

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF
MIZORAM (ELEVENTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS
FOR FIRST SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2007
(Time 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM)

PRESENT

PU LALCHAMLIANA, Speaker at the Chair, Chief Minister, 11 Ministers, Deputy Speaker and 24 Members were present.

OBITUARY

1. PU ZORAMTHANGA to make reference on the demise of Shri Chandra Shekhar, former Prime Minister of India.
2. PU ZORAMTHANGA to make reference on the demise of Pu L.Piandenga, former M.L.A. of Mizoram.

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

4. PU H.VANLALAUVA to lay on the Table of the House "Orders of the Governor of Mizoram" (Under paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution)

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

5. THE SPEAKER to report to the House the time table as chalked out by the Business Advisory Committee for the current Session.
6. PU LALDUHOMA to present to the House the following Report of Public Accounts Committee :
 - (i) Thirty Sixth Action taken Report relating to Public Works Department.
 - (ii) Thirty Seventh Action taken Report relating to Public Health Engineering Department.

- (iii) Thirty Eighth Action taken Report relating to Public Works Department.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
Bill for introduction, consideration and passing

7. PU H.RAMMAWI to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) (Amending) Bill, 2007.

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to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
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S P E A K E R : Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling ; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain blessing.

I Peter 3:9

We are now coming to the 11th Session of the Fifth Mizoram Legislative Assembly on this day. The first business of the House is obituary reference for Pu Chandra Shekhar, former P.M. and Pu L.Piandenga, Ex-MLA. Let us, first of all, call upon Pu Zoramthanga, Leader of the House.

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, it is needed to have
CHIEF MINISTER obituary reference on Mr. Chandra Shekhar, former Prime Minister and Pu L.Piandenga, Ex-MLA on their demise. First of all, I would

like to say about Mr. Chandra Shekhar. He had served as the Prime Minister of India. He died on 8th July, 2007 at Apollo Hospital, New Delhi. He was 80 years of age.

Pu Chandra Shekhar was born on 1st July, 1927 at Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. He was the son of Mr. Sudhanan Singh and Durpai Devi. He married Dwija Devi and they have two children.

He was an M.A. from Allahabad University. He was a great Social Worker, Agriculturist and a Politician.

His political career started during his reading of M.A. and entered politics as soon as he finished M.A. and joined Praja Socialist Party (PSP). He held the posts of Secretary, Joint Secretary and General Secretary during the period of 1952 – 1962. He was an elected MP in the Seventh Lok Sabha Election in 1980 and 1989 in the 9th Lok Sabha Election. He served as Prime Minister during 1990 and '91 for Eleventh Prime Minister but only for 7 months. He was re-elected as an M.P. in 1991 Election for 10th Lok Sabha and became an MP consecutively till 2004. He was a very brave politician. He strongly opposed political deception and dictatorship.

He was the only Prime Minister without holding any official post. He was awarded outstanding Parliamentarian Award in 1995. In 1990, he formed a new political party called "Samajwadi Janata Party" with a number of National Leaders. He was the Leader of the said party till his death.

Mr. Chandra Shekhar was suffering from multiple Myeloma, Plasma Cell cancer. He was admitted at Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on 3rd May 2007 and died on 8th July, 2007. He left two sons. It is a serious loss for the nation to lose such a great politician and wonderful Prime Minister.

Secondly, Pu L.Piandenga was an MLA of this House. He died at 7:30 AM on 18th April, 2007. He was born on 25th December 1923 at Luangpaw. He was the son of Hrangsiama and Pi Namthangi. He married Pi L.Hlunpuii youngest daughter of the Chief of Luangpaw Village at Presbyterian Church of Phullen. He had four sons and three daughters. His wife Pi L.Hlunpuii had died on 14th July, 2004.

While he was reading Class-V in 1936 he abandoned his reading preferring to work. He played football, hockey and wrestling. He joined AMC Military Nursing on 21st February, 1942 till 1947. He was one of the state war veterans.

He joined UMFO in 1948 and became the Secretary at Saitual Block.

He had migrated to Aizawl in 1960. He had served as a retailer of Chhinga Veng and Saron Veng in 1960. He opened Aizawl Electric Dry-Cleaner. Besides these, he practised various kind of trades and he was II Class contractor.

He was elected as a member of Village Council of Electric Veng in 1975. He joined Mizoram People's Conference Party and became an executive Member. In 1979, he was elected from Saitual constituency in the Legislative Assembly Election. In 1986, when MNF signed Peace Accord he joined MNF Party. He was an official candidate from Suangpuilawn constituency. Unfortunately he did not win the election but served MNF party.

Pu L.Piandenga was having cardiac problem since 2006 and went to Kolkata for medical treatment. He was advised not to work hard but could not followed the advice. He was admitted at Aizawl Civil Hospital and Grace Nursing Home due to Typhoid. Though the doctors and nurses tried their best he could not survive and left us on 18th April, 2007 at 7:30 AM.

It is a great loss for the state to lose such a person.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : This obituary reference is observed by the relatives of Pu L.Piandenga from gallery. Is there any other member who want to say. Yes, Pu Lal Thanhawla.

P U L A L T H A N H A W L A : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, I am glad to have an opportunity to have obituary reference on the former Prime Minister, Mr. Chandra Shekhar and Pu L.Piandenga, Ex-Member of this august House.

Mr. Chandra Shekhar was once the Prime Minister of India with the support of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. He was a very great man. He started his political career even while he was in the university. His mental set up was of Socialist ideology. He was an ambitious man with frank and humble thoughts. He had bravely opposed Mrs. Indira Gandhi when she ruled India dictatorially. He, himself with his colleagues were once called 'Young Turks'.

What I want to say is that he was a humble man and a great politician. During his eight terms as an M.P., he did not want to change his residence which was located at South Avenue Lane. Even when he became Prime Minister he did not want to change his residence. I used to meet him at his residence from where they were called the 'Young Turks'. I admired him as a person. He always thought of the whole state. He was respected by all including the veteran politicians. As we had listened before, he was an M.P. consecutively. We are now mourning such a

great leader. The reason why he had fallen from Prime Minister ship was that he did not like to compromise with the idea other than that of his political approach and political ideas. It is a great loss to the nation.

Mr.L.Piandenga was a very humble man. But he was a man of will. He had joined Army Medical Corps. After that he joined a political party as soon as he had retired from Army Medical Corps. He was a faithful and patient politician. We sat together in this august House. He was a successful man even in his business firm. He was also an able player in different sport disciplines.

During his last years his health kept on deteriorating and was drawn to his last breathe for everlasting life. It is a great loss for the people. I am delivering my condolence on his demise with deep sorrow on behalf of my party.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, we now need to say about Mr. Chandra Shekhar the then Prime Minister of India. It is a blessing for him to have 80years of life.

Mr. Chandra Shekhar was one of the prominent leaders of the party, and he already had a name even when he joined Congress Party. When Mrs. Indira Gandhi became Prime Minister again in 1980, he also became an MP again. Since we were in the ministry at the state at that time it was important to be familiar with the Ministers and MPs of the Central Ministry. Though he was not a Minister he had a great influence on the Ministers and because of this I myself had visited him more than once in his residence. He always thought hard for the development of India. I also would like to mention that he really wanted to have peace accord signed between Government of India and the MNF.

Although the period of his Prime Ministership was short, it was a turning point for India. That is, the socialistic pattern followed by India under the influence of Soviet Union was over turned to western pattern which was notable for all. That cause make changes on the economic trend of India. During his period the Gulf War broke out. He bravely gave refueling permit to US fighter planes. In this way he made political landmark and changed our economic trend. He also strengthened the policy which resulted in the present position of India. I would like to point out that he was a politician who laid the foundation stone of the present position of India. He was a true politician by cent percent. I also would like to say that we are now mourning one of the greatest politicians of the day. We also give condolence to the bereaved family.

In the mean time, I had acquaintance with Mr. Lalpiandenga only since he joined P.C. Party in 1975. He was an Executive Member and represent Saitual Constituency in 1979 MLA General Election. He was a patient and respectable Member of the House. His devotion to the constituency was so great that I would like to point out his deeds. Those are :-

- 1) Saitual PWD Division.
- 2) Saitual Electric Power House.
- 3) Electric SDO Office.
- 4) Khawzawl PHE Division.
- 5) Khawzawl PWD Division.
- 6) Khawzawl Power House.

He explained the necessity and importance of the above divisions and Power Houses clearly to the Government by writing. After setting up of such divisions both at Saitual and Khawzawl Forest Office and Horticulture Office had been opened till today. He was a sincere and respectable member. His death is a great loss for the state and the House gives condolence to his bereaved children.

Thank you.

PU LALDUHAWMA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the reason why I admired Mr. Chandra Shekhar is his entry to a political field to serve the people without serving the Government. He was a great Gandhian having the spirit of simple living high thinking and he was an agriculturist. The agriculturists and farmers regarded him as their father. That is why, he had been elected continuously to represent the people. He was very brave that he dare to oppose anything wrong against his idea even if his position will suffer. That is why he had been called 'Young Turk' of India.

The reason why I had so admire Mr.Lalpiandenga is that he chosed to work than studying. Many times we travelled together. He was interested by the agriculturists and farmers. He, himself had a farm. I would like to request you to remember what the example he had left behind. In short, we do highly condoled his children and pray to God for his blessing to his bereaved children.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Now let us observe one minute silence to mourn them. One minute silence is now observed to mourn Mr. Chandra Shekhar and Mr. Lalpiandenga.

Now, we will take up Starred Questions. Let us call upon Pu S.Hiato to ask Starred Question No.1.

PU S.HIATO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister, PWD be pleased to state -

(a) Is there an intention to black top Saiha Tlangpui road under PMGSY?

(b) The length of road to be black topped.

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, hon'ble Chief Minister to answer the Starred Questions.

PU ZORAMTHANGA CHIEF MINISTER : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to the above Starred Questions are -

(a) Yes.

(b) 44.05 Kms.

PU S.HIATO : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, my supplementary questions are -

(a) Whether the fund is readied for black-topping works?

(b) If so, when will the work of black topping be continued?

(c) Due to heavy rainfall there is landslide which blocked the road. How is the Government going to take step in this regard?

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, supplementary question. As we know, there are various kind of works executed by one sub-division under PMGSY. It appears that SDO could not take prompt action for lack of vehicle. Will the Government provide more vehicles for more smooth functioning of each Sub-divisions?

S P E A K E R : Pu Lalrinliana to ask supplementary questions.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : If I am not mistaken PMGSY is contributed by the people. By means of this PMGSY various works had been done in various divisions. The House Leader did not deny that 3% of the estimated amount had been collected by MNF party. Tenders are now called. It is said that the work will be sold by 18% of the estimated amount. According to CBW manual no contract can be sold. I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister not to sell any contract work to raise party fund.

PU LALTHLENGLIANA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, there are many landslide specially in Mamit road, Phaileng to Tuipuibari near the junction of Lengte and Nghalchawm and three houses at Rulpuihlim are evacuated because of landslide. When will such roads be cleared up. How will the state Government take remedial measures?

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

PU ZORAMTHANGA : Hon'ble Speaker Sir, answer to Pu S.Hiato's
CHIEF MINISTER supplementary questions are -

(a) Yes.

(b) Tender is now to be called.

Regarding the supplementary question raised by Pu Zodintluanga the problem of vehicle under sub-division is due to privatization. Anyway, the problem is known by the Government. The authority of PWD and GAD are discussing the matter. I think we will have a good result after two or three days.

Pu Lalrinliana Sailo asked about sale of contract work. There is no proposal for selling of contract work. But the contractors may employ sub-contractors, that is the right of contractors.

Pu Lalthlengliana also asked about the time of clearance of road block in different places. The answer is that various steps have been taken to clear the said road, I think it will be cleared up after a few day.

Regarding lost of residence, paddy field, farms etc due to natural calamities, assistance will be given to the victims according to the norms provided by the Central Government. Now, information about them is collected in the state and demand will be made for all at once to the Central Government.

S P E A K E R : Let us now call the hon'ble member Pu
Lalduhoma to ask Starred Question No.2.

P U L A L D U H O M A : Pu Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister, Forest
& Environment Department be pleased to state

- (a) Is broom exported by the state Government?
- (b) If so, what is the procedure?
- (c) Was discussion held with Mizoram Forest Produce Marketing Agency in regard to it's cultivation and export.

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

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer to the hon'ble
MINISTER member's questions are as follows - (a) Yes.
(b) Brooms are collected through mahal and permit system. The Mahalders and permit

holders acquire transit pass from Forest Department to export the brooms. (c) Step is taken by the Mizoram Government and Mizoram Forest Produce Marketing Agency for a higher profit in broom export and its cultivation. Pu Speaker, as per the provision of Mizoram Forest Produce Mahal Rules 2002 – Rules No.30, direct negotiation was held in 2006 – 2007. Thereby which, seven Forest Divisions were named as broom mahals. In the present financial year, 18500 bundles of broom has been given permission for export.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, it is pleasing to note the progress of broom cultivation. However, I would like to ask the Government if steps could be taken to make broom export in larger scale by opening godown in major cities of the country?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Speaker, can DFO sign No - Objection Certificate for Advance Research Centre for Bamboo Area for the previous 200 sites? Pu Speaker, Revenue and Forest Officers distributed the land site among themselves. Here I have the document. My question therefore is, can the Government cancel these passes? Are they allotted the pass as per rules?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Speaker, from the information I have, Mizoram Forest Produce Marketing Agency exported broom in 2006 – 2007 for Rs 200 lakhs. Further, I believe that Memorandum of Understanding is to be signed with Delhi and Bangalore companies. Pu Speaker, thus, as it is, Mizoram broom is super quality and that broom cultivation is suitable in different parts of Mizoram. Can the Forest Department take up broom plantation earnestly so that the farmers could reap profit.

S P E A K E R : May I call upon the hon'ble Minister to answer the questions.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, the answer to hon'ble member Pu Rina's question is – I have heard about it, enquiry is on in regard to encroachment.

Pu Speaker, I will give the answer in brief. As we have heard Mizoram broom is graded at first class. Careful step is taken by the Government and MIFMA. The Government collects revenue of 7 lakhs in 2005 – 2006. Later, negotiation was held with MIFMA to increase the revenue to 10 lakhs which they compliance with case. Pu Speaker, we are expecting to further increase by 25%. The present strength of broom cultivating family is 300, this year they expect to cover upto 1000 families. The society has 150 branches in different parts of the state. Last year, the society exported 70 truck trips of broom. This year they expect to export not less than 100 truck trips.

As for the market, negotiation is held with 2/3 companies, I believe they have finalized the negotiation. (Speaker : What is the cost of one truck?) I am not sure of the rates. We, the Forest Department, negotiate with MIFMA only in regard to the Government's revenue. However, I will try and let you know.

Coming to Pu Lalduhoma's questions regarding warehouse / godown, Pu Speaker, it may be necessary for the Government to take up in the near future though at present the Government has no intention. The present situation is taken care swiftly without the need of the Government's interference. There is a possibility that the export is taken internationally. We are very grateful.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. However, you may complete answering the questions.

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, in regard to broom cultivation, it
MINISTER is an easy task unlike other cultivation, it is harvested within a year. There is no broom decline. Thus, there is a proposal to make it large scale so that the lower section of the society can reap benefit.

The answer to hon'ble member Pu Rina's question is - N.O.C. cannot be directly signed by DFO without the approval of the Government.

Pu Speaker, Food & Civil Supply Department has constructed godown at Vairengte.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. Three members, Pu B. Lalthlengliana, Pu A.B. Chakma and Pu Nihar Kanti Chakma submit their leave of absence. We will now move on to Laying of Papers. Pu H.Vanlalauva, Minister is to lay, "Orders of the Governor of Mizoram" (under paragraph 16 of the sixth schedule to the constitution). Now let us call the hon'ble Minister.

P U H . V A N L A L A U V A : Pu Speaker, with your permission and the
MINISTER House, I lay on the table of the House "Order of the Governor of Mizoram (under paragraph 16 of the sixth schedule to the constitution).

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. I would now like to present the BAC report on the table of the House. Let the copy be distributed. Since there is not much Government business, BAC decided that there will be only two sittings.

PAC Chairman has 3 reports to present. I would like to thank the PAC for being so active. Now let us call Pu Lalduhoma to present (i) Thirty Sixth Action taken Report relating to PWD. (ii) Thirty Seventh Action taken Report relating to PHE Department. (iii) Thirty Eighth Action taken Report relating to PWD.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Speaker, thank you for acknowledging the work of PAC. With your permission and the House, I present (i) Thirty Sixth Action taken Report relating to P.W.D. (ii) Thirty Seventh Action taken Report relating to PHE Department. (iii) Thirty Eighth Action taken Report relating to P.W.D. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed. We will now move on to Legislative Business. We have two Amendment Bills. 'The Indian Stamp Mizoram (Amendment)(Amending)Bill 2007'. Let us call the hon'ble Minister Pu H.Rammawi to beg the permission of the House to introduce the Bill.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, I beg this august House to give the permission to introduce 'The Indian Stamp Mizoram(Amendment)(Amending) Bill, 2007'.

S P E A K E R : If we permit, let us now call the Minister.

PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER : Pu Speaker, I introduce 'The Indian Stamp Mizoram (Amendment)(Amending)Bill, 2007'.

S P E A K E R : Let the hon'ble Minister move the Bill.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Speaker, the reason for introducing the Bill for amendment is - 'The Indian Stamp Mizoram Amendment Act, 1966, was passed in the House in 1996 and the Governor gave assent on March 26th 1997. Pu Speaker, the Bill in practical practice caused certain problems among the people, the Government thus, feel it necessary to amend. For eg, like article 5, deposit of title deeds or such instruments to financial instruction and commercial banks for loan, stand duty - 0.5 percent. Pu Speaker, here the ceiling percent is very high up to Rs 50,000/-. Likewise, article 15, in regard to non-judicial stamp, the ceiling is again too high, upto Rs 50,000/- causing difficulties in the practical field. Pu Speaker, it is the same case with article 23. Therefore, it is decided that it should be amended. Thus, we have distributed the copy of the draft Bill. Pu Speaker, the amendment is for the benefit of the people and the people alone, I therefore, request the House to accept the amendment. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The main purpose is to equalize the legal transaction Court fee of article 5, 15 and 23 to Rs 500/-

Each member will be allotted 5 mins each since there is not much to discuss.
Any one? Pu R.Lalzirliana.

P U R. L A L Z I R L I A N A : Pu Speaker, as the hon'ble Minister has mentioned, large sum has to be spent for registration in the Government creating great problem for the people, I therefore give full acceptance to the Amendment Bill.

P U L I A N S U A M A : Pu Speaker, I support hon'ble member from Saitual. For the information of the hon'ble Minister, there are two stamps which the people usually require, that is, Court Fee Stamp and Non-Judicial Stamp. It so happened that if one requires Rs 5/- stamp, they would issue Rs 10/- stamp, stating Rs 5/- is not available, I request the hon'ble Minister to look into this matter as well for the benefit of the people as this happens on regular basis. Also, if number of vendor could be increased the said problem could be solved to some extent. As for the Bill, I accept the Bill and suggest that the Bill be passed.

P U L A L H M I N G T H A N G A : Pu Speaker, the Amendment Bill is very essential and vital for Mizoram. It is appropriate to fix the rate at Rs 500/-, Thus, our Legislature party give full support.

There is a point I would like the Minister to clarify, under what Act does the Department collects registration fee according to the land value?

S P E A K E R : It looks like we have come to the end of the discussion. We will now call the hon'ble Minister to wind-up the discussion and beg the permission of the House to pass the Bill.

P U H. R A M M A W I M I N I S T E R : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am grateful that the hon'ble members understand the Bill. Yesterday we distributed a copy of corrigendum to all the members, I request the hon'ble members to accept the corrigendum. Pu Speaker, regarding vendor mentioned by hon'ble member from Phuldungsei, the Government has to take careful watch over these vendors as the preparation for separation of judiciary is on, thus, I believe problem of non availability of stamp will be solved.

As for what Pu Lalhmingthanga, hon'ble member from Lunglei South mentioned, Revenue Department collects tax.....

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Speaker, the Department collects taxes from the value of LSC, there is no fixed rate. Pu Speaker, I highlighted this because – several times we have received reports. I know this is not relevant and plus it is not the concerned Department of the Minister.

S P E A K E R : Let Law and Revenue Department examine.

PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, there is not much to discuss further. Therefore, I request this august House To pass my Bill 'The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) (Amending) Bill, 2007. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : As requested by the mover of the Bill, the House will take voice vote clause by clause. Members who agree to pass clause II to V may say 'Yes' and those who are against it may say 'No' (Members agree). The House has passed clause II to V unanimously.

Now, those who agree to pass Preamble, enacting formula and Clause I, Short Title and commencement may say 'yes'.

The House passed 'The Indian Stamp (Mizoram Amendment) (Amending) Bill, 2007 unanimously.

I will now call upon Pu H.Rammawi to beg leave of the House to introduce "The Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Production and Processing) (Amendment) Bill, 2007".

PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce 'The Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Production and Processing) (Amendment) Bill, 2007'.

S P E A K E R : If the House agree to introduce, the Minister may be asked to do so.

PU H.RAMMAWI MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, with the permission of this august House I hereby introduce 'The Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Production and Processing) (Amendment) Bill, 2007'.

S P E A K E R : The Minister may now be asked to beg leave of the House to consider his Bill.

P U H . R A M M A W I : Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to
M I N I S T E R consider 'The Mizoram Oil Palm(Regulation of
Production and Processing) (Amendment) Bill,
2007'.

S P E A K E R : As permitted by the House, the Minister may
be asked to move his Bill for consideration of
the House.

P U H . R A M M A W I : Mr. Speaker, the Bill I have moved today is
M I N I S T E R just an amendment of the existing "The
Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Production
and Processing) Act, 2007". This amendment
Bill has been moved today as there is a felt need to make certain changes in the provision.

It is known that Oil Palm plantation has been one of the most successful projects promoted by the Government through Agriculture Department. The prospect has also been extremely good as it is an edible oil and can be utilized for many purposes. The Department has even signed MOU with private firms for cultivation and processing of Red Oil Palm in different areas within Mizoram. As this is the case, there is a desire to cover District Council Area for Oil Palm plantation. In the meantime, the Act has made restriction for Autonomous District Council Area in regard to Oil Palm plantation. Therefore, this amendment is just a suggestion to include District Council area in the Act. In the 'Area of Extention' the provision may be read as 'it extends to the whole of Mizoram' and the wording 'excluding Autonomous District Council Area' may be deleted. Hence, Mr. Speaker, I move this amendment Bill for the approval of the House. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : The Minister has moved the Bill for
consideration of the House. The House will
have a discussion for which the members will
be allotted 5 minutes each.

Let us now call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana.

P U R . L A L Z I R L I A N A : Mr. Speaker, The Mizoram Oil Palm
(Regulation of Production and Processing) Act,
2007 was passed by the House in 2007 when it
was moved by the same member who has

moved the Amendment Bill today. I am surprised to see that he could have omitted District Council area when preparing the draft Oil Palm is suitable for low lying area like the Autonomous District Council Area. And yet restriction has been made against the District Council Area. How can the member omit his constituency. Therefore, I am pleased that the Act has been brought forward for amendment. I would like to assert that Oil Palm project would be continued by the Congress Party if it is in power in the next term. So, Mr. Speaker, I will conclude my speech by saying that I support this Bill. Thank you.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker I would like to commend the efforts rendered by the hon'ble Minister for moving this amendment Bill. As the mover of the Bill has said State Legislature cannot make law concerning the Sixth Schedule Area without its approval. In 2004 Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Protection and Processing) Bill, 2007 was passed by the House restricting District Council Area. After some time, the District Council authority has a felt need to have this Bill. The concerned Minister has given due importance to the matter which results in the moving of the Amendment Bill in the House today. The efforts given by the concerned Minister for this amendment Bill is quite commendable. And I strongly support this Bill for passing. Thank you.

PU H.VANLALTHALIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the outset I would like to express my gratefulness for this Bill. The Constitution has made a special provision for Sixth Schedule Area. In certain cases affecting the Sixth Schedule area the State Government has no power to make final decision without its consent. In connection with this statement I would like to state one point concerning 'Mizoram Mine and Mineral Concession Rules'. In the last Budget Session the replies of the hon'ble Minister furnished that the Government of Mizoram has the authority to issue quarry permit within District Council area. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the House that this is completely against the Sixth Schedule provision. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the House can rectify the error. And I would further like to add that I support this Bill for passing. Thank you.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Mr. Speaker, the people of the Autonomous
MINISTER District Council have been pressing me to take
up Oil Palm plantation in their areas.
Therefore, there can be no untoward reaction if
extension is made. If this Amendment Bill is passed today the Department can start area survey by
October.

So, Mr. Speaker, I request this august House to pass my Bill, "The Mizoram Oil Palm (Regulation of Production and Processing) (Amendment) Bill, 2007". Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: The House will take voice vote. Anyone who agree to pass the Bill may say 'Yes' and those who are against it may say 'No' (Members said 'Yes').

The House will be adjourned till Wednesday, 19th September, 2007.

Sitting adjourned.

12 : 30 Noon.