

**FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
(TWELFTH SESSION)**

**LIST OF BUSINESS**

**FIFTEENTH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2008.**

Pu Lalchamliana, Speaker at the chair, Chief Minister, Deputy Speaker, 14 Ministers and 23 Members were present.

**QUESTIONS**

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

**LAYING OF PAPERS**

2. PU TAWNLUIA to lay on the Table of the House a copy of statement on six monthly Review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2007-2008 (April – September, 2007)
3. Dr. R.LALTHANGLIANA to lay on the Table of the House a copy of “The Mizoram Education (Inspection of Recognised Schools) Rules, 2008”
4. THE SPEAKER to lay on the Table of the House Report of the Assembly Committee to enquire into alleged involvement of the Government of Mizoram in illegal transportation and supply of Arms.
5. PU LALDUHOMA to lay on the Table of the House copy of :

Statement of Action taken on Action taken Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Public Works Department.

Statement of Action taken on Action taken Report of Public Accounts Committee relating to Public Health Engineering Department.

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**Bills for consideration and passing.**

6. Dr.R.Lalthangliana to move that “The Mizoram (Land Survey and Settlement Operation) (Amendment) Bill, 2008 be taken into consideration.

**And**

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

7. Pu Z.H.Ropiua to move that “The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008” be taken into consideration

**And**

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

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

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We will take question and invite the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma to ask his starred question No. 241.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister in-charge Finance Department be pleased to state –

- (a) During 2007-2008 is there any department's fund diverted which had been allocated for them.
- (b) If there is, what are the departments and the amount.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : As the minister in-charge is not available, let us invite Pu Tawnluia to reply.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to starred question 241 (a) Yes (b) They are normally departments who have plan fund and 5% had been diverted from the divisible outlay they earmarked. They are for PHE Department for maintenance, operational cost and optional water supply.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, crore had been used for purchase of turmeric while it appears that it is not in the budget provision. What is the reason, and I want to know the exact figure of every departments fund diverted for this purpose. What is the purpose of cutting 5 % ? On what purpose are they using it. And can we receive the Finance Minister's Review a little early.

Lastly, in Transaction of Business Rules 34 – it stated that if there is going to be a serious financial regularity the department have to take

permission from the Finance Department and the Chief Minister or the Cabinet have to approve it. Likewise in Supplementary 56 – the Chief Minister or Council of Ministers in the interest of the public and the state can relax the rule. This kind of practice where the Chief Minister can exercise his power freely is not good for the state and I think it should be abolished. Can we go according to the old rules ?

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, first I want to express my thanks to the Chief Minister for giving me assurance on the closing of treasury during 1993-1998. From his answer the treasury had been closed for 5 times during that period.

Can the government increase the sanction money of treasury during this coming financial year as our budget is going to increase. In this ending financial year how much money had been deposited in the K-Deposit, does it increase or not ?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. We have many fund coming from the central as our Chief Minister always pointed out, does all these fund goes to Finance department in order to have a meaningful allocation ? If not, is there any plan to do it ?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding the cutting of 5% Plan Fund for Water Pumping Operation why is the cost so high ? I cannot said the exact figure but every year about 13 crore had been put aside for this purpose. According to the minister the capacity of Phase II is 12 MLB, if that is the case it means we bought one bucket at Rs. 40/- according to the operational cost. Is there a way to decrease it, if not, it is going to be a heavy burden for the government. Will there be a way to privatize it to decrease the cost ?

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, Supplementary question regarding NREGS Scheme. Can it be followed right after this session is over ? Are we going to start using the fund now. And secondly can we use our local area development fund after this session. If not, when can we start it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Some questions are not relevant but we will invite Pu Tawnluia to reply whatever he can.

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, not being the MINISTER concern minister I will try my best to give their answers and hope that they will understand if it does not meet their satisfaction. First, answer to our main question is the total fund collected from cutting of 5% of plan fund from different department is Rs. 1780/- lakh while Rs. 2054/- lakh had been expected. From this a balance of Rs. 1250/- had been put for maintenance and operational cost in PHE.

Besides Rs. 330 lakh had been pulled from some department's LIC fund and from that Rs. 300 lakh had been used for building house for MNF returnees and another 30 for construction of common cemetery in different district headquarters. Also some amount had been donated for the KTP General Conference at Bilkhawthlir. Therefore, I want to point out that while it appears that PHE department is the name holder it is not it alone that used the fund.

Regarding financial report, I agree with the hon'ble members, we received the audit report very late, they are usually three years back. In this what we can do as a state for improvement is to try to finish the report a little bit early. Regarding transaction of business, I am not prepared for answering as it deals with technical, but I think the Chief Minister will lay for discussion in the Council of Ministers meeting.

Regarding Pu Lalchhandama's question, in recent year about Rs. 215 lakh had been sanctioned for a day. But in 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March Rs. 1400/- had been sanctioned. From 1<sup>st</sup> April there is a plan to increase the sanction in some district headquarters like Saiha, Champhai, Serchhip, Kolasib, Mamit and Lawngtlai, while Rs. 15 lakh had been their capacity it will increase into 20 lakh. Besides we are planning to sanction Rs.245 lakh a day for all treasuries in Mizoram.

On K-Deposit, as the hon'ble Chief Minister said in his wind up speech we are trying to have Nil deposit, So we try our best and thankfully this new financial year we have a Nil in K-Deposit. This shows that our Finance Minister handled our financial management very well.

Regarding Pu Lalrinliana Sailo's question all CSS Fund had not been taken by Finance Department because there are funds coming directly for some society. Question from member of Lunglei South regarding the high cost of Water Maintenance of Greater Aizawl Water Supply Scheme first of all we are going to renovate Phase – I under JNNURM and we already have an approval of 16 crore, from this, 3 crore had already been sanctioned and released. We hope that Phase – I and Phase – II can go along without disturbances during renovation. Regarding privatization we are still thinking about it and cannot make any decision yet. Regarding Water Bill, in some areas there is a damage water metre and in this regard as we have Water Tariff now we have an implementation that Rs.100/- will be charged as an average rate.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we know it had been checked. But what we tried to say about is the rules regarding the protection of the water metre.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, according to our rules the protection of water metre box is in the owners hand, and I think we cover about the bill problem in our answer.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, the widow of World War II veterans are desperate as they cannot draw their pension, is there a way to solve their problems ?

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we will keep that in mind and will find a way to give their pension as soon as possible as it is a new financial year now. Regarding MLA fund, now we are passing the budget I think it can be used now if we make the scheme for the works.

Right now we have 20 crore for 100 days employment under NREGS and work can be executed anytime now within Mizoram. In this it would be good if the members can monitor and enquire the work progress.

PU H.LIANSAILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding NREGS they are collecting job card within my constituency some V/C submitted their list without making any announcement as we see in the guideline, so it appears to be very doubtful and we have to be careful. Can the government monitor the collection.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, we will look into the matter. There should be no partiality in this, it is a scheme where each and everyone should be included.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Though not being the concerned minister it is very pleasing that he can but answer all the questions. Now we will go to the next question and invite Pu Lalrinliana Sailo to ask his Starred question No. 242.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister for Trade and Commerce Department be pleased to state –

Did Trade and Commerce Department purchase land in Sairang Sihmui ? If so, how did it manage now ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to the starred questions No. 242 are - (a) Trade and Commerce department does not purchase any land in Sairang Sihhmui.

(b) Let us try to define what he really meant by asking that question. The department purchased land for Solid Waste Management in 2004. But the residents and Sihhmui VC made an objection based on the site being near their land. So the department requested me to purchase it at the same rate and I bought it. Now the department purchased another land at the other side of Tlawng river which is being prepared for solid waste.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you, Supplementary question. Under Trade and Commerce department MAMCO managed purchase of ginger, now it appears they will close the gate and allow only EIRI to purchase it. Now the growers are desperate and asked me to make a request to the concerned department not to close the gate while the buying season is still going on and I, on behalf of them make that request.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, in that regard can the Minister in-charge give an order not to close down the gate. The growers are desperate now and it is learnt that even the YMA are involving by placing a duty in every check-gate. I would like to know whether the government request the YMA to get involved.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, I support what my fellow members said. It clearly shows that the involvement of EIRI resulted in the dispute of the rate because while they themselves are free from buying, the rate goes higher. Therefore, can the government in the interest of the growers and farmers open the gate without any restriction.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : From purchase of land we go to purchase of ginger. Let's invite the hon'ble minister to answer whatever he can.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding ginger we already stopped making gate and we have not continued our talk with EIRI. Therefore, there is no problem from our side, we do not impose any restriction in the marketing.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now let us call upon Pu Sailothanga Sailo to ask his Starred Question No.243.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister in-charge Industries department be pleased to state :

How many profit ZIDCO, ZOHANCO, ZENICS and MIFCO have during 2007 2008? After paying bills like water, electric, telephone and house rent can they still pay their employees wages ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the minister in-charge Pu B.Lalthlengliana to reply.

PU B.LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question no. 243 are as follows :

(a)	ZIDCO	-	Rs. 1,12,59,073/-
	ZENICS	-	Rs. 6,08,353/-
	ZOHANCO	-	Rs. 14,75,000/-
	MIFCO	-	Rs. 75,00,000/-
	TOTAL	-	Rs. 2,08,42,426/-



(b) No, they cannot.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Lalchhandama Ralte to ask his Starred Question no. 244.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, will the hon'ble minister in-charge Health & Family Welfare Department be pleased to state :

How many Sub-Centres are there in Mizoram ?  
Is there a plan to open a new Sub-Centre ?  
Are female and male Health Workers posted in every Sub-Centre?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the minister in-charge to reply

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA MINISTER : Pu Deputy Speaker, answer to Starred Question no. 244 are as follows :

There are 366 Sub-Centres in Mizoram.  
Yes, plan had been made to open a new Sub-Centre.  
Yes, female and male Health Workers are posted in every Sub-Centre.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite the questioner.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question please –

Is it the Central government or the State government who had the authority to open a new Sub-Centre ?

To open Sub-Centre what is the required population is there a relaxation for tribal ?

It appears that new construction is being done and how many had been constructed ?

Is there a plan to construct a new building in this new year ?

If there is, can they construct a new building at Khanpui and Sesawng which are within my constituency ?

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, last week there was a cyclone within my constituency and it destroyed two Sub-Centre quarters and 47 houses in Mauchar, can they rebuild the quarters as soon as possible.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. Last year the hon'ble Minister promised me that Sub-Centre will be placed where there is none within my constituency. But this had not been implemented till date, will they be able to implement it this year?

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I think the hon'ble Minister got wrong information regarding the placement of male and female Health Workers as it is not so in my constituency. In 11 (eleven) villages only 2 (two) of them have male and female Health Workers. And while Tlangpui and Tlangpuite have no Sub-Centre they built a new building in Rianglei at the cost of 7 lakh which had not been occupied. While I appreciate this I want to request the minister to build another where there is no Sub-Centre.

Next, I hope this will also be relevant. Inadequate Dialysis Machine in Civil Hospital causes a lot of problem amongst the patients. We need well equipped machine or buy a new one, can the hon'ble Minister bear that in mind and solve their problem as soon as possible?

PU D.THANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, supplementary question. First I want to know whether they can build staff quarter for Lungkawlh Sub-Centre? Secondly when will they rebuild the Sub-Centre at North Vanlaiphai ? Thirdly is there a way to well-equip the Radio-Therapy Machine of Cancer Institute at Zemabawk ? Can they appoint another trained technician for this ?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Some question may not be relevant, but the minister will try his best. So let's invite the minister for Health & Family Welfare to reply.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, due to the earnestness of the hon'ble members we received many informations. Within India, the criteria to have a Sub-Centre is that the population should be 5000. But for North East they relax to 3000, based on this we can have 300 Sub-Centres in Mizoram but we already have 366. In 2004 Rural Health Mission Programme was launched and I attended Consultation on state Health Minister and I made a request to the Union Health Minister to change the criteria in order to meet our needs. While he promised to do so it is not yet implemented. Instead they allow us to have additional ANM in every Sub-Centre and we are using this as a mean to open 45 Health Clinic as an extension of Sub-Centre where there is none. Thankfully because of this we can recruit all Health Workers in Mizoram but we cannot meet the demand and recruit nurses to meet our demand.

Not long ago we have another 24 trainees who passed their exam and we hope we will be able to recruit them as well. While this is good news we have a bad news regarding the recruitment. The central government issued an order to stop recruitment of male health worker as they face many problems in the central in regard to their sexuality. But we requested them to relax this order as we have no problem in this regard and stated that the male are more useful in rural areas than the female.

Regarding opening of new Sub-Centre I don't know whether we can open a new centre right now. It is very congested now that I cannot make any promise in this regard. As I said before, using placement of ANM as an excuse we open a new Centre where the situation demands. (Pu Saikapthianga : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to know if we can construct building from MLA Local Area Fund, can they place a worker ?) Pu Deputy Speaker I appreciate his earnestness. We

requested the central government to give us permission to open five new Centres especially in the Bru area. If they give us permission we will give priority.

Regarding Civil Hospital, we will look into the matter and try our best to equip the Dialysis machine. What the hon'ble member Pu Lalduhoma said about the destroyed quarters in his constituency, it will be hard for us to rebuild as we have no immediate fund but we will try from Rehabilitation Department and see what can be done.

It is very hard to shift Sub-Centre into another village in regard to Rianglei. (Pu Lalrinliana Sailo : Pu Deputy Speaker, the simple solution is to build a new building in Tlangpui, is that so hard) We will look into the matter and see what can be done. In this financial new year I cannot guarantee that a new quarter will be built, in the last financial year we already built 145 quarters and Sub-Centers. I want the hon'ble members to know, that this year we want to give priority to build doctor's and nurse's quarter in order to strengthen PHC and CHC and Hospital.

Regarding Zemabawk Cancer Hospital, recently we have a new specialist. Last November I went to Delhi and the Secretary for Health advised me to make DPR (Detailed Project Report) and submit it as soon as possible. So we seek the advice of expert from AIIMS and AMRI and local doctor and we prepared DPR amounting to Rs. 51 crore for building and equipments and submitted to the central and for this we selected T.B. Hospital site also. Regarding operation of the machine, we can utilize our doctor's skill and I discovered that we have a very skillful doctor in this regard and I am very thankful for this. Our Chief Minister will also mention and follow the progress made so far in their discussion during his stay.

Regarding North Vanlaiphai Hospital the structure is very strong therefore we will renovate the inside and will build another beside the existing building as we want the original to stay as it is the handiwork of the British. So priority will be given to them.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now question hour is over, we will go to other business. Today two of our members submitted their desire to have a special mention which I regard as public interest. Therefore, we will invite Pu H.Rohluna to have a special mention in regard to the trouble faced by the fish sellers who sold their own product within Mizoram.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for allowing me to have a special mention about the trouble faced by the seller of fish who sold their own fish product within Mizoram. I think this is a very important issue. In this regard the government also took an initiative in order to be self sufficient in fish product and give aids to fish farmers and also distribute fish seeds. Therefore, we have our own fish product to sell in the market, but the owners faced problem in the marketing as they do not have proper seat. They are moved from one place to another so many times that they are desperate and requested me to voice out their problem in the House. Therefore, I request the government to take an initiative in this regard to solve their problem. Thank you Pu Deputy Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Let us invite Pu Andrew Lalherliana to have his special mention regarding the trouble faced by the referred case patients.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you for giving me time to have a special mention in regard to the trouble faced by the referred patients. I want to mention specially about the patient at Vellore Hospital.

Right now in Vellore hospital there are about 7 (seven) patients whose cases are very serious. These patients face a very serious problem as the hospital cannot admit them due to the money owed by the ICICI Lombard. ICICI Lombard still not clear their debt that is Rs.1,36,290/- (One lakh thirty six thousand two hundred ninety), this is the main reason. If this debt is not clear the above mentioned patients will suffer and even their life is at stake. They suffered from SLE, kidney transplant, cancer and leukemia, these are major illness which need medical treatment right away. They even used their own money thousand of lakh. Now they do not know what to do, they just sit waiting for the government to do something. In this regard the government of Mizoram had three things to be done namely - 1) it should clear the debt with the government's money and then ask ICICI later for payment. 2) After the debt had been cleared it should make a request to entertain refer case in credit system. 3) Pressure should be made to the ICICI to clear their Medical Re-imburement bill as soon as possible. The government of Mizoram should give priority to the Medical Reimbursement bill and give them special treatment as it concerns about the lives of many people. I make a request in this regard in favor of the patients in this House for the hon'ble Minister to take some notice. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now two of our members have their special mention, we will invite the concerned minister to make clarification in that regard. We will first invite the hon'ble Minister of Trade and Commerce Pu Aichhinga.

PU AICHHINGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, we are giving many thought in this regard from way back. While the fish sellers from outside the state have a permanent seat for a long time we make way for the local fish seller in the same site. But the local fish sellers divide into three groups while the other belongs to one group. They cannot accept the negotiation and we urged them to converge into one group in order to settle their problem. But their main problem appears to be the site for stocking their product. We are looking for the site but as we all know our market is very congested but we will try to make a way for them. The department also gives priority for the local fish sellers and still work to pave a way for them.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Okay, we thank the minister for his clarification. Now we will invite Pu R.Tlanghmingthanga, the hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare Department to make clarification.

PU R.TLANGHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I appreciate the hon'ble member's thoughtfulness in this regard. We are facing trouble from September and to continue treatment we collect money from every available resources as we have to do cash down payment in the hospital. On the other hand we back-up normal medical reimbursement. Regarding ICICI, they still do not clear their debt and as it is Finance department concern, they pressurize them to clear their debt as soon as possible.

Regarding credit facility, we have to know that it is not in the Medical Attendance Rules but we are practicing this due to the skillfulness of some departments for the welfare of their staff who are unable to pay in cash, they make a request to the hospital to entertain them in credit system while undergoing treatment. But in recent year some departments neglected their debts and the hospital in turn cannot honour our request using the unpaid debt as an excuse.

The Board recommended serious cases like open heart surgery, cancer, kidney transplant and serious head injury which needed treatment outside Mizoram to have the credit facility. As we do not have the right to tell them to entertain these patients in credit facility, we have to make a request to the hospital and make arrangement with them so that their bill will be paid accordingly and will be given priority regarding their bills. For this the hon'ble Chief Minister being the Minister in-charge of Finance took an initiative and a single window clearance system for hospital in Vellore, Mumbai and Kolkata will be introduced so that a body will be constituted to monitor their bills.

Regarding what the hon'ble member Pu Andrew Lalherliana said about clearing the hospital debt with government's fund, it will help us a lot if we can do that and will be a strong point for our negotiation with the hospital.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We thank the minister for his clarification. Today our hon'ble Speaker cannot attend the meeting due to family problems and request the members approval for his absence. The hon'ble Chief Minister is also away on government business in Delhi. We will go according to our List of Business and invite the hon'ble minister Pu Tawnluia to lay on the table of the House "A copy of the Statement on 6<sup>th</sup> monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2007-2008 April – September, 2007".

PU TAWNLUIA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your  
MINISTER kind permission I lay on the Table of the House "A copy of statement on 6<sup>th</sup> monthly review of the Finance Minister on the fiscal position of the Government of Mizoram for the first half of 2007-2008 April – September, 2007". Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Let us invite the hon'ble minister Dr.R.Lalthangliana to lay on the Table of the House 'A copy of the Mizoram Education inspection of the recognize schools rules, 2008'.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, with your kind  
MINISTER permission and the House I lay on the  
Table of the House a “A copy of  
the Mizoram Education Inspection of  
Recognize Schools Rules, 2008”. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The copy may be distributed. Now we  
have a paper to lay from the Speaker’s  
office. I lay on the table of the House  
“Report of the Assembly Committee to  
enquire into alleged involvement of the Government of Mizoram in illegal  
transportation and supply of arms” for members information, now distribute the copy.

Lastly, let us invite the hon’ble member Pu Lalduhoma to lay  
on the Table of the House Statement of Action taken on Action taken Report of  
Public Accounts Committee relating to Public Works Department and Statement of  
Action taken on Action taken Report of Public Account Committee relating to Public  
Health Engineering Department.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Deputy Speaker Sir, with your  
permission I lay on the Table of the  
House copies of Statement of Action  
taken by the Government against Public  
Accounts Committee’s further recommendation contained in its 37<sup>th</sup> Report relating  
to Public Health Engineering Department and 38<sup>th</sup> Report relating to Public Works  
Department. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Okay, distribute the copy. Now we will  
go to Legislative Business, today we  
have two Legislation bill. First we  
will invite Dr. R. Lalthangliana to  
introduce ‘The Mizoram (Land Survey and Settlement Operation)(Amendment) Bill,  
2008’ and to move that the bill be taken into consideration.



Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker,with your permission  
MINISTER and the House I introduce ‘The Mizoram  
(Land Survey and Settlement Operation)  
(Amendment) Bill, 2008’ for  
consideration of the House.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Do we agree ? If so, let us invite the  
minister to move the bill for  
consideration.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. It  
MINISTER is a pleasure to know that today we are  
going to discuss “The Mizoram (Land  
Survey and Settlement Operation)  
(Amendment) Bill, 2008”. Our bill is introduced due to the changes made by our  
advanced world where we have to do things according to scientific means and system.  
We all know that natural resources is the root of development so we have to make use  
of what we have adequately. For this ‘Land Reforms’ is very important and for its  
success first we have to have survey, settlement, preparation of land records  
operation. Therefore in 2003 we passed ‘The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement  
Operation Act, 2003’. To exercise this we have to make rules and survey rules had  
been temporarily drafted. In this, we need amendment of Principal Act that is why we  
introduce this Amendment Bill.

Pu Deputy Speaker, regarding this amendment, there are many  
questions from the hon’ble members like why rules had to be made lately, but we will  
answer that later. Now I want to explain why amendment is necessary. First, the  
Central government demands that to have permanent land record, revenue village and  
geographical location should be well documented. It means we have to have revenue  
village code and geo reference code. In this we can have 128 Revenue Villages in all  
of Mizoram and Revenue Village will be the smallest survey unit we are going to  
have. Revenue circle will also be made according to rural development and from our  
preparation we can have 46 revenue circle including District Council arcade.

Pu Deputy Speaker, to have a reliable land record, much work  
had to be done. In Mizoram Land Settlement Act 2000, in section 36 and 36(a) we  
have added section 38 from the existing section 36 and 36(a). Therefore, if we can  
pass the Mizoram (Land Survey and Settlement Operation) (Amendment) Bill, 2008  
we can do land survey and operation systematically and in this regard we asked the  
Central government for fund and hope that they will agree as they approved of what  
we are going to do. They hinted us that in 2008-2009 one district can be started as

pilot district. Therefore we have to pass this Amendment Bill in order to implement this.

The government of Mizoram hired Pu P. Krishna Kutty, an expert in Survey and Land Record from Kerala to do the surveying and recording within 10 years and for this purpose we estimated about Rs. 30.99 crore for expenditure. I request the hon'ble members to give their utmost and pass the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Okay, we will discuss the bill first and as practiced the minister will move and then we will pass it clause by clause. Will 10 minutes be okay for the discussion, okay we will have 10 minutes each for discussion but leader will be given priority as usual.

PU LIANSUAMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, to finish our discussion before recess let us fix the number who can participate in the discussion from each group so that we can finish it and when we return from our recess we can discuss the other Bill which is the original Bill.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, why not minus our allotted time so that each one can participate in the discussion not the other way round.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want to make a suggestion. There is not much to discuss about in the current bill, so why not open it freely for everyone to discuss, it will not take much time.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Can we agree to finish it in the morning session. If we can, then let us allot 5 minutes for each members.

PU H.RAMMAWI : Pu Deputy Speaker, less than 5 minutes will be okay and let us all try to confine in the bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : If we do that we will all try to participate and it will take a lot of our time. Let us fix the number as suggested. If not agreed, then in principle let us try to finish it in the morning. First let us invite Pu Lalduhoma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the minister to make clarification later. If we look into Delegated Legislation it said that there is a way to make a rule and it is written in Section 42, here in this bill there is no Section 42. In Section 2 amendment is highlighted briefly and we have a new Section in 38(a). Therefore, it appears that we already have Section 42 and if that is the case there is no need for discussion in that regard. If not, it means we do not have any way of making rules in the past. If that is the case, the minister should make clarification as to why we do not have rules for a long period. Thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Dy. Speaker, there is few edition to the proposed amendment bill, I fully support the proposed amendment.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I also want to give thanks to Revenue and Settlement Department for operating land record and survey extensively. Thank you.

PU H. LIANSAILOVA : Pu Dy. Speaker, the proposed amendment is very important. I am so sorry that we could not apply The Mizoram Land Holding Act, 2001 for

lack of rules to complete the Act. I feel that it is time to take step to implement the said rules. It is also necessary to chalk out rules to accord the unique differences of our society without copying the rules of other state. The legislatures are to formulate the principles and policies of the rules for guiding Drafting Committee . I also want to point out that it is necessary to have a clear definition of revenue circles,divisions and districts.Any way it is necessary to strengthen Land Revenue and Settlement Department.

Lastly, Revenue Village is to be declared shortly. It is necessary to be careful as there may be confusion with villages declared by the Local Administration Department. Normally, the village revenue is collected by villages which is given to the Government. It is therefore necessary to be careful . Any way, it is good to pass this bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, let us call upon the hon'ble Minister Dr.R.Lalthangliana to wind up the discussion and to beg the House for passing his demand

Dr. R. LALTHANGLIANA : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker Sir, it may be regarded that it is a good sign as only few members participated in the discussion of my demand. As it is not clear enough in the circular I would like to clarify about revenue village. A village will contain other several villages and the revenue villages will be given code number. The state will be divided into 46 revenue circle.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : The state will have 46 revenue circles. Will the revenue district be made separately?

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA : The revenue district will not be made separately, it will depend on the present district. But the Sub-Divisions may require adjustment. The detail will be discussed after this session if the hon'ble members want it. Regarding question raised by Pu Duhawma, there may be mistake, we will study again the provision of section 42 of the Act.

PU LALDUHAWMA : The provision of section 42 of the Bill make me confused about it.

Dr.R.LALTHANGLIANA MINISTER : We may be mistaken. We will study it again and we will also try to follow the suggestions of Pu H. Liansailova.

I also expect that there will be a good coordination with LAD after passing this Amendment Bill.

I am sorry that the rules cannot be readied earlier as an act cannot be applied without the rules made from the act. Let us now expect that the rules will be framed as early as possible.

Pu Dy.Speaker, as I said before a few days back in the House we have only 171 surveyors including the head surveyor. The work can not be carried out with such small number of surveyors. The area of land to be covered is vast unlike the plain. We required about 600 surveyors to carry the work. But now luckily 83 surveyors were sent for training and 25 surveyors are now finishing their training around May this year. I would like to request the hon'ble members to understand the problem faced by the department.

To conclude, the department will do its best, but it is very difficult to have a good progress of work although there is fund or man power, the instrument needed for the land survey is very costly. Only one instrument also costs Rs 10 lakhs. Anyhow, if the bill is passed, the central government will accept our projects and give us our requirement.

Pu Dy. Speaker, I, therefore, request the hon'ble members to pass 'The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Rules, Amendment Bill, 2008.'

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Minister had just wined up the Amendment Bill, we will read them clause by clause and pass them accordingly.

(The Bill had been voted clause by clause and passed).

Now, we have more time and I feel that we will go to the next business which is a very important bill for the youths of the state i.e. 'The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008.' Let us now call upon the hon'ble Minister Pu

Z.H.Ropuia to beg the House to consider the Bill as the Bill had already been introduced in this House.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Hon'ble Dy. Speaker Sir, I beg your  
MINISTER kind permission and of the House to  
consider ' The Mizoram Youth  
Commission Bill, 2008.'

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Yes, let us call him to move the bill if  
we agree with him.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir, this bill  
MINISTER is a new bill in India. As such it is  
difficult to formulate the rules as there  
is no rule to copy either from other state  
nor the Central Government. It may be regarded as the first bill in India of this  
kind. It is set up to solve employment problems of the youths in the state both for the  
educated youths and uneducated youths. What I want to say in this regard is that all  
parties in the state want to set up 'The Mizoram Youth Commission ' and it is also  
included in each of our election manifesto. I will briefly explain the story of the bill  
as far as I could. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India set up  
National Commission for Youths on the 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2002. The Commission was not  
set up permanently but only as a study group. The Commission was headed by  
Balbir Puns MP, Rajya Sabha with other five members. The Ministry of Youth  
Affairs and Sports expected the Commission to supply report within six months  
especially in the North Eastern States. The Central Government could not publish  
their recommendations before the report is received. The Ministry of Youth Affairs  
and Sports of India therefore, published the recommendation of the report on late  
2005 .We, with the Director went to Delhi to know about the recommendations. As  
soon as the publication of the recommendation, it was taken out for scrutiny.  
Consequently, the Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of the Principal  
Secretary with other eleven members including the concerned NGO members. They  
did their best and had four sitting within 2006 and made decision in March 2007.  
The Committee have seven points for setting up the Commission for the youths of  
the state. It is, therefore, set up by the Drafting Committee by issuing notification on  
19th October 2007. The committee is formed under the chairmanship of Pu  
Liansuama MLA, consisting of three members. The Drafting Committee submitted  
the Mizoram Youth commission Bill to the Principal Secretary on 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
2007. It was examined carefully so was the proposed members of the Commission  
and Law Department too had vetted the Bill. Now, we have some typing mistakes

and patent errors. We will be very happy if the members have good understanding of the errors and make correction without complain.

The powers and functions of the Commission will be the most important part of the Bill. The Committee learnt that the youths of the state reach its zenith in regard to education as the rate of unemployment problem is very high in the state. The main purpose of the bill is to solve the problems. Beside this, the committee desires to encourage the authority to impart and to train in practical for the progress of the youths who will be fruitful not only in the state but also outside the state and even abroad. We have no rules to tie up various departments concerning development fund and Human Resource Development for the progress of the youths. We, therefore, give importance to such things and lay the bill for passing in this august House. Thank you.

PU LIANSUAMA : It is good to see the sign of ‘&’ with ‘and’ on the third line of section 14.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon’ble Minister had moved the bill. It seemed that he expected us to amend the typing mistakes and the patent errors. Now, we have six minutes, whoever wants to speak. Yes, let us call upon Pu R.Lalzirliana.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, it appears that the hon’ble Minister is not good enough to give his attention to the Youth Commission. Every bill had a Drafting Committee. It is not necessary to say about the Drafting Committee. I would like to request him to delete ‘the Youths of the state reach its zenith in education’ from the proceeding of the House. I have to say something under section 9 and 8 also. I would like to request the hon’ble Minister to clarify about ‘day duty’ and what I do not understand. By studying the provisions carefully, it appears that the bill is prepared for pleasing of the youths as the general election is at hand. I also want the hon’ble Minister to clarify about the Chairman of the Commission under clause 4 of sub-section 5 of the bill.

I would like to ask the hon’ble Minister why proposal is not made for IT training for youths. Chapter 3 & 4 are the main body of the bill for the progress of the youths. But it is not enough to meet the requirement of the youth in games, sports, music, entertainment, arts and other things to uplift the youths in

front the world wide. It seemed that it is uncared for at the grass root level. It is meaningless to do at the top level only. The Youth Commission should seek their employment for their livelihood. That is the most important thing for them. I am very sorry for no quality education system is there while the state had a number of highly talented youths. It is the most important period. Number of youths are in despair in their education for lack of quality education. That is why, I expect the Youth Commission to provide better quality education system, syllabus / curriculum for the youths of the state.

I also want to say Over-seas studies scholarship should not be given only to the children of the educated and of the rich. It is necessary to give even to the children of the poor. If the House agrees to provide a separate section for this by having amendment in early date, I will support to pass the bill. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will now, have a recess, the business will be resume at 2:00 pm.

**RECESS**  
**2 : 00 P.M.**

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now, we will resume our business. But we have to fix time limitation for a Member as all of us have important programme at night. As such, we will fix five minutes for each members. Yes, many Members raise their hand, let me call upon Pu Zodintluanga.

PU ZODINTLUANGA : Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, I would like to thank the Leaders of MZP who take steps for the concentration of the Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008. Government of India notified the state government to set up the Youth Commission in 2005, but here it is going to be set up at the end of the ministry. This shows that the Youth Commission is not given importance by the state government.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir, the hon'ble Minister did not quote all typing mistakes, he had still left out on page 4.



I would like to say that it is necessary to be careful when the chairperson and the members of the Commission are appointed. It is truly necessary to appoint those persons who are interested for the progress of the youths. If not, the youths of the state will not prosper even if the Commission is set up.

We should remember that the youths of the state had cried out demanding good playground. They did not demand a good pavilion. I would like to request the hon'ble Minister to give importance to the demands of the youths when the department is taking step for the construction of the pavilion. In fact, a good pavilion is also important but good playground is more important than the pavilion which is only the next step to the good playground. If he could fulfil, all the youths will support him. I, therefore, request him to take step for the good playground. Thank you.

PU LALCHHANDAMA RALTE : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker. We know the story for the formation of the Youth Commission, it is very pleasing. If one really knows the story, he will not condemn the government, instead, he will thank the government on the progress of the steps taken, I, therefore, want to give thanks to the government.

As said before, the bill may not be an ideal one as it is the first Youth Commission in India. But as the hon'ble Minister said before, it is laid out hastily. As it is for the progress of the youth it is good to pass the bill. I think IT is also included here for the youth as provided under section 9(e). But it will be made complete when the rules and amendments are made.

I am afraid that the people or the youths will have wrong idea that the Commission will serve only for seeking employment opportunity for the youths. One should remember that it is to train the youth to have a high degree of quality in employment within India or abroad. On the day before yesterday, the House passed Kolodyne Multi Model Project. It seemed that there will be employment opportunity both for the educated youths and uneducated youths. I feel that the Youth Commission is very important to train and strengthen the youths of the state. By remembering that this bill stands for the progress of the youths as well as the state, let us pass it. Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, hon'ble Deputy Speaker Sir. This session is the latest session of this ministry. I would like to thank all the staff of Assembly Secretariat, Speaker and Deputy Speaker, House Leader and Ministers and MLAs. I hope we will see each other again when the next Budget session is held.

Any way, the Youth Commission is set up for the youth although it is rather late. As it is not set up at the central, the commission had to run blindly. It will be a difficult task. But the bill means that the youths of the state want to request the state government to seek employment opportunity for them. As the bill is a proposal for the welfare of the youths it is very pleasing. It appears that it will be a difficult task for the first chairman of the Commission and the Commission must try its best for the upliftment of the youths. Practically it is necessary to seek employment opportunity for the youths not only in India but abroad calling INFOSYS and WIPRO in the state. If the government wants it, the chairman can do searching employment even in foreign for the youths through those agencies.

When we visit Australia there is much more employment opportunities for electrician, motor repair, plumbing etc. than for the post of MBA. The salaries or wages are the same. But most of them did not like to do such works.

To conclude, it is necessary to pass this bill as it is the bill for the progress of the youths. Any ministry may come, the bill should make us unite for the welfare of the youths without having party inclination in this regard. Hon'ble Speaker, I will not enter into the main provision of the bill as I am one of the members for the Committee. Thank you.

PU SAIKAPTHIANGA : Thank you, hon'ble Speaker Sir. It may be the last session of this ministry. I also want to give thanks to the hon'ble Speaker and Deputy Speaker and the staff of Assembly Secretariat for their guidance and good cooperation to the hon'ble members.

I also would like to express my gratitude to this ministry for the Act of Transparency in Public Procurement, the Fiscal Responsibility and Management Act and The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008 which is now being discussed today. This bill is the will of the Central Government and the State Government as well. I will not say many things about the inside provisions of the Mizoram Youth Commission as it is a new one. The bill is perfect in itself although it is not lengthy. But as stated before, the laying out of the bill and typing of the bill should be neat and clean as it shows the honour and dignity

of the House. For now, there is no time to correct but it must be remembered next time.

Some members said that it is rather late to set up Youth Commission. I feel it is not too late. It must be appreciated as it is the first bill in India. Instead, it is very pleasing to have such bill as this Government brought forth the bill to be followed by the new ministry when General Election is held in November this year. In regard to the laying of this bill, there is much to be done. It seemed that the Government did its best for having this bill. When we see the bill steps to be taken are not shown particularly. But the members will know how to take steps for the progress of the youths, while the State Government also should know talented members to be appointed. Knowing without the progress of the youths the progress of the state will not be ran properly, let us pass this bill happily. Thank you.

PU H.LIANSILOVA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Our today's bill is one of the most important bills for our educated youth and every party give top priority and we all flashed the programme and policy in our Election manifesto regarding this Youth Commission Bill. It may seem inappropriate to introduce this bill in the last stage of the ministry but I think it is very appreciating.

Today it is very pleasing that we show our youths our concern by giving them a prominent place in the government and among the society by introducing this bill. While we cannot give our best for them many of our youths show us that they can compete with others in the field of sports and information technology etc.,. They fight their own way to have a place in the national and international level. Now the government will take initiative and promote many others to reach higher level in every field, and if we give our best through our youths our state will prosper and our future will become bright.

Within two or three years Look East Policy will be started and it is time for us to prepare our development, planning and education in 'Look East Policy' orientation. For this I want to point out that Youth Commission will be a good purpose. On the other hand on close examination of this bill, we can detect many spelling and typing mistakes especially in chapter 1-5.

Also we have to think hard for its effectiveness in its future functioning. Besides, when we have discussion in our party we think that it should have a Corpus Fund in order to function smoothly. We have to have fund to help our youths in their pursuit for higher education. Right now we do not have that fund in this bill but let us hope that the government will implement this in their programme. We know that in information technology job is going to be created in India, it will be beneficial for them if we can have this fund.

Lastly, as I have already pointed out let us prepare our agriculture and allied activity like cultivation, fish farming, cattle farming, cocooning, etc., in orientation with the Look East Policy so that our educated youths can see that it is beneficial to concentrate on manual labour and healthy for the future of our land. Besides, the government also should organize a new system in its development department and planning programmes and education policy in orientation with the Look East Policy. Therefore, with great expectation I give my support to pass this bill. Thank you.

PU D.THANGLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am very happy today that for the first time in India Youth Commission Bill had been introduced. I want to thank the concerned minister and the department for their hard work. As my fellow member pointed out, typing mistake and other error can be found. But the concerned minister gave his assurance that they will make correction and examine them again after we pass the bill in regard to the typing mistake and other error.

It is a great achievement today for the future of our youths, this bill will enhance job opportunity among the youths. This bill had been given top priority by every political party and it will become an accomplishment of our manifesto for all of us if we pass this bill. It is a wonder that this ministry had passed many bills like Fiscal Responsibility and Management Bill, Municipality Bill and Separation of Judiciary Bill etc., which we never had before. Beside these, Right to Information Bill had also been passed by this House unanimously. And to have a clean and transparent government we also passed The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill which relates to RTI Act.

For our farmer's benefit, we now have The Mizoram State Agriculture Procedure Marketing Development and Regulation Bill so that our farmers can have a definite system in marketing their product. Pu Deputy Speaker, I think this government is praise worthy in their achievements for the development of the state.

Pu Deputy Speaker, I want the people to know that these bills are not passed for our benefit or to cleanse our face and it is not for other to pursue, it is our responsibility to implement and hope that we will have the blessing of the people in the next election so that we can have the pleasure to exercise the rules and regulations of all the bills we passed for the welfare of the Mizo people. Therefore, I like to request all the members to pass this bill, thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. Today I am very happy to be among the member who can participate in the discussion of this bill, it is a rare opportunity. I am not going to dwell into the mistakes found in this bill. What I would like to discuss is the functions of the Commission, it is well phrased and divided into section 'a' to 'e'. What I fear is that we will neglect the rural and think only of the urban youths.

This Youth Commission should include the urban and rural youngsters. We may be a young race, but we have got talent. Therefore, through this we have to develop our skill and talent in order to build our future generation. Our youths do not receive a good guidance but if we make an effort to guide them in the right direction, they will soon become dependable and expert in their own trade. Right now we have many workers coming from outside the state, but if we develop their skill they will soon replace these workers and our state will become self sufficient in every aspect. Besides if they receive a good guidance we will inculcate among our youths the dignity of hard work and labour. I think it will be a great achievement if we can achieve this. Our state will become productive and we can have sustainable economy.

In section 'c' we see 'to coordinate and ties one department or more departments with the other for securing better education and employment opportunities'. This is very interesting and I hope that a new path will be found for its functioning. This bill will enable us to prepare in accordance with the central policy on the Look East Policy. When it becomes effective, this Commission will have a lot of works to do. Pu Deputy Speaker, I hope we will all agree to pass this bill. Thank you.

PU K.LALRINLIANA : Pu Deputy Speaker, thank you. I am very thankful that today 'The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill' had been introduced for us to pass. I like to express my thanks to the concerned minister and the department for their hard work.

This Commission will be a force to ensure moral reform among the youths. Besides, we are going to be the first to have this Commission in India. It will be beneficial for the youths to have knowledge in their option for higher education as chapter 3 clause 9(f) stated that 'to advise the Government in the planning process for the socio-economic development of the youths'. This will enable them to know and learn their ways in the right direction. They will know which trade to choose and which direction to follow if proper guidance is given. I hope that this Commission will provide and assist our youths for their own development.

As mentioned before by the other members, it will be good for our trade with the far east country which will be opened in about three years. In the east, it is their youths who guide us and direct us in our tour. Using this as a mean to conquer our dream we can become self sufficient and hold the first place in literacy rate and become one of the most self sufficient state within the country. Therefore, I request all my fellow members to agree to pass this bill, thank you.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Pu Speaker, thank you. First of all I would like to express my thanks to all who participate in the making of this bill. I want this Commission to be very careful and give importance in the merit. In recruitment of staff, the state government should be careful not to show partiality.

Pu Speaker, I give importance to establishing Vocational Institution for our youngsters. India had the largest number in man power. In Mizoram we also have that blessing in our youths. Many of our youths are very skillful but without proper guidance they cannot show their skill. We have to know that they have their own dream and imagination. To put this into reality we have to guide them in the right direction and for that we have to build a quality vocational Institution. It is the responsibility of the policy maker to pave the way for our youths to have an international and national outlook in finding job. Therefore, let us give our youths a quality education for this purpose.

While passing this bill, Look East Policy, quality education and coaching class enter into my mind. Let us emphasize these so that our youth can show their real talent in the world. Each and everyone have our own dream. To make our dream into reality we have to know and examine the potential and how to approach it. In this a good mentor can guide us in the right direction. Pu Speaker, for the last I hope that this bill will enable our youths to expose themselves in the world and I hope and pray that we will all agree to pass this bill, thank you.

PU H.ROHLUNA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I have many things to say regarding this bill, but I will not do so. I will try my best to shorten my speech. We all know that every party gives importance to this bill and that is the reason why we all put it in our manifesto.

First of all, I would like to point out that in 2002, National Youth Commission had been formed by the Central Government and gave report in 2004. Here the Central government give suggestion to the state government to form Youth Commission and in every district to form a Youth Welfare Board and establish

Youth Affairs Directorate. Today we have to ask ourselves whether we give real importance to this bill. If we do, how come we can only introduce in the last part of the ministry. If this ministry gives real importance we will not discuss this today but in the early stage of this ministry.

Now, the bill had been prepared and introduced, I tried my best to study and examine. I fear that we may not find what we hope and dream in this bill according to the functions they laid down. I hope that the concerned member will take great care in making the rules when it becomes an Act so that our youths can take benefit from this Commission. What I hope and expect is that it will go and work in time bound and the concerned department will take step alongside the Commission so that we can have a strong and powerful Commission for the welfare of our youths. Why not form Youth Welfare Corporation or Youth Development Corporation to have their own power just like the other corporation we already have. If we have that we can help and establish them in their needs and we can see their real problem and needs in every way and that is my desire also. I want the government to be lenient and generous in giving what they want in cash and in kind. I give my support to pass this bill and hope that it will become a success, thank you.

PU H.VANLALTHALIANA : Pu Speaker, thank you. I am very happy that today we are going to have a discussion on 'The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill'. Some, members criticized about the timing saying 'it is very late to introduce the bill'. But as the saying goes, it is better late than never, so I think it is good to be able to introduce than not at all. During this ministry we passed many bills which will change the face of the government and I am very thankful to the concerned departments and its ministers.

This bill emerged from the heart of our leaders who give their thoughts and mind for the welfare of our youths. It is their dream that our youths should have the opportunity to compete with others at the international level. With this in mind we have to pave the way for our cultivators also and take necessary step to have Labour law in our state and I hope that this bill will become the turning point for that.

One of the reasons I entered into politic is the thought of having the power to exercise my will to help the people so that they can have a permanent income. And it is a pleasure for me that this bill had been introduced. As a member from Lunglei South pointed out, our youngsters have the potential but without proper guidance they cannot show their real potential and through this bill we can open up and create opportunity for them. This will have an effect in our political and economic system also. Now the economic condition of our country improved from 2000 AD, and development jumped drastically and resulted in creating many

jobs. In this regard, this Commission will be an important factor in showing and paving the way for our youths in acquiring jobs. As already pointed out, we are the first to have this Commission in India and it may be inconclusive but amendment can be made time to time. Therefore, I hope we all agree to pass this bill, thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have not yet reached 4:00 p.m., and one member from my right side raised his hand and our two leaders have not yet given speech also, what is our opinion? Will I call upon all three of them and finish it now. If we agree, I will invite them and afterward the Minister in-charge can wind-up. Now let us invite Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am deeply pleased that 'The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill,2008' had been introduced in the House. However, I am apprehensive that we will be satisfied with just passing the Bill as a formality as we have done during the previous governments. Whether it be the Look East policy, International Trade Corridor or whatever projects we embark upon, the first priority should be security as it will be the foundation of success. It is imperative that all of us work towards achieving that goal. Thank you.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I am grateful that the hon'ble Minister, Z.H. Ropuia had introduced ' The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008' in the House.

I would like to share my observation regarding 'Functions of the Commission' sub-no. (b), wherein it is stated, 'To inculcate and educate among the youth, the dignity of labour and hard work'. We often claim that Mizos are not lazy as a whole, but recently it would appear that we need a wake up call and I am sincerely happy that the Youth Commission will be set up to address this issue.

We often heard of youths in other countries who made successful careers at very young ages. In such a way, we need to create awareness among the youth to instill confidence and determination so that they may embark upon whatever career they choose with grit and perseverance.



One of the functions of the Commission as stated in the 9<sup>th</sup> section is, 'to advise the government in any matter as may be referred to it from time to time'. This would literally mean that it must guide the government when called for in certain matters and hence it is imperative that a thorough study must be conducted for whatever its assistance is sought.

Among its powers stated in the section 10, I believe its capability to utilize different bodies of the government as may be deemed necessary, would be extremely significant because the actual staff and employees of the commission would be very few. If they can make use of this power, the commission could become a very efficient and helpful agent.

The commission will need funding to make a real difference and the government must understand their requirement. It must allocate funds for them generously so that they can successfully complete their undertakings. This is a good Bill and I would like to request all the Members to pass it unanimously, thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalduhawma.

PU LALDUHOMA : Although the patent error had been mentioned Mr. Speaker, in section 7 which states, 'any vacancy or defect is the constitution of the commission' I think the word 'in' should be used instead of 'is'. Furthermore, I have no idea what a 'day duty' mentioned in the section 9 is. If anybody can oblige me and explain what it means, I would be very grateful.

Now that we are on the verge of setting up a new commission, I think the government must be extremely cautious in appointing the chairman. Hopefully, it will not be used as a pretext to please the ruling party MLA's. The chairman must be someone who understand the requirement of the commission and have the ability to act upon it. As it is a full time assignment, it is also crucial that the governor is the one responsible for the appointment. Desirably, the commission should offer the youths with opportunities by privatizing the existing corporate bodies. It is extremely sad that the government had wasted huge amount of funds that could have made so much difference if it was privatized.

Lastly, I would like to emphasize that this Bill signifies a new beginning had started for the youths and the credit goes to the Minister and the government. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Mr. Vanlalauva was not present during our discussion, may I call upon him now.

PU K.VANLALAUVA : Mr. Speaker, most of the resolution which we have passed had been declared by our fellow members that it was their idea, their scheme, their dream turned into reality, which makes it obvious that we all are very efficient. A complaint was filed against 15 of our members regarding their free travel facilities and were summoned by Ethics Committee but the committee found that the said members were free from the charges. So, I want to say that we are qualified to pass the Mizoram Youth Commission Bill. The origin of this Bill goes way back in the year 2005. This had been an effort and hard work made by all of us and we should pass the Bill since we all are concerned about the future of our youth. Thank you.

SPEAKER : May I now call upon Mr.Lal Thanhawla. The discussion will go on until we pass the Bill.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for coming just after attending a funeral of your family which shows your dedication and love for the people.

It is indeed a good thing for us to discuss about the Youth Commission Bill. The Right to Information Act had been declared by the Central government to be practiced in every state. But it is unfortunate that we cannot exercise it as it should be as it is to root out/eradicate corruption and many other wrongs prevailing in our state.

The people must know that employment for 100 days which is the National Rural Employment Quarantee Act is not a Mizoram Rural Employment Quarantee Act. It is unfortunate that we cannot exercise it as should be which is remorseful for the lower class people. We also know that this Bill came into the light because of the pressure from MZP (Mizo Zirlai Pawl) This Bill had also been suggested by the Central in the year 2005 and it is obvious that the government is very slow in this regard. Anyway it is good to know that the Youth Commission Bill is now considered but there are many typing mistakes, format and others which

needed correction. So, prove reading should be made and the government should be more cautious about this matter while proceeding the Bill.

If we give our youths directive and incentive, it is clear that our youths could excel even in the international level, may it be the field of games and sports, art and culture, information, modern technology and many others. All these could be achieved through Youth Commission. At the same time my question is, is the constitution of the Youth Commission dependable? I trust that the Youth Commission itself will be the one to formulate the guidelines and to execute it. Plans not to include the politician and other officials may not be appropriate because I believe that if one have an interest and experience in sports we should not discriminate them in terms of their designation or work as they will definitely prove to be useful.

The programme guidelines should be formulated and implementing agency should be from the existing department or Youth Development Corporation. We should also be equipped with cottage industry or self – employment project or different raw materials which our state could effort. This matter should be considered by the officials and concerned minister with care.

SPEAKER : I assume that the Home Minister have something to say. May I now call upon him.

PU TAWNLUIA MINISTER : Thank you, Mr Speaker. Since our House leader is not here, I will stand in his place. First I want to thank you for your presence though you have lost a member of your family.

First I want to say I am pleased with the way our Budget session is turning out since everyone seems to have their fair share of time to speak out what they want. We all know the importance of Youth Commission which is no doubt the effort we, all the members of the House put in. I want to say a few things about the Power and Function, chapter- 3 which Mr Lalhmingthanga had mentioned earlier. ‘ To inculcate and educate among the youth, the dignity of labour and hardwork,’ we must try to live our standards based on this. This Bill will no doubt open doors for our youth in different fields like music, art, economics, sports and others. So, for this reason I hope we could pass this Bill with one mind.

Pu Speaker, today the metric result had been declared and the pass percentage is 62% which is the highest . Pu Speaker, this is a clear indication

that the present government shows keen interest in the education of the youth. The government had created number of new post for the youth. Further, for the recruitment of three battalion of constable, condonation was given for the youth in educational qualification. In this manner, the government had given its utmost priority to the youth of this state in various sectors and still feel the need for the development of the youth and thus this bill, Youth Commission bill had been introduced in this august House. I, therefore, happily give my support and thanks for this bill. Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will end the discussion now. We will call the Minister in-charge to clarify the bill and request the House to pass the bill.

PU Z.H.ROPUIA MINISTER : Pu Speaker, thank you for giving me the time to clarify the bill. First of all, I would like to thank MZP, All Mizoram Graduate Unemployed Association and Central YMA study group. Pu Speaker, Youth Commission is the first of its kind, thus it requires tremendous effort in its drafting. The first thought that strike my mind when I first took charge of Sports and Youth Services was why the people recognize this department as Sport deptt and tend to forget the youth and services department. Thus it was my desire to uplift the youth and services. Pu Speaker, I would even mention that I am not just Sport Minister as I am normally referred to but Youth Minister as well. It is regretting to note that we tend to mention that there is no scope and that the future of the youth is blink in our state when it is not. Thus we believe that we can make the future of our youth a better place to live in with this bill.

Pu Speaker, I regret to mention that there are several typing mistakes like instead of 'defect is', from chapter 2 section 7 which should be, 'in the constitution of the commission'. Also, from chapter 2 section 5 instead of 'chairman' it should be 'chairperson'. I request the hon'ble members to please correct the mistakes and I apologise for the mistake (Pu R.Lalzirliana: what about, day duty?) it seems to be day to day duty. Pu Speaker, there is no guideline to base and it was decided not to make it detail. (Pu H.Liansailova: It would be better to request the House to pass with its grammatical error and patent errors) (Pu Lalduhoma: we have to be sure of what we are going to pass, whether day to day or the day duty) (Pu Liansuma: as mentioned by hon'ble member from Aizawl North 2, we can all except that it is grammatical errors thus let the mistake be corrected. Pu Speaker, the main purpose of the commission is to guide the youth to acquire employment in various fields. As mentioned by the hon'ble House Leader, this Commission is not only for

the bright and the brilliant but also for 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> class youth as well . Pu Speaker , I believe this bill had not been drafted perfectly as it should have been, I would however request this august House to pass this bill 'The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008' as it is. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Minister had just wind up the discussion. We will now vote the bill clause by clause.

(The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill,2008 had been voted clause by clause and passed.)

Now, I have to inform the House that this session is the Twelfth Session and also a Budget Session. As directed by the BAC, it is proposed for 15 days and today is for Budget discussion. The facts and figure of this session are as follows:

### QUESTIONS

#### STARRED QUESTIONS

a) All starred Questions	-	610
b) Admitted	-	563
c) Rejected	-	47
d) Clubbed	-	28
e) List in business	-	260
f) Answered in the House	-	42
g) Unanswered in the House	-	218
h) Starred question changed into Unstarred question	-	267

#### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

a) All unstarred questions	-	187
b) Admitted	-	161
c) Rejected	-	26
d) Clubbed	-	1
e) Lay on the Table of the House	-	427
f) Starred question changed into Unstarred question	-	267

## 3. OBITUARY :

Pu Zoramthanga Leader of the House had obituary reference on the demise of Pu R.Thangliana, former Minister of Mizoram and Pu K. Zahungliana, former MLA .The following Members participated in the obituary speeches :

Pu Lal Thanhawla  
 Pu Saikapthianga  
 Pu Lalhmingthanga  
 Pu Lalduhawma

Silence is observed for one minute in honour and respect of the demised members.

## GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS :

His Excellency, the Governor of Mizoram addressed the House in this Budget Session and the first session of Mizoram State Legislative Assembly. The following Members took part in the discussion of the Motion of Thanks of the Governor's Address.

Pu A B Chakma  
 Pu R. Lalzirliana.  
 Pu Lalchhandama Ralte  
 Pu Zodintluanga  
 Pu Andrew Lalherliana  
 Pu Sailothanga Sailo  
 Pu K Vanlalauva  
 Pu S Hiato

## 5. RESOLUTION

Forty eight Private Member's Resolution entered into the House out of which eight resolutions were rejected. Among forty resolutions one resolution raised by Pu K.Vanlalauva was passed .The Resolution is "We do highly appreciate the step taken for the project on construction of water and road communication from Mizoram to the port of Sitwe /Akyab. The House resolved to make pressure to the Government of India for prompt action might be taken".

## 6. REPORTS :

The following reports have been presented to the House.

Report of Business Advisory Committee.

Second Report of Subject Committee -III

Forth Report of Subject Committee - 1 ( 2007-2008).

Thirteenth Report of Subject Committee -V

First Report of Ethics Committee.

## 7. BILLS :

Eleven Bills have been laid on the Table of the House and passed after discussing earnestly. The Bills are :

- 1) The Mizoram Industrial Area(Management,Regulation and Control) Bill, 2008.
- 2) The Aizawl Development Authority(Amendment) Bill, 2008
- 3) The Mizoram Organic Farming(Amendment) Bill,2008.
- 4) The Mizoram Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2008.
- 5) The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill, 2008.
- 6) The Mizoram Youth Commission Bill, 2008.
- 7) The Mizoram Board of School Education (Second Amendment) Bill, 2008.
- 8) The Mizoram ( Land Survey and Settlement Operation Amendment ) Bill, 2008.
- 9) The Mizoram Appropriation ( NO.1 ) Bill, 2008.
- 10) The Mizoram Appropriation (NO.2) Bill, 2008.
- 11) The Mizoram Appropriation (NO.3) Bill, 2008.

The following are the Bills passed by the House assented by the Governor of Mizoram.

## A. (The Bills passed in the Eleven Session)

1. The Mizoram Civil Courts(Amendment) Bill,2007.
2. The Indian Stamp(Amendment) Amending Bill,2007.
3. The Mizoram Oil Palm ( Regulation ) of Procedure and Amendment) Bill,2007.

(The Bills passed in the Twelfth Session).

The Mizoram Industrial Areas (Management, Regulation and Control) Bill,2008.

The Mizoram Appropriation (NO.1)Bill,2008.

The Mizoram Appropriation (NO.2) Bill,2008.

The Mizoram Appropriation (NO.3) Bill,2008.

The Mizoram Organic Farming ( Amendment ) Bill,2008.

The Mizoram Transparency in Public Procurement Bill,2008.

The Aizawl Development Authority (Amendment) Bill,2008.

## 8. **LAYING OF PAPERS**

The following Papers are laid on the Table of the House.

Gazette Notification relating to RTI Act, 2005(Exemption).

The Mizoram Municipalities(Election of Councilors) Rules , 2007.

The Mizoram Municipalities ( Procedure and Conduct of Bussiness) Rules, 2007.

Finance Accounts for the year 2006 -2007.

Appropriation Accounts for the year 2006 -2007.

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of Mizoram Khadi & Village Industries Board, 2005 – 2006.

The Mizoram Grant-in-aids to Village Council Rules, 2007.

The Mizoram Special Grant-in-aid for Housing Rules, 2007.

The Mizoram State Information Commission Annual Report, 2006-2007.

Order of the Governor of Mizoram ( Under Paragraph 16 of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution).

The Aizawl Development Authority Regulations, 2007.

The Mizoram Rural Employment Guarantee Rules, 2007.

The Mizoram Municipalities (Delimitation of Wards) Rules, 2008.

The Mizoram Excise & Narcotics (Wine) Rules, 2008.

Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2007.

The Aizawl Development Authority Building Regulations, 2008.

The Mizoram Education ( Inspection of Recognised Schools) Rules, 2008.

Statement on Six monthly review of the Finance Minister on the Fiscal Position of the Government of the Mizoram for the first half of 2007 -2008 (April-September,2007)

Report of the Assembly Committee to enquire into alleged involvement of the Government of Mizoram in illegal transportation and supply of Arms.

Statement of Action taken on Report of Public Accounts Committee.

Statement of Action taken on Action taken Report of Public Accounts Committee.



9. **SPECIAL MENTION :**

The following are some special Mentions during this session :

1. Seat Reservation for handicapped in the government.-Pu Andrew Lalherliana
2. Water Tariff – Pu R.Lalzirliana.
3. Spot for Selling of Fish –Pu H.Rohluna.
4. Medical Re-imburement from ICICI - Pu Andrew Lalherliana.
5. Referred case of Cancer - Pu Zodintluanga.

In addition to these, I would like to request various departments to be more careful when answering Assembly questions. Wrong answer and typing mistakes etc. caused various difficulties to the Assembly Secretariat.

I also have to apologize to the members as the the PA Set used in the House is not good enough although you have a good understanding.

I also want to request the House as well as the Departments to remember that the Subject Committee might function to scrutinize Budget when the allotment is received in the next ministry.

Although Planning Department made a request to all Departments to make Performance Budget but no Department submitted it. It is the mean of checking the Departments by the Legislatures. I, therefore, request all Departments to give importance to the two requests made.

I am very happy for good cooperation by the hon'ble Ministers and members of the House during this Assembly Session. I also thank the Assembly Secretary and his subordinate officers for their good cooperation.

Lastly, I hope you will see invitation of dinner, I would like to request all to join the said dinner as it is the last Budget Session.

Now, we have finished our business.

The House is adjourned sine die at 4:00 Pm.