

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

LIST OF BUSINESS

**FOR FOURTEENTH SITTING ON FRIDAY, THE 30TH MARCH, 2007
(TIME 10 : 30 A.M. to 1 : 00 P.M. and 2 : 00 P.M. to 4 : 00 P.M.)**

PRESENT

1. Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 11 Ministers and 26 Members were present.

QUESTIONS

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

Private member's Business

3. Resolutions.

SPEAKER : And he judge the world with
righteousness, he judges the people with
equity.

PSALM 9 : 8

We will now take up questions. Starred question No. 221,
Pu Andrew Lalherliana to ask.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you.

Will the hon'ble General Administration Department Minister be pleased to state -

- (a) After privatization of Vehicle, how many vehicles has been disposed ?
- (b) What benefit has been given to those officers whose vehicle has been disposed ? Are the benefits equal for all officers.

S P E A K E R : We will now call General Administration Department Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
CHIEF MINISTER : member's questions are as follows - 681 vehicles has been disposed after privatization of vehicles.

As for the benefit, special car loan scheme has been introduced by the Government for all officers.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr Speaker, it is pleasing to learn that 681 vehicles has been disposed, and that special scheme is introduced for those officers whose vehicles has been disposed. From the information we received POL is given to these officers, but officers of same rank who were not allotted vehicles prior to privatization of vehicles does not receive POL. Thus, my question is, will it be possible to equalize these officers from these benefits ? And, whether the Government will carry on privatization of vehicles ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, as member before me have just mentioned, from the information we received POL and Driver is given to these officers. If this is so, what is the point in privatization ?

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
CHIEF MINISTER : members questions are - Experts
calculated the value of vehicles that are
to be disposed. So, as if the officer in-
charge of the vehicles, if willing can retain their vehicle according to the price set by
the Government. If not, the vehicle is disposed. As for the Drivers, the Government
has introduced voluntary retirement scheme. Thus, gradually Drivers will go on
retirement.

As for POL, Mr Speaker, officers who are entitle are allotted
POL to bridge the sudden privatization of vehicles.

In regard to continuation of privatization, the Government will
continue privatization.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr Speaker, the hon'ble Chief Minister
just mentioned that, privatization is the
sudden scheme of the Government, but it
is not so, the officers has enough time to
repair their vehicles, which eventually leads to high amount of Government's
workshop bill.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the scheme before it is
CHIEF MINISTER : finalized has to go through a long
process it is true. As for high amount of
workshop bill, vehicles has to be
repaired before its disposal. With the disposal of vehicles the workshop bill will
eventually be solved.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Lalduhoma to ask
starred question No. 222.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, Will the hon'ble Minister
for Information and Public Relations
Department be pleased to state -

- (a) After the implementation of RTI Act, what is the number of Second Appeal
that has been made ?
- (b) Is there any officers against whom action has been taken for not responding or
reluctant to give information. If so, detail report to the action taken.

Dr R.LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER : member's question is - there are four
Second Appeal. As for action taken
against officers, so far no action has been
taken against any officer.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, Does Mizoram RTI include
central organizations and corporations ?
If not, will the Government be able to
take step to include these organizations
and corporations under Mizoram RTI Act. Mr Speaker, in a State like Bihar call
phones are installed at different location for the people to make their appeal and there
after, three days information copy is issued. Therefore, I would like to ask if the
Government could make arrangement for the people to collect the information they
require more easily.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. Supplementary
question. I would like to know if action
has been taken in regard to M.R. taken
for Commissioner and Information
Officer of RTI office ? Also, if the post advertised for RTI office will be filled up by
the Government or RTI office authorities ?

Dr R. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. In regard to
MINISTER : M.R. the Governor has given direction.
As for the filling up of post advertised,
since it is an autonomous body, the
Commissioner will fill up the post.

Hon'ble member Pu Duhoma mentioned about the facilities
provided for RTI Act in Bihar, it infact seems convenient, we will bear this in mind.
As of now RTI Act has just been introduced recently in the State.

In regard to companies and corporates that are not under
Mizoram Government, Central Information Commission gives direction to State
Information Commission. Thus, RTI Act does not include these companies. However,
there could be a system/method, we will look into the matter.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu R.Lalzirliana to ask
Starred Question No. 223.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker. Will the hon'ble Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department Minister be pleased to state -

As we know North Eastern States are earthquake zone, is there any proposal or specification as to how buildings should be constructed? If not, is not time for the Government to lay out rules and regulation for the construction of buildings in these earthquake zones?

SPEAKER : We will now call Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble member's questions are as follows -

- (a) Pamphlet, Hoarding and advertisement are distributed to educate the people. Training has also been organized at V/C block, Village level. Also, at Schools, 'The Mizoram Urban & Regional Development Act, 1990' and Rules 1998, is in practice. Mr Speaker, as per Aizawl Development Act, 2005, Aizawl Master Plan and Zonal Development Plan is drafted. Also, the building by laws.
- (b) Building by laws is drafted, which will be implemented by the Aizawl Development Authority and Municipality Council.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, supplementary question. We have 'The Mizoram Urban & Regional Development Act, 1990, thus, it is time these rules should be implemented.

Therefore, my question is, will it be possible to implement JNNURM fund for these cause?

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr Speaker. As we are all aware Mizoram is in the earthquake zone, thus Hazard safety cell has been set up in Public Works Department, and their required equipments at the cost of Rs. 43 lakhs has been purchased from CPF fund. Mr Speaker, as Disaster Management Department alone cannot handle, therefore, various Departments has been informed to take step in this regard.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 224.

P U S A I L O T H A N G A S A I L O : Mr Speaker. Will the hon'ble Taxation Minister be pleased to state -

- (a) What is the total amount of tax collected during the year 2006-2007?
- (b) Is there any proposal to review the items of Value Added Tax?
- (c) When will 'C' form be abolished?

S P E A K E R : We will now call Taxation Minister Pu B.Lalthlengliana to answer the questions.

P U B . L A L T H L E N G L I A N A : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble MINISTER Member's questions are as follows -

- (a) The tax collected during the year 2006-2007 is Rs. 55,19,19,536/-
- (b) At present, there is no proposal to review the items.
- (c) 'C' form is under 'The Central Sales Tax Act 1956'. Thus it is not in the hands of Mizoram Government. However, Empower Committee of State Finance Minister is taking step to abolish Central Sales Tax. If Central Sales Tax is abolished, 'C' form will not be required.

P U A N D R E W L A L H E R L I A N A : Mr Speaker, thank you. The present Government seems to neglect the business community, thus I would like to know if, the Government takes suggestions in regard to tax collection and its rate from the business community.

P U Z O D I N T L U A N G A : Mr Speaker, as per the Government's calculation, what is the total amount of tax lost due to the suspension of Melbuk Check gate?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the question
MINISTER : raised by the hon'ble member from
Khawzawl is - before Value Added Tax
was introduced in Mizoram, discussions
were held with various business communities, and Value Added Tax cell has been set
up. So far, the Department has not receive any serious complain.

Mr Speaker, we have not calculated the lost of tax due to the
suspension of Melbuk check gate.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Pu Andrew Lalherliana
to ask Starred Question No. 225.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble
Minister for Power & Electricity
Department be pleased to state -

(a) What is the cost of the recently bombed Sakawrtuichhun transformer and its
installation cost ?

(b) Who suggested for the installation of the transformer and its Electric
connection.

S P E A K E R : We will now call Power & Electricity
Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER : member's question is - the total cost of
the transformer and its installation is
Rs. 17 lakhs.

The transformer is installed by the Department for
Sakawrtuichhun Transformers are installed where the Department consider it
necessary.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr Speaker, at first the Government
stated that, the transformer was installed
due to the demand of the people, but it
seems to be installed in the interest of
one or two person, therefore, I would like to know if it is true ?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Mr Speaker, besides the bombing of transformer, is there any other Government property that has been damage during the year 2006 - 2007 ? If so, if there is any person arrested in this connection ? Also, if any person has been arrested in connection with the poisoning of a fish pond near the bombed transformer ?

SPEAKER : Yesterday, senior member Pu Hminga gave an advice, so let us all try to stick to the original question. Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker, thank you. I would like to know how many families are benefited from Sakawrtuichhun transformer ? And , what is the cost of the installation of electric post that lead to an individual farm ? I would also like to know if the transformer is installed for individual farm ?

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, supplementary question. Why has the Police Department so far not be able to identify the type of bomb and not arrest the culprit till date ?

SPEAKER : We will now call the hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, since it is Power Department's questions. I will not be able to answer questions regarding Police Department. Mr Speaker, transformer are installed by the Department to benefit many families. It may happen that initially only few families may benefit. Mr Speaker, as I have mentioned earlier, the other questions are not Power Department content, it concern Police Department, therefore, I cannot give the answer.

PU H. ROHLUNA : Mr Speaker, in many constituency, electricity has not reach village like Vaikhawtlang and Salem. I was therefore, wondering, if Power & Electricity Department is showing partiality. Since, transformer is installed for the benefit of just 2/3 families in Sakawrtuichhun.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Mr Speaker, Transformer/Sub-station is installed where the Department consider it necessary. However, extension cannot be completed in the rural areas, thus, we approach the Central Government for fund. The Central Government sanctioned Rs.100 crores for electrification from RGGVY scheme. Therefore, we are now expecting to cover the whole of Mizoram.

SPEAKER : Let us now call Mr R.Lalzirliana to ask Starred Question No. 226.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, thank you. Will the hon'ble Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Department be pleased to state - As per the Official Language Act, 1987, can the Government of Mizoram practice Mizo Language ? And, whether the Government can issue order for the practice of Mizo Language ?

SPEAKER : Parliamentary Affairs Minister is not in his seat, and he has not authorized any one to answer the questions. I do not know how to take up the situation since it is the first time. Anyway, we will skip the question as of now. If the hon'ble Minister is not sick, it could be a serious issue.

We will move on to the next question. Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to ask Starred Question No. 227.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Mr Speaker, Will the hon'ble Social Welfare Minister be pleased to state -

- (a) How many persons are given old age pension ?
- (b) As per 'Person with Disability Action', is there any reservation for Physically handicapped person in Government job ?
- (a) What steps has the Government taken for Physically handicapped person to receive aids through Natural Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation ?

SPEAKER : Let us now call the hon'ble Social Welfare Minister to answer the questions.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, the answer to the hon;ble MINISTER member's questions are -

- (a) There are 10,525 persons who received old age pension through Social Welfare. Each person received Rs.100, till 2006 December.
- (b) As per Person with Disability Act, there is 31 reservation in Group C and D in the Mizoram Government .
- (c) The Mizoram Government is taking steps for Physically handicapped person's to gain aids through National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation, by joining Block Guarantor.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr Speaker, in our State we have renowned Social Worker, who deserve to be recognized, like TNT. My question therefore is - If there is a way for the Government to support these organizations ? My second question is - Social Welfare Department has taken Anthurium cultivation. I would like to know, how many persons has been granted aids and if the Department is intending to continue.

Regarding Physically handicapped persons, how far has the Government taken steps to create separate cell in Employment Exchange.

From the information I received, Durtlang Remand Home is facing scarcity of water, I would therefore like to ask if priority could be given to this Home ?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Mr Speaker, thank you, the increment fund for old age pension has been sanctioned last Financial year, but the pensioners received the increment only in September. Thus, I would like to know, for what purpose is the increment fund during this gap utilized ?

PU D. THANGLIANA : Mr Speaker, Is there any proposal to increase old age pension ?

PU LIANSUAMA : Mr Speaker, it is difficult for old age pensions to collect their pension from CDPO/Directorate. Therefore, I would like to request the hon'ble Social Welfare Minister if arrangement could be made for old age pensions.

PU H. LALSANGZUALA : Mr Speaker, thank you. I would like to know if the remuneration of Anganwadi are the same in rural and Aizawl District. Also, if it is the same with other State.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr Speaker, I would like to ask, if the hon'ble Minister could make arrangement for old age pensioner to collect their pension more easily.

PU R. TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Mr Speaker, first of all, hon'ble member MINISTER Pu Lalduhoma mentioned about TNT Home. Mr Speaker, Social Welfare Department has provided whatever grant-in-aid is available. It is not only Social Welfare Department, but Public Health Engineering and Public Works Department that has implement their programme, such as black topping and widening of their roads and water connection. Mr Speaker, Social Welfare Department has also recommended TNT Home, for whatever Central aids available.

Mr Speaker, under Article 375. Social Welfare Department receive fund every year for tribal community. The fund allocation is not specified, it is for the upgradation of tribals. Thus, under this fund, the Department has taken up certain projects like Silk farming, construction of suspension bridge, side-drain, steps and internal roads. Anthurium is thus one of the project, the Department consider it worthwhile.

Coming to the hon'ble member Mr Zodintluanga's questions, verbally, old age pension increment was issued in September but it is only recently that we receive the sanction. Old age pensioners will now receive Rs.250/- and arrear will be given for the gap period as per finance sanction order. As for the place of collection of pension, the Department has left it to the convenience of pensioners, to either collect from the Directorate or Community Development Project Officer.

As for separate cell at Employment Exchange for Physically handicapped person, it has start functioning.

Regarding Remand Home Durtlang, step is taken to solve their problem.

S P E A K E R : Pu H.Rammawi..

P U H. R A M M A W I : Mr Speaker, please may I clarify why I
M I N I S T E R was absent during question hour.

S P E A K E R : We will now move to the next list of
business. I have receive two petitions,
one from hon'ble Home Minister and the
other one from hon'ble member
Pu Lalduhoma. I will read out the text for the information of the hon'ble members.
'The Hon'ble Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly. The humble petition of
Tawnluia, Minister. Home Department etc. Mizoram, Tuikhuahtlang, under Rule 111
of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly.
Subj : The permission for the Constitution of House Inquiry Committee.

Respected sir,

During the Budget Session, dated 26.3.07, hon'ble member Pu R.Lalzirliana, implicated Mizoram Government of Supplying 12 AK 47 Rifles to insurgents.

As I was not informed about the incident as Home Minister, and that it was the first time I heard about the implication. I had assured the House at the time that I would look into the matter. Thereafter, I instruct the Police Department to conduct an enquiry that the implication is baseless, therefore, I feel the need that proper enquiry should be conducted. If magisterial enquiry or Departmental enquiry is conducted the hon'ble members will not have the privilege to speak Out whatever information they have, as the matter has been mentioned in the House. Thus, I request the House that Enquiry Committee be constituted. Name of petition Tawnluia, Address, Minister, Home etc. Mizoram there is a signature and a counter signature of Pu K.Lalrinliana, dated 29.3.07. This is an important matter to be considered, but as of now, since we have no confidence Motion from Pu Lalduhoma, we will take the No Confidence Motion first. We received the Motion yesterday, after careful examination, the Motion is admitted as per the rules, however, is order to admit the Motion is requires not less than 10 members support. I will read the motion. 'The House no longer has the confidence on the present Government ? As per rules 141 of para 3, the motion needs the support of not less than 10 members. Let the Secretary count the members. Thank you, 12 members are supporting the

Motion. We will have to take up the motion now. We can no longer take up any other business as per rules. Therefore, we will take the Motion on 2nd April, 2007 Monday. We will have a break now.

P U L A L T H A N H A W L A

: Let the Police arrest the driver of MZ-01 B/3645, then it will be clear.

S P E A K E R

: No confidence Motion has been admitted, thus sitting will be adjourned. Sitting will resume on 2nd April 10 : 30 A.M.

Sitting Adjourned 11 : 40 A.M.