Bill, it may be wise to approach leaders of Churches and NGOs to take the leading role once again as MLTP Act is successful due to their efforts. Hence, it may be important to make prior consultation of the said leaders and make necessary amendment with their approval. This Bill will then surely be passed by the House unanimously.

Regarding the variety of Grapes as shown in the statement of object and reason i.e. vitis lugrusca, is this variety the same with vitis venifera as mentioned here in the Act or it is just a technical error?

Lastly, as of setting up of manufacturing factory, it may be important for the concern authority to prepare the regulation carefully so that unfavourable consequences may not yield up by the production and its procedure.

PU K. VANLALAUVA : Mr Speaker, I want to express that the whole body of the total prohibition Bill/Act in my opinion, is good enough. Yet, it will be much important for the concern authority to maintain this amendment accordingly especially section 2, subsection 3 that emphasizes the prescribed percentage of alcohol of the product since this amendment concerns for the welfare of farmers, I strongly hope it is passed by the House unanimously. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Mr Speaker, I opine our State extremely need to pass this MLTP Act. I visit grapes plantation of Mualcheng and Lungphunlian three years back and I have to say that their knowledge of processing wine is very limited and unscientific. It is necessary for the Government to promote their system of processing so that the concern families would obtain a stable living from this source.

On the other hand Mr Speaker it is different for them to get a resourceful marketing of the product unless amendment of MLTP Act is made for that concern. As for the for the body of this amendment bill I have nothing to complain yet, it will be important for the concern authority to observe whether the regulation is followed ideally. And, subscription of percentage of alcoholic content in the procedure is much appreciative. It is much desirable if this Bill is unanimously passed by the House. Thank you.

SPEAKER : I now call upon the concern Minister to wind-up the discussion.

Dr LALZAMA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, I first of all want to extend my thanks as most of the speeches are made in favour of this Bill. As known to us all, this Bill concerns the welfare of grapes growers and generation of manpower. Hopefully this will further solve unemployment problem of this areas. As suggested by certain members, it is much necessary for the concern authority to see whether the regulation is applied accordingly.

Besides this, it is to be noted that central fund to assist this plantation could no longer be obtained unless this amendment is made. As for the question raised by Pu Liansailova of the name of the said variety, vitis - vinera should be corrected as vitis-visubrastra. Botanical name of the variety may be changed as necessary. So Mr Speaker, I move this House to pass ' The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition (Amendment Bill, 2007)' Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will now take up the next business 'The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007'. The concern Minister for Public Works Department may now move to this House to consider the Bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I beg leave of the House to consider " The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007 " which has already been introduced.

S P E A K E R : Do we agree ? If so, let the copy be distributed to the members. The Hon'ble Chief Minister may now move the House for consideration of The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Mr Speaker before getting into the point, let me make correction of certain patent errors which seems to be a typing mistakes. Here in " this Acts may be called the Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007", the word Acts should have been 'Act' and may be taken as patent error.



Mr Speaker, this Bill concerns for the chance to improve our road through financial assistance from World Bank. So, we have approached World Bank to sanction the said and permission is obtained but with certain conditions. Our roads are now under construction with the help of this fund and for that purpose, it is proposed to set up Road Fund Board with Minister for Public Works Department, Chief Secretary and Secretary as its members. Again, there is a proposal to set up improvement Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary and the proposed members are from Departments of Finance, Transport, Police, Taxation, Public Works Department, Chamber of Commerce, and NGOs such as Young Mizo Association, Mizoram Upa Pawl, Mizo Hmeichhe Insuihkhawm Pawl, Cosumers Union, Truck Owners Association, Taxi Owners Association, Town- Bus Owners Association and Mizoram Road Transport Union. After Law Department and Transport Department scrutinized draft of the proposal, it has now come into existence.

If this Bill is passed by the House, it will be started with Road Fund Board with the concern Minister as its Chairman and Chief Secretary as Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Public Works Department or Engineer-in-chief as member's Secretary and for the members, Finance Commissioner, Principal Secretary Planning, Director Transport, Taxation Commissioner, Chief Engineer Highway, Public Works Department, Road Chief Engineer and Inspector General of Police, Share holders. Besides, representative from Taxi Owners Association, Truck Owners Association and other members as shown in the draft as Board Members.

In order to take care of fund for that purpose, there will be a registered Road Fund Board and will further be responsible for maintenance of grant received by the Government and fund from Government of India such as Rehabilitation and Repair, fund for maintenance of Roads, collection of fine under Mizoram Highway Act, 2002 and collection from supply of diesel, petrol and other oils by the State. This Road Fund Board will then arrange utilization of grant, subsidy, donation, gift, subscription and loan accordingly. It is to be noted that the actual executing agency will be the Department concern and contractors provided with appropriate procedure and audit of expenditure to be done by the said Board.

Of the procedure of collection of tolls, fees, fines and other funds, it may be decided by our Share holders and NGOs as necessary.

Since the Bill concerns with improvement of maintenance of the system, it is much desirable if this House approved to consider the matter and for that reason this Bill is being moved. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The hon'ble Chief Minister has moved the Bill. To start the discussion let me call upon Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga to have his speech.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, during the discussion of the demand of the Minister for Taxation Department, I have expressed my opinion that Road Fund Bill could be of a burden for public. But I have learned as the hon'ble Chief Minister moved the Bill which indicates commitment of our Government to that project considering the need for improvement of our transportation system, this project will surely pave the way for the concern people in maintenance of their livelihoods.

Besides, it is much appreciated that World Bank is giving Mizoram a special consideration in repayment of loan and furthermore, an opportunity to avail more as requirement. Hopefully, this project will bring one of the most important developmental infrastructures as well as economic infrastructure for the State by constructing motorable roads. I, therefore by superceding my precious statement, expresses my opinion in support of passing of this Bill. Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you Mr Speaker, we have learned that our Chief Minister is careful enough in dealing with this Bill as this amendment Bill has been put forward before Consultative Committee prior to discussion here in the House. We have also learned that there is an intention to start collection of tolls on Roads and bridges within the current financial year. On the other hand, the hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned in his budget speech that collection should be started by the next financial year. Which one should be taken into account ?

Regarding source of fund as stated by the hon'ble Chief Minister obviously cost price of diesel, petrol and other oils will automatically increased if collection of fund is started. For example, due to increase of charge on vehicle registration, surcharge on petrol is bound to increase by 1 crore 50 lakh rupees and 2 crore and 30 lakh rupees by issue of driving license and permit fee. I, therefore would like to suggest not to rush with the said collection. It may also be wise to collect from the Department one or more percentage from their budget allocation respectively.

To conclude my speech, I would like to advise the concern authority not to rush with implementation of any collection of fund that effect increase of tax.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, at the outset, I have to express my regret for not taking the opinion of Young Mizo Association into account despite its important role for the success of Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act in our State.



Secondly, regarding proposal for increase of toll on road and bridges, it is unfortunate to learn that journey to the Southern part of Mizoram will take more payment of toll considering number of bridges on the way. It will then result in increase of fare for traveling by buses or Maxi-cabs and it will be the poors to suffer the burden indirectly as well-to-do families can afford to travel by their own vehicles. I am not saying that availing of loan from World Bank is not good but we have to consider properly the effect it will bring especially to the poors. It may also be wise to implement the collection gradually. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call upon Pu K.Lalrinliana.

P U K. L A L R I N L I A N A : Mr Speaker, today, I am pleased that we could have a good time to discuss 'The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007'. From the light of our discussion there is a felt need to have Road Fund Bill in Mizoram. Some members from the opposition have emphasized how this Bill will cause burden to the people. However, if road fund is collected it will be utilized for maintenance of roads which will results in cheaper fares. Currently, one of the main problems in communication is poor maintenance of roads. This is due to shortage of fund. Therefore, Mr Speaker, the people would be benefited most if our roads are well maintained. Besides, the Bill has made provision to entrust private entrepreneurs or firms to undertake construction of bridges. This will be very advantageous for the people.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, this Bill is moved for the benefit of the people. The State has many roads and bridges to be maintained. A poor State like Mizoram is highly in need of Road Fund Bill. Thus, Mr Spaker, I express my support for this Bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : I will now call upon the mover of the Bill, the Hon'ble Chief Minister to give his speech.

P U Z O R A M T H A N G A  
C H I E F M I N I S T E R : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, as observed and commended by the hon'ble Members it is very pleasing that we have some idea in regard to the Road Fund Bill. The proposal is sponsored by the World Bank. The most important thing is that the Department did not like to impose such fund without discussion with non-Government Organisations for better cooperation. We are now afraid that the Road Fund Board will give us pressure to use them. After passing this, the Constitutive

Committee will have formulation of the fees to be imposed.. Due to this, the time of its implementation will take longer.

We have an idea to impose the tax immediately but lightly at the beginning.

Regarding NLCPR, some Members may have misunderstanding of the plan that fund percentage is regarded for our quota as we did not use 10% of the fund. If a Department had a plan fund of Rs.100 crores in the Budget, 10% of the fund is regarded as to be reserved for the North East. But, it is not entered immediately to NLCPR. They use it from time to time and then the balance is credited to the NEC. Many times, we tried to get the fund before it has been credited to the Department of North East Region as it is more easy to get from it.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the reason why I had ask question is that the fund is quite enough that I suggest to collect 2% of the fund to enhance our economic pliolicy.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is very pleasing to know such suggestion. Remembering such suggestion it is good to have such reserve fund even from other source.

Road maintenance is good for all of us. That is why, if any Department knows the issue, I think we will give pressure to have such reservation. I think that the fund will highly improve the roads. I therefore, request the House to pass this Road Fund Bill.

SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Chief Minister begs the House to pass " The Mizoram Road Fund Bill, 2007". Do you agree with the request.( The Bill is voted and passed ).

Now, the last business for today. Let us call upon Pu R. Tlanghmingthanga, Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department to beg permission of the House to consider ' The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007 '.



PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir, with  
MINISTER : your permission I beg the House to  
consider "The Mizoram Clinical and  
Health Establishment Regulation Bill,  
2007".

SPEAKER : Do we agree with it . If so, let us call  
him to move the Bill.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. In this  
MINISTER : Bill, the year 2007 is inserted as 2006.  
This needed correction as 2007. That is  
printing mistake and beg pardon of the  
House for it.

As we know, the State is so backward in health care comparing to the adjoining States. From few years back, we learnt that some doctors practised privately in others established private hospitals, clinical laboratory, nursing home etc. in the city. We also learnt inadequacy of Aizawl Civil Hospital and other district hospitals. We are therefore, in such situation that the present rules and regulations do not cover the demand. That is why , we need rules and regulations which would cover private practitioners, organizations and hospitals.

Nowadays, we have complaints against some doctors employed in the Civil Hospital who are engaged in private hospitals. But it is difficult to make restriction against them because there are many patients in private hospital who are under treatment but could not be admitted in the Civil Hospital due to shortage of accommodation and doctors. If we examine the demands, there are so Many patients that could not be admitted in the Civil Hospitals. In fact, most of the patients on emergency could not be admitted. Many patients are disappointed with the Hospital for they can not get admission even on emergency ground. On the other hand, if the Civil Hospital could cover the demand we could challenge against the complaint, but Civil Hospital could not meet the demand.

Truly speaking, I feel that the practice of doctors in private hospital without disturbing their own duty in the Civil Hospital is good for the patients who could not get admission in the Civil Hospital. If they are totally restricted, it may be regarded as a crime on humanitarian ground. Now, we have nine Private Hospitals in the State. I do highly appreciate their contribution for the patients.

Anyway, number of hospitals in private will be existing, it is difficult to administer them without proper rules and regulations. The patients too needed security against the private hospitals. It is therefore, necessary to have rules and regulations for administration of such things. The matter can not be delayed. Anyway, that is all what I can say now. I would like to request the hon'ble Members to say about it earnestly. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Bill had been moved by the Hon;ble Minister. We will have discussion on spending not more than seven minutes each. Now, we will call upon Pu S. Hiato.

P U S. H I A T O : Thank you Hon;ble Speaker Sir. It is clear that the Bill had been formulated the year before. It is pleasing to discuss on this day. There are number of private hospitals, laboratories and nursing homes in this city and other places in the State. I feel that it is worthy to pass as the Bill seeks controlling and maintaining them of these hospitals & laboratories besides caring for the patients.

As we know, Aizawl Civil Hospital could not cover the demands of the State. If there were no private hospitals it will be truly troublesome. The Civil Hospital is in need of accommodations and doctors. The C.T. Scan, various kinds of blood examination laboratories are useless from time to time. On the other hand, the cost of such blood examination is also too high. It is too expensive for the poor people. If we have such health care bills I would like to request this august House to make provision for checking and controlling such cost of examinations. And I also want to request the House to set up Laboratories for such blood examination in each district headquarters. Thank you.

P U H. L I A N S A I L O V A : Hon'ble Speaker sir, I have not much to say about the Bill. The words of the mover is acceptable that it revealed the necessity of the Bill. What I want to say is that those clinical establishments are now generally used for commercial purposes. On this matter, I would like to say that as we are economically backward we need protection to some extent. I would like to request the Government to have reasonable restriction in future.

Secondly, it appears that such clinical establishments are generally profitable. While the employees are employed at a very cheap rate. I think they need protection from the practitioners.



Thirdly, there are some typing mistakes on page 1-3. If we are to pass it. I feel that correction is to be made before it is passed. Shortly, I support the Bill and want to pass it.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Thank you Hon'ble Speaker Sir. It appears that it is so good to pass the Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007 for clinical establishments to protect lawlessness in this regard.

When we talk about equipment of Civil Hospital it seems that the hon'ble Minister had received wrong information. We enquired the situation of now. I know that the supplier had been called on last Sunday. It appears that he was told to say, " it is necessary to return as some parts of the equipments are not completely supplied". I feel that he had been advised. That is very unbecoming, this demoralized the dignity of this august House. Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, there is not much to speak of, I would like to give my support.

Mr Speaker, there is one point which I would like to mention. As Assembly Session is going on here, we members are called for Committee, which is inappropriate.

S P E A K E R : Which meeting ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, patient welfare meeting at Lunglei and Electoral Roll Revision Meeting. The House Leader should look into the matter.

Mr Speaker, I am not sure of the date, I attended Social Welfare at National Assistant Meeting at D.C. Office. I enquire if TA/DA could be availed, to my surprise there was no TA/DA. I was expecting that if members are called for meeting, their TA/DA would be taken care of.

S P E A K E R : We have mentioned earlier that, MLA should not be called for meeting during Session, only if it is time bound, New order should be issued. Hon'ble Health Minister should take step to postponed tomorrow's meeting.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, Electoral Roll Revision Committee was also called on 2<sup>nd</sup>. We received W/T message from D.C. Office.

S P E A K E R : I read about it in the Newspaper and I was surprised. Anyway, let us expect the House Leader to take care of the matter. As we have come to the end of the discussion, let us now call the hon'ble Minister to wind-up. As for patent error, Health Department official should make arrangement with Assembly Secretary to correct the Bill before it is sent to Governor. Let us now call the hon'ble Minister.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, thank you. It is fortunate that hon'ble members spoke in support of the Bill. As for what hon'ble member from Lunglei 'S' has just mentioned. We will give information about the meeting.

I am grateful that hon'ble member. Pu S.Hiato spoke in support of the Bill. It is the aim and objective of clinical Health Mission to provide necessary equipment to all District Hospitals. Infact, there is a proposal to upgrade Saiha Hospital to 100 bedded. Mr Speaker, as a result of Assembly Private Member's Resolution that was passed, order has been issued to declare Mamit, Kolasib and Lawngtlai hospital as District Hospital.

Mr Speaker, we are grateful that the Rs. 54 crore DPR that we have submitted for Aizawl Civil Hospital and Rs. 26 crore DPR for Champhai has been accepted.

It is true what Pu Liansailova stated in regard to clinical and School owners. It is significant to note the suggestion made.

I am very grateful for what Pu Zira has pointed out. We gave the positive answer because as per record the equipment was received. But as the hon'ble member has mentioned. Since it is not there physically in the hospital compound, an enquiry Committee has been constituted. Mr Speaker, from this information, we found out that one more equipment is missing. The Enquiry Committee is taking care to locate these equipments.



Mr Speaker, I am grateful that the hon'ble members pointed out valuable points. I may not react to all the points, however, with this Bill, the Department expect to carry forward the various on going proposals. Mr Speaker, we also expect that with this Bill the functioning of private hospitals could also be improved. The rate for private hospital has been fixed by the Government Mr Speaker, we deal with human lives, thus, the Department is careful in every step it takes. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble members not to hesitate in giving information and suggestions.

Mr Speaker, I now beg this august House to pass, The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007. Thank you.

**S P E A K E R** : Now, the hon'ble Minister beg leave of the House to pass 'The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007. All those who agree to pass clause 3-28, main body say 'agree', and those who disagree say 'disagree'. The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007 clause 3-28, main body. All those who agree to pass clause 1, short title, clause 2 definition, preamble and enacting formula say 'agree' and those who disagree say, 'disagree'. Now the House has passed clause 1 short title, clause 2, which is part of the Bill. All those who agree to pass the main body, 'The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007 say 'agree' and those who disagree say 'disagree'. The House has now passed 'The Mizoram Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007.

We have now come to the end of today's business. I will now give the summary of the sitting of the 10th Session. There are 22 days sittings we are grateful that, His Excellency the Governor of Mizoram addressed the House. The summary of the Session is as follows - Questions and answers, entered - 534, rejected - 25, admitted - 509, clubbed - 20, entered in the list of business - 260, questions answered in the House - 52, unanswered questions in the House - 208. Starred Question, turned into Unstarred - 230, Unstarred Question - 146, rejected - 38, admitted - 108, clubbed - 1, paper laid on the House Table - 337, Starred Questioned turned to Unstarred Question - 230. Questions for which answer is not received on time is turned into Unstarred Question.

Obituary was observed for former Finance Minister, Pu Zairemthanga, and Pu Biakchhunga, former Deputy Speaker, Hon'ble Chief Minister spoke of our belated leaders, and so thus members - Pu Lal Thanhawla, Pu Lalhmingthanga, Pu Lalduhoma and Pu Tawnluia. The House stood still for 1 minute to show respect.

Special Mention : - 1) Hon'ble member Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, availed special mention in regard to expired medicine in Health and Family Welfare Department. 2) Pu Andrew Latherliana availed special mention in regard to the problem faced by patients at Arya Hospital Guwahati. Resolution - Private member's Resolution - 59. Out of these resolutions, 2 resolutions were passed. These were report presented in the House :-

- 1) Business Advisory Committee Report.
- 2) The 27<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2000-2001 relating to Public Works Department.
- 3) The 28<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2001-2002 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
- 4) The 29<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-2003 relating to Public Works Department.
- 5) The 30<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-2003, relating to Power & Electricity Department.
- 6) The 31<sup>st</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-2003, relating to School Education Department.
- 7) The 32<sup>nd</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on Appropriation Accounts for the year 2002-2003 excess expenditure.
- 8) The 33<sup>rd</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee for the year 2002-2004 excess expenditure.
- 9) The 34<sup>th</sup> Report of Public Accounts Committee on the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 2002-2003 relating to Public Health Engineering Department.
- 10) The 35<sup>th</sup> Report of Action taken by the Government on the recommendation contain in the 12<sup>th</sup> report of Public Accounts Committee on para 4.5 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India report 1999-2000 relating to Public Works Department (Irregular Adjustment of Expenditure).
- 11) The 1<sup>st</sup> Report of Subject Committee III relating to Environment & Forests Department ( National Afforestation Programme ).
- 12) The 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of Subject Committee IV relating to Trade & Commerce Department (Border Trade).
- 13) The 10<sup>th</sup> Report of Subject Committee V relating to Agriculture Department (Minor Irrigation).

Paper laid on the House Table :-

- 1) The Finance Accounts & Appropriation Account for the year 2005-2006 in respect of the Government of Mizoram.
- 2) The Mizoram Education Recognised Private School Regulation Rules, 2006.



- 3) The Mizoram Education Establishment and Management Private Middle Schools 2006.
- 4) A copy of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2006 in respect of the Government of Mizoram.
- 5) A copy of orders of Governor of Mizoram under para 16 of the 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Constitution.
- 6) A copy of the Mizoram Registration of Births & Deaths Rule, 2007.

Six Bills were admitted and passed, they are :-

- 1) The Court fees Mizoram Amendment Bill, 2007.
- 2) The Mizoram Municipalities Bill, 2007.
- 3) The Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Amendment Bill, 2007.
- 4) The Mizoram Road fund Bill, 2007.
- 5) The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Bill, 2007.
- 6) The Clinical and Health Establishment Regulation Bill, 2007.
- 7) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 2007.
- 8) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2007.

Bill assent given by Governor, during 9<sup>th</sup> Session :-

- 1) The Mizoram Co-operative Societies Bill, 2006.
- 2) The Mizoram Fiscal Responsibilities and Management Bill, 2006.
- 3) The Mizoram Local Funds Accounts and Audit Bill, 2006.

Bill assent given by Governor, during the 10<sup>th</sup> Session :-

- 1) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 Bill, 2007.
- 2) The Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2007.

Motion :-

- 1) No Confidence was received from Pu Lalduhoma. It was moved but the House rejected.
- 2) Base on Rules 202 of Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly, hon'ble Home Minister submitted a motion : It was accepted and passed.
- 3) Pu Lalduhoma was given permission for half an hour discussion on started Question No. 163.

We regret to state that there are typing mistakes, wrong calculations, submission of question without enclosure. The number of Patent error has increased, I would like to remind the officers to avoid these errors as far as possible.

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I would like to thank the hon'ble members for your co-  
operation.

I pray that the coming Good Friday and Easter Sunday be a  
blessing to all of you.

The House is adjourned Sine Die      4 : 15 P.M.



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The House is adjourned 8:10 P.M.

