

**LIST OF MEMBERS OF SEVENTH SESSION OF THE FIFTH MIZORAM
STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2006.**

Sl No	Name of Constituency	Name of Members	Address
1.	Tuipang	P.P. Thawla	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl
2.	Saiha	S. Hiato	Chaltlang, Mualveng, Aizawl.
3.	Sangau	H. Rammawi	Tuikual 'A' Aizawl,
4.	Lawngtlai	H. Vanlalthaliana	Legislator Home Tuikhuahtlang.
5.	Chawngte	Rasik Mohan Chakma	Chakma House, Hunthar Veng.
6.	Tlabung	Nihar Kanti Chakma	Legislator Home, Tuikhuahtlang.
7.	Buarpui	Zodintluanga	Tuikual 'A' Aizawl
8.	Lunglei 'S'	Lalhmingthanga	Near Circuit House, Khatla.
9.	Lunglei 'N'	Dr.R.Lalthangliana	Kanaan Veng, Aizawl.
10.	Tawipui	Z.H. Ropuia	New Capital Complex, Khatla.
11.	Vanva	C.Lalrinsanga	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.
12.	Hnahthial	F. Lal Thanzuala	Legislator Home, Tuikhuahtlang.
13.	N.Vanlaiphai	D.Thangliana	E-78 Chawnga Road, Khatla Aizawl .
14.	Khawbung	K. Vanlalauva	Venghlui Aizawl.
15.	Champhai	Zoramthanga	Mc Donald Hill, Aizawl.
16.	Khawhai	Lalrinliana Sailo	Upper Republic Veng Aizawl.
17.	Saitual	R. Lalzirliana	Armed Veng North, Aizawl.
18.	Khawzawl	Andrew Lalherliana	Luangmual Aizawl.
19.	Ngopa	H. Rohluna	Ramthar Veng, Aizawl.
20.	Suangpuilawn	H. Lalsangzuala	Ramhlun South, Aizawl.
21.	Ratu	Lalduhoma	Chawlhmun, Aizawl.
22.	Kawnpui	Sailothanga Sailo	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl.
23.	Kolasib	K. Lalrinliana	Legislator Home, Tuikhuahtlang.
24.	Bilkhawthlir	Lalchamlia	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
25.	Zawnuam	Tawnluia	Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl.
26.	Kawrthah	Saikapthianga	Zotlang, Aizawl.
27.	Mamit	Lalthlengliana	Bungkawn, Aizawl.
28.	Phuldungsei	Liansuama	Chawnpui, Aizawl.
29.	Sateck	B. Lalthlengliana	Bethlehem Veng, Aizawl.
30.	Serchhip	Lal Thanhawla	Zarkawt, Aizawl.
31.	Lungpho	K. Lianzuala	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
32.	Tlungvel	Sainghaka	Mission Veng, Aizawl.
33.	Aizawl N-I	Dr. Lalzama	Chaltlang Lily Veng, Aizawl.
34.	Aizawl N-II	H. Liansailova	Bawngkawn Chhim Veng, Aizawl.
35.	Aizawl E-I	K. Sangthuama	Electric Veng, Aizawl.
36.	Aizawl E-II	H. Vanlalauva	Chhinga Veng, Aizawl.
37.	Aizawl W-I	Aichhinga	Babutlang, Aizawl.
38.	Aizawl W-II	Lalrinchhana	Mc Donald Hill.
39.	Aizawl S-I	R.Tlanghmingthanga	Venghlui, Aizawl.
40.	Aizawl S-II	R. Khawpuithanga	Tlangnuam, Aizawl.

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MINISTERS & MINISTERS OF STATE PORTFOLIOS

<u>Sl.</u>	<u>Name of Minister/Minister of State.</u>	<u>Name of Department allotted.</u>
1.	Pu Zoramthanga Chief Minister	1. Finance 2. Planning & Prog. Implementation. 3. General Administration. 4. Vigilance. 5. Political & Cabinet. 6. Industry. 7. Power & Electricity. 8. Election 9. Public Works.
2.	Pu Tawnluia Minister	1. Home 2. Public Health Engineering. 3. Personnel & Administrative Reforms.
3.	Pu R. Thangmingthanga Minister	1. Health & Family Welfare 2. Social Welfare. 3. Secretariat Administration.
4.	Pu Lalrinchhana Minister	1. Animal Husbandry & Veterinary. 2. Transport 3. Relief & Rehabilitation.
5.	Pu Aichhinga Minister	1. Rural Development 2. Trade & Commerce. 3. Soil & Water Conservation.
6.	Dr. R. Lalthangliana Minister	1. School Education. 2. Environment & Forest. 3. Information Public Relations.
7.	Pu H. Vanlalaiva Minister	1. Local Administration. 2. Prisons. 3. District Council Affairs.
8.	Pu B. Lalthlengliana Minister	1. Land Revenue & Settlement 2. Fisheries. 3. Printing & Stationery. 4. Taxation.
9.	Pu H. Rammawi Minister	1. Agriculture 2. Law & Judicial. 3. Parliamentary Affairs. 4. Horticulture.
10.	Pu K. Sangthuama Minister of State	1. Food & Civil Supplies. 2. Sericulture. 3. Co-operation.
11.	Pu Z.H. Ropuia Minister of State	1. Sports & Youth Services. 2. Labour & Employment. 3. Tourism.
12.	Dr. Lalzama Minister of State	1. Higher & Technical Education. 2. Art & Culture. 3. Excise.

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S P E A K E R : And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions".
Luke 12 : 5.

We will now take up Obituary Reference. To start with, Pu Sainghaka 70, the former Minister and sitting MLA has left us on the 1st July, 2006. His demise is very unfortunate as he was a good Politician and of an eminent legislator. As the leader of the House is having an appointment to see-off the visiting President of India. I may call upon Pu Tawnluia,, our Home Minister to make Obituary reference on his behalf.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very unfortunate for this House to take this time of condolence on the demise of Pu Sainghaka. To make a brief speech of his Last journey, he died after suffering a prolonged Cancer on the 1st July 2006 Pu. Sainghaka was the youngest among six children of Pu Thangkhuma (L) and Pi Rochani (L) and was born on 13th February 1936 at Sairep. His family migrated from Sairep to Bualte, Lunglei District when he was just 4 years old. In 1965, he married Sikulthangi and the Couple were blessed with 2 sons and a daughters

In the field of study, he finished his matriculation from High School Lunglei in 1956 and continued College at St. Anthony's College Shillong during 1957-1961. He finished B. Com in 1962 and then joined the Post at Accountant General (AG) Office, Shillong. As soon as his return to Mizoram in 1963, he joined Mizo National Front (MNF) as a Political Secretary and Later held the post of Home Minister as underground. In 1967, he was then arrested and was imprisoned at Golpara, Shillong and Tihar Jails. In 1971, he was shifted to Aizawl and shortly after at February, released on bail.

In 1972, he joined Mizoram Pradesh Congress and had held various important posts in that party. In 1978 Assembly Election, he was elected from Aizawl 'S'. but the Ministry was dissolved shortly, after forming the Ministry. On 1979 and 1984 he was successively elected from the same Constituency and held the post of a Cabinet Minister and took charge of maintenance of departments such as Finance, Planning, Education, Power & Electricity etc. In 1991 bye - Election, he was elected from Aizawl 'S' II Constituency and held Vice Chairmanship of State Planning Board during the period 1991-1998. For the 5th and final time, he was again elected in 2003 from Tlungvel Constituency and was a member from this Constituency till his last breathe.

Pu Sainghaka made various contributions for promotion of churches and his community. He was an eminent sunde-school teacher for the period of 1978-2005 and had even held the post of a Senior Adviser to YMA, Mission Veng. In his last Parts, he was Hospitalized at TATA Memorial Hospital, Mumbai a couple of times due to Lung Cancer. He was then attended at his home due to lack of sign of improvement. On 17.3.2006, he was again attended at Aizawl Civil Hospital Despits the efforts of Doctors and Nurses, his health condition kept on deteriorating and was drawn to his last breathe on 1.7.2006 at 9:00 AM

Pu Sainghak was survived by his wife, his 2 sons and 2 daughters. His loss is deeply suffered not only by his family but also by the Mizos as a whole.

S P E A K E R : Obituary reference usually take away so much time of Question hour. I now call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla to make his speech in condolence of Pu Sainghaka's demise.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is very sad to have in this House, Obituary reference on the departed Leader, our colleague and a fellow member here in the House. The Leader of the House has already made a detail speech regarding Pu Sainghaka.

To supplement few points, I want to mention that he was one of the eminent leaders in the freedom movement for Mizoram and also a good organizer for MNF volunteers. He had even an experience of life in prison due to his efforts for that movement. Not only himself his wife too had been imprisoned in Certain Jails as a consequence of such efforts.

As already provided out, Pu. Sainghaka had joined Congress Party soon after he was released and under his Leadership, the Party made so much progresses due to his efforts. During his Ministership in the congress Ministry. I must say that he was one of the most efficient as well as most talented Ministers. He has even held the post of Vice President of Congress Party till his last day. Not only this Mr. Speaker Sir, he had even involved in the Activities of YMA and DYU of his locality and much as well, in his local church. Contributions made by him and his family too deserved to be pointed out. Such a great leader is now being lost by the House and he will be remembered by the people for the works he had achieved in his lifetime.

Lastly, it is much appreciated that the hon'ble Speaker is giving the Opportunity here in the House, to express our feelings on the departed leader.

Thank you.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Obituary reference has been observed here in the House so many times, but now it concerns with sitting member and this kind is hardly known in the history of Mizoram Legislative Assembly. It is in a way, very sad to think that his seat is now being left unoccupied.

The hon'ble Home Minister has already made a detail speech in this regard yet I want to express my personal view on the departed leader Pu Sainghak was one of the leaders who had rendered his valuable effort for the development of Mizoram politics

and also for freedom movement. We were once together in the same hostel during our College days and he often shared with me of his desire to fight for independence for Mizoram. As soon as the MNF Party made announcement for this end, he too joined the movement. He, himself and his family were known to be of those who suffered the effect of that movement most. What we have to learn from him is his great heart and his dedication for the future of Mizoram keeping in mind his poor background from the southern part, he used to have good relationship with everyone around him and possessed inner quality of what we called 'Tiawmngaihna'. Due to lack of adequate financial support for his study, he was compelled to search for a job while studying and then joined the post under Post & Telegraph Department first. He finished B. Com from night-shift College of Shillong and then joined as Auditor of Accountant General Office and all such achievements in his career indicates his efficiency.

He will be remembered by what he had done for the future of Mizoram, his efficiency and by his outstanding inner quality. We feel sad for his loss and share our thought and sorrow with Pj Sikuli his beloved wife and their children. May God keep his family through their time of sorrow and I wish them best for their future. His personality and his quality as a legislator will be remembered. May God keep his bereaved wife and children through all their hardship.

Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is sad that we are now compelled to observe obituary reference of our Colleague and a sitting MLA which has never happened before. Even though Pu Sainghaka had been facing various hardships in his past experiences as already pointed out, he was blessed with blessings and responsibilities on the other hand. Not to speak of his responsibilities in the previous years, he was Chairman of PAC of the present 5th Assembly. It is sad, in a way to resume the work he had left behind. Lastly, may God be with his wife and children through their times of sorrow and happiness. I wish them best for their future

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I first of all want to say that Pu Sainghaka was a leader with good vision and thought. Out of concern for the future of Mizoram, he joined MNF in 1963. After experiencing many problems such as imprisonment etc. he had changed his political view and then joined congress Party 1972. He was then elected as a legislative member successively for 5 times and then hold number of important posts in Government machinery. In the Ministry headed by Pu Lal Thanhawla, he was appointed as Planning Vice-Chairman Besides, he was selected to represent the North East states, as a member of shukla commission which enabled us to deal with many developmental works in our state till today. As a Politician, he was a sharp thinking man yet he was kind and understanding in dealing with others problems.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my thanks to you Mr. Speaker Sir, other Ministers and MLA's for all your concern towards him during his long period of illness.

Thank you.

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: As already mentioned by various members. Pu Sainghaka will be remembered by his quality as a Legislator, his kindness, his contributions to NGO's in his locality.

We will now close our discussion on Obituary reference due to limit of time. To start our business I now call upon Pu Lalduhom to ask starred question No. 1.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Here is my question No. 1 for favour of answer to be given by the concern Minister. Mr. Speaker Sir, is there an intention to give D.C. of other districts besides D.C Aizawl, the power to deal with ILP ?

S P E A K E R

: Hon'ble Home Minister to answer the question.

**PU TAWNLUIA
MINISTER**

: Mr. Speaker Sir, to reply the question of Pu Lalduhoma, D.C. of each district is now authorized to issue ILP.

S P E A K E R

: We will now move to starred question No. 2 and Pu Zodintluanga, a member from Buarpui Constituency to ask.

PU ZODINTLUANGA

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. Here is my question to be answered by the hon'ble Minister for Foods & Civil Supply Department. Starred question no. 2.

Whether the government have any knowledge that every retailer for BPL and AAY have Rs. 5/- unpaid bill for carrying charge ?

S P E A K E R

: Pu Sangthuama Hon'ble Minister for Foods & Civil Supply Department to answer the question

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA

: Thank you Mr. Speaker Sir. To begin my speech, I must say that Pu Sainghaka was an important leader in the freedom, movement and I personally know him very well as he used to be our Leader during that time. He was a reliable person to his followers and had a quality to convince others, as such the late President of MNF

Pu Laldenga too put great deal of confidence in him. He was strong in dealing with his work and was a reliable person to entrust responsibility.

As a legislator, he was one of a kind with amiable personality even in dealing with discussion of any matter. Every word he had mentioned comes out of his true self. It is sad that we now have lost an ideal legislator of great quality.

Speaking of his personal life, he used to be an active person in various activities of NGO's and Church in his locality. He will be remembered by his amiable personality & reliability.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. speaker Sir, The government is not having any knowledge of unpaid balance of Rs..5 each by retailer for carrying charge of rice for BPL and AAY family.

PU. ZODINTLUANGA : Mr. Speaker sir, Anticipating the coming famine caused by periodical bamboo flowering, it is sad to learn that provision under the scheme of BAFFACOS, has not been fully received by the deserved families due to deduction of the sanction by certain BDO's for traveling expenses of Ministers and MLA's of Ruling Party. It is surprising to learn that the concern Minister have no knowledge of unpaid balance of carrying charge owed to the contractors even though it is already talk of the town. The concern contractors on the other hand claimed that it is done so due to failure of payment of Carrying charge by the government.

Besides Mr. Speaker Sir. Scale used for distribution of BPL ration in rural areas need to be checked immediately. Whether the government approved such scale I, will the government make notification to all retailers to use the correct scale ?

Secondly, I hereby inform the House that only 30 Kgs. of rice is issued for family where as the exact allotment is 35 Kgs. will the government take action so that the allotment is fully allotted ?

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, Supplementary question for favour of answers to be given by Minister for Food & Civil Supplies etc. The concern retailer of Khawzawl cut-down 1 kg. in every 10 kgs. due to shortage while delivered from Go-down. Whether it is done as per the government order ? If so, is that against the rule ? I opine this is an oppression of the concern people.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I have already mentioned about mishandling of weigh Bridge. If the government cannot make assurance for correction of the said, will it be better to privatize the system

S P E A K E R : Pu K. Sangthuama, the Concern Minister to give the answer.

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, in reply to the question of Pu Zodintluanga, it is to be noted that Village level Committee of each concern Village is authorized to give report to the department of any misappropriation, if found. It is regretted that no such report is received and it is somewhat difficult to resolve the problem from our end. Shortage of allotment of supply is a Common incident especially with allotment for remote areas as route for transportation is covering 100 Kms to 300 Kms. As for this, problem is mounting up due to this practice.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, does it mean that shortage is bound to happen due to remoteness of a particular Place? May the concern Minister clarify the point ?

PU K. SANGTHUAMA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, in order to resolve the problem, it is important to put more efforts from Village level Vigilance Committee. Penalty and even suspension is imposed to any miscreant if reported.

As of the system of scale practiced in rural areas, it is absolutely against the will of the department to use an empty tin as a scale. Immediate action will be taken in that regard.

As of deduction of 1 kg of rice in every 10 kgs, there is no standing order of the government except that 100 kgs must be 100 kgs. If any one involves in such cases and were reported to the concern authority, necessary action will be taken in that regard.

Regarding the condition of our weigh-bridge, I want to mention that proposal for purchase of 9 nos. of weigh-bridge is now being moved to Finance department. And if financial concurrence is obtained, privatization of the system will be discussed with our Chief Minister.

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu, Sailothanga Sailo to ask Starred Question No. 3.

PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker Sir, Starred Question No. 3
(a) When will NREG be benefited by the areas covered by the scheme ?
(b) Whether fund sanctioned for Saiha and Lawngtlai District is utilized appropriately ? © In what way the government take step in that regard ?

- S P E A K E R** : I now call upon Pu, Aichhinga, the concern Minister to answer the question.
- PU AICHHINGA MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, here is the answer. (a) The work is already started in the areas covered by the scheme. (b) Yes. (c) Step is being taken at Saiha and Lawngtlai District effectively.
- PU S. HIATO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, as per selection of Saiha and Lawngtlai District as of the poorest District, discussion is taking place in Parliament on September 2005. It was then passed to release the sanction by the month of February 2006. However, it was in hand on 16.5.2006 only. In respect of Saiha District, 403 households had already been registered, yet no work is started until late September 2006. Besides, Mr. Speaker Sir, out of work allotted for 100 days, only 15 days is made. I wonder of the work is completed within the given days. How will the government deal with this matter ? It is a shame that Mizoram is included in the list of the poorest applicant states of NREGS scheme. If so, will the scheme be withdrawn? The hon'ble Minister may clarify the situation?
- PU SAILOTHANGA SAILO** : Mr. Speaker Sir, This Act is having so much importance, for uplifting conditions of the poor. It will be much appreciated if Rules for application of this scheme is laid down appropriately.

As employment is the best instrument for driving away poverty, it is necessary for us to acquire economic growth so as to generate employment. In this connection, I want to know member of family who are having registration under this Act.

- PU H. LIANSILOVA** : Mr. speaker Sir, Supplementary question what are the rules prescribed by Central government towards implementing States under NREG scheme ? whether our government has ready made Rules for implementation of NREGS ? In the areas such as Saiha and Lawngtlai District, whether District coordinating officer has already been appointed as demanded by the Act ? Will the government provide unemployment allowance in respect of the areas which has not yet been covered by this scheme ?

- PU P.P. THAWLLA** : Mr. speaker Sir, I want to state that the people in my Constituency benefited the said NREGS scheme for improvement of their respective family as well as their community. My question in this regard is that whether the sanction is released to the concern Deputy Commissioner.

for one year expenditure at a time or the whole amount ? Whether there is a problem with the concern families in receiving wages for their labour ?

S P E A K E R : I now call upon Pu Aichhinga, Minister for Rural Development department, to answer the questions.

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I think it is first to understand the meaning of NREGS. NREGA is an Act and its programme is known in short 'NREGP'. This fund is directly sanctioned to the concern Deputy Commissioner from Central government. Since it is of Centrally -- sponsored scheme, the fund is sanctioned without giving information to the state government. As for this reason, there are many things we do not know in regard to dealing of this work. The only thing the department can do is trying to get information of the monitoring work.

This scheme is very good for the concern families as it provides work for 100 days and even if it fails to provide work for the allotted days, Compensation has to be given necessarily. It is the duty of state government to prepare rules for this work and for this reason we have been pressing the concerned authority to furnish information.

Mr. Speaker Sir, NREGS is of Rural scheme, yet, according to guideline urban areas too can be covered if the concern urban administration. Because of this, Saiha and Lawngtlai district can be included to enjoy the scheme yet it is not convenient as the said district Capitals are proclaimed as urban by the State government. The scheme therefore is applied only in rural.

Regarding the question relating to delay of the project, it is regretted to mention that it cannot be started in due time due to health problem and other inconveniency of the concern village council members.

PU R. LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, it is mentioned that Mizoram is one of the poorest states in Performing the said scheme. If so, the concern Deputy Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner have to bear responsibility. Why don't we prevail the deserved penalty against Deputy Commissioner if he is the one that brings bad -- reputation to Mizoram ?

PU AICHHINGA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, We have been trying to improve monitoring system and the government have no intention is bring out such penalty while effort for improvement for the system is on its way.

As of withdrawal of the scheme due to our poor performances, there is no such intention instead. We are been told that more provision will be given to Mizoram.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Question hour is over. We will now take up the next business. To start with, I want to state that Mizoram Legislative assembly has prepared Right to Information Rules under Right to Information Act which is yet to be laid on the table of the House. If this House permit to do so, I now lay on the table of this House, 'The Mizoram Legislative Assembly Right to Information Rules, 2006. The copy will now be distributed.

Next, I call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, to lay on the table "The Mizoram Passengers and Goods Taxation Rules, 2006".

**PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, With your permission and of the House, I now lay on the Table of this House "The Mizoram Passengers and Goods taxation Rules, 2006".

S P E A K E R : May the copy be distributed Pu H. Vanlalauva, may now lay on the table of the House "The Aizawl Development master Plan and Zonal Development "First Amendment Rules, 2006.

**PU H. VANLALAUVA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House, I now lay on the table of the House "The Aizawl Development (Master Plan & Zonal Development Plan) First Amendment Rules, 2006.

S P E A K E R : May the copy be distributed Pu Aichhinga, Hon'ble Minister may now lay on the table of the House "Annual Reports of MAMCO 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th of 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.

**PU AICHHINGA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House. I now lay on the table of the House "Annual Report of MAMCO 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th of 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000.

S P E A K E R : May the Copy be distributed. We will now have presentation of Business Advisory Committee (BAC) Report. A BAC meeting was held on 3rd October for this Session, programme chocked out in that meeting is shown in the Bulletin Part II No. 150 of 13th October. The Report is now being laid on the table of the House and the copy may be distributed. The session is set for 3 days and the detail programme is shown in the report. It will be appreciated if this House agreed the report

I now call upon Pu Lalduhoma Chairman, Public Accounts Committee to present Report of the 24th Action taken Report relating to Power & Electricity Department. The 25th Action taken Report relating to PHE Department and the 26th Action taken Report relating to Agriculture Department to this House.

PU LALDUHOMA : Mr. Speaker sir, with your permission and of the House, I now present the 24th Action taken Report relating to Power & Electricity Department, the 25th Action taken Report relating to Agriculture Department to this House.

S P E A K E R : The copy may be distributed. for the last presentation of the Report. I call upon Pu Andrew Lalherliana, Chairman, Committee on Subordinate Legislation relating to Industries Department on Action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in its Fifth Report to this House.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission and of the House, I now presents the 6th Report of the committee on subordinate Legislation relating to Industry Department.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Let the copy be distributed we will now proceed to Legislative Business. To start with I call upon Pu K. Sangthuama to ask permission of the House to introduce the Mizoram Cooperative Societies Bill, 2006". The copy may be distributed Do we agree? (The member 'yes') the House agreed to introduce. They may now move to this House so that the Bill could be discussed.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. speaker Sir, I have just now introduced "The Mizoram Cooperative Societies Bill, 2006" to this House.

We are compelled to introduce this Bill as the one we are now using is Rules of Assam Government. Which is not applicable to Mizoram. It is, therefore necessary to make amendment compatible to our state. Here in section 3 also, the words "State Policy on Co-operative" is added, in section 6, the words co-operative. Principle is added and in section 8, "activities to be undertaken by Co-operatives" is added. Again in section 15, the words "The Registration" is added, in section 4, "Promotion of subsidiary Co-operative", in section 23, "Registration of Federal Co-operative State level Society".

Besides, edition has also been made for Rules of registration for minor state like ours and in section 25 Rules for membership of nominal associate Sympathesis, in section 29, the words "The admission of members" is added, In section 42, the words "share or internal of members not attachable" and in section 50, "Reservation of seats for schedule caste/schedule tribes weaker section and women" has also been added In section 68, the words exemption of taxes, fees on Co-operative and in section 80, "Restriction of contribution to Political Parties and Religious Institutions" has also been added. In section 84, the words "employees contributory Provident Fund" and in section 88, the words "filling of returns by Co-operatives to RCS and RCS to government" has also been added

In section 120, the word "Interpretation" and in section 130, the word "Co-operative Bank" has also been added. In chapter 14, the words "Registration of Co-operative Bank" is added and the words that concern with 'unlimited society' is deleted as most of the registration in Mizoram is of limited registration. We therefore preferred a limited Society system to unlimited society. That is why the term unlimited is deleted from the wording.

Besides the above, the provisions of section-7 relating to the minimum member to form a Cooperative Society is also changed from 15 members in the old Act to at least 20 families in this new Bill. The minimum number of societies to form a Federal Societies has now been fixed to be at least 10 Societies. Regarding recovery of loan due ; RCS (Registrar of Cooperative Societies) would now have power to take necessary actions. The terms of the Board of Director remains the same as two years for state Level Societies and one-year for Primary societies.

In regard to formation of Board Members, the standing members of Society management Committee are eligible and can be elected. We opine that this provision would be suited for our state. The existing Act to be repealed has been used for a long time since the period of District Council under the Government of Assam State and the Rules there of are also inadequate. Therefore this new Bill is prepared and the Rules will also be made soon. Mr. Speaker Sir, I opine that the main provision of the Bill as well as the wordings would be good enough. I, therefore beg leave of the House to pass it unanimously.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R

: The Concerned Minister now moved the Bill. We will discuss it now. 10 Minutes will be allotted for each member as usual. Special consideration in respect of time

allotted is given to leader of each group. Now, let us call upon Pu Lal Thanhawla, the Leader of opposition.

PU LAL THANHAWLA : Mr. Speaker Sir, this Bill had already been Introduced and now we listened to the speech from the concerned Minister for moving the same. Although it is a new Bill it looks like an amendment. Anyway, I would like to emphasize that enforce want of the Act is much more important than the bill itself. We have had one bad precedence regarding the election of the Board of Directors of the Apex Bank. The elected Board of Directors had been dissolved soon after the election was held. However, the Ministry formed with the help of insurgents has not been dissolved till date. Passing of this Bill would be useless unless careful measures are not taken in its enforcement.

The Minister who introduced and moved this is the one who involves in the compensation scandal of Tuirial Hydel Project. He went to N. Hlimen Village and threatened the V.C.P. there to issue land allocation form. Consequently, he was given five of such forms signed by the said V.C.P. Of these forms two of them had been used to claim compensation by this Minister in the name of other persons. We cannot identify the names used by him in this regard as they are concealed by the Department officials. Therefore, We are not interested in taking parts in the Bill introduced by such Minister. Our Legislative party will not discuss this Bill.

Thank you.

PU LALJIMINGTHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, I have studied this Bill as much as I can and I found that it is generally good enough. However, I would like to express about Cooperative movement other than the provisions of this Bill in detail. Before coming to the main subject I request point of clarification from the Minister in his wind up speech. The Mizoram Cooperative Society Bill, is prepared as the existing Act which is extracted from the state of Assam which has various deficiencies in its implementation for our state. However, we see from the statement of objects and reasons of this Bill that the existing Act to be repeated is the Mizoram Cooperative society Act of 1991.

Cooperative movement is very important for economic development. Many countries such as Israel and Scandinavian countries use Cooperative Movement to develop their economy. We also need to improve this movement in Mizoram. When we have passed this Bill, rules will be needed to make soon, in which, provisions for awareness campaign, easier procedure for formation and registration of society will be given due importance. In fact the spirit of individualism is one of the main reasons for backwardness in Mizoram. So we need to educate our people for the success of Cooperative movement. I, therefore, agree to pass this Bill unanimously.

Thank you.

PU ANDREW LALHERLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir, today I would like to mention about matters relating to this Bill other than the Bill itself. I have received the copy of this Bill on 13th of this month and there are 3 days only to study it. However, it is a voluminous and detailed Bill containing nearly 190 pages. There is no time to examine it in detail. In

other states, Bills to be introduced in the House is circulated nearly a year before being taken into consideration. In which the legislators as well as the public have adequate time to make necessary comments. Here in our state we never have such enough time to study. I therefore want to make a request that at least 14 or 15 days be spared to examine every bill before discussion in the House.

On the other hand, I do not hesitate to support it for passing. However, as I have mentioned earlier, there is no time to study this Bill in detail. I therefore, suggest a longer days for study of the bill as mentioned above for future improvement. I am sorry for I cannot make contributions for the betterment of this Bill due to shortage of time.

Thank you.

PU LALDUHOMA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, I also support the speech of the hon'ble member from Khawzawl Constituency regarding shortage of time to examine this Bill. During such a very short time we cannot provide useful contribution for the enrichment of the Bill only the Government seemed to be satisfied with the minimum period. It will be therefore, important for all to spare much more time than the minimum period for examination of every bill to be introduced in the House in future.

Coming to the text now, let me raise provisions of Section -6 first. In this section there are sub-section (a) to (g) the wording contained in all those sub-sections seemed to be ordinary statement other than the wordings used in the Act, the wording should be altered with commanding words such as "They shall" or they will, or any other appropriate words. So that the Bill after it becomes an Act will be more effectives.

Regarding Section 3 (b), We see that the State Government will preserve the economic and political Rights of the Co-operative Societies. I do not understand what Political Right will be needed by such Cooperative Societies. Also in Section 46 (3) regarding Annual General Body Meeting, the Registrar will be authorized to call such Meeting if it is not called by executive body of the Society concerned within 60 days. However, there is no further provision in this regard. When the Registrar, in agreement with the executive body, do not want to call such Meeting. I opine that there must be further provision in such circumstance.

Mr. Speaker Sir, Cooperatives Movement is very important I, myself, witnessed that cooperative Movement greatly improves the economy of Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Those states make use of Cooperative Societies to provide every necessary Commodities to the consumers at Cheaper rates and also to deal with selling of agricultural products by playing the role of Middle-men. They can be done in our state too. However, most of the cooperative societies in Mizoram have liabilities instead of making profits. Do we ever utilize National Cooperative Development Council (NCDC) to assist such dying Cooperative Societies NCDC had rescued many Cooperative Societies in other states.

The reason for the failure of Cooperative Societies I Mizoram, in my opinion, is corruption. For instance, in my locality, Chawlhmun area, there is Junior

Cooperative Training College. It is a nominal Institution only. No students are there nor is there furniture and building of its own. But, many computer sets have been sanctioned for the said institution, which will be kept by some officers. We have had three major Political parties in Mizoram which had formed Ministries during the past 35 years. All Political Parties blame each other in the matter of corruption during their respective terms of office. Under such circumstances, Cooperative Movement cannot be developed or successful. Therefore, I request the Government to give priority to Cooperative movement from now on. Let us allocate much more fund in the budget for this Department. With hopping such development in this sphere, I support and agree to pass this Bill today.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We will call upon Pu C. Lalrinsanga, Before calling upon him I would like to Mention few words regarding the time spared for examination of Bills as mentioned by the hon'ble members from Khawzawl and Ratu constituencies respectively. I request every Minister to know that Bill can be submitted many days in advance so that there can be reasonable time for the members to examine it. Yes, now, Pu C. Lalrinsanga

**PU C. LALRINSANGA
DEPUTY SPEAKER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. We discuss a very important Bill today. Since I have looked after Cooperation Department for sometimes, I would like to mention few points. We have pointed out the importance of Cooperation here in this House. In the developed Countries. Cooperative Mentality is imparted in the minds of the people which is very important for economic development. The former Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had propounded the importance co-operative movement. Many states in India use Co-operative movement to improve their economy. Here in our state also, it is important to make good relationship and sustainable economy among the people. The price of commodities is controlled to some extent by the co-operators. So, Co-operative movement is very important. As we have listened earlier, the existing Act is made on the basis of the Assam State. So, it has many inconveniences for our State. Knowing such situation, new Bill is prepared under the guidance of Dr. K. Elumalai, a representative from V.M. National Institute of Co-operative Management, Pune. I, therefore hope that it will suit our societies better than the old Act.

I do not deny that there may be some points to be corrected. But all our Acts are amendable. If we find any provision to be amended for better implementation of the Act amendment can be made anytime. In regard to the political rights of the society in section 3(b) as pointed out by he hon'ble member from Ratu constituency, I opine that, this provision should not be confused with Party political rights. Every society needed to have political rights but taking politic sentiment in the society is not good. Mr. Speaker sir, I support this important Bill to be passed as it is now.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : Ten Minute is still there, will we continue discussion or will we finish it up within this morning shift ?

For our information, I would like to mention that we have no separate Department to draft Bills. Every Bill is drafted by the concerned Department which is checked by Law Department. Now, there is a proposal from the Central Government for constitution of Legislation Department to draft every Bill as requested by various Departments, such proposal is under consideration. Now discussion will be continued. Before calling upon the Leader of the House we will call Pu R. Khawpuithanga.

PU R. KHAWPUITHANGA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. We all agreed that we discuss a very good and important Bill. As we have listened from the leader of opposition I also opine that enforcement of the Act is much more important than the Act itself. However, I am sorry for they have walked out of the House while expecting them to make valuable contributions in the discussion.

This Bill seemed to be a very good and important Bill. But I also support the member who speak earlier about shortage of time to examine it in detail. Anyway, it is drafted by intellectual and efficient persons I, therefore hope that it will be good enough for us and I eagerly want to pass it today. As we have heard from other members, Cooperative Movement is utilized by many countries to develop their economy but here in Mizoram we still fail to utilize it. We need to search for better ways in this regard. Let us hope that our Societies and Corporations would greatly be improved after passing this Bill today.

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We still have the Leader of the House and the concerned Minister, shall we continue our business or shall we have a break now? Yes, let us try to finish it up within the morning shift. Now, let us call upon the Leader of the House.

**PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER** : Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. The Mizoram Cooperative Society Bill, 2006 seemed to be one of the longest and most detailed Bills. I, therefore appreciate the hardworking efforts rendered by the Minister and the concerned Department. As we have listened earlier from the hon'ble Members, we can always make reasons to walk out of the House at anytime if we are searching for it. But, I would like to mention now that being a legislator we ought to take active part in making Laws, Which is our duty.

Cooperative Movement had been very successful in many places. However it can never be successful in Mizoram as we still have an idea that the term Government is completely separate from the people even since the British period. So, we need to change our Mentality. Failure of Cooperative movement in Mizoram further resulted in failure of various Government policies such as Garden Colony, NLUP, MIP. Etc.

Now a days, we are aware of the importance of Cooperation, so that most of our cash crops like passion fruit, squash, Grapes, etc. are dealt with Cooperative societies with necessary processing units, I therefore, hope that cooperative Movement will also be successful in Mizoram if it gives benefits to the Growers who play the role at the grass-root level.

Regarding the contents of this Bill, some members pointed out that the bill, is too long and suggest less voluminous one. I also think that it can be shortened to some extent. Besides, I support the point raised by the hon'ble Speaker regarding constitution of separate Department to draft various Bills. So that the existing officers of every Department can be relieved in this matter and they can concentrate more on their respective duties. Anyway, This Bill is very important Bill prepared by the concerned Department with much effort. I hope that the concept of the Co-operative movement planted in the minds of the people would be changed when it comes into force and cooperative movement would also be progressive in Mizoram. I, therefore, support this Bill to be passed unanimously

Thank you.

S P E A K E R : We have finished our discussion on the Mizoram Cooperative Societies Bills, 2006. Now, we will call upon the concerned Minister to wind up our discussion and let Him beg leave of the House to pass it.

**PU K. SANGTHUAMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker Sir, Let me clarify the speech of Pu Lal Thanhawla, the Leader of Opposition, first in regard to dissolution of the elected body of the Cooperative Societies Union. In this regard, Election was held, but there was a complaint on the procedure for conducting that election. The said complain was accepted. So, fresh election was again conducted.

I was also alleged to take compensation. I think that the Leader of opposition got wrong information. I do not get any compensation, even a single penny had been taken by me for compensation. I would like to mention about this truth in this August House for information to the people of Mizoram, I hope that there would not be false allegation in future.

In drafting this Bill, it is true as mentioned by Pu Lalhmingthanga that some provisions are copied from the existing Act, which had been passed in 1991 and also from the Act of Assam state. We try our level best to be suited with our culture and society. Amendment can be made if required. However, I am sorry for we cannot spare more days to study it as pointed out by some members, I, therefore, request every member to understand me in this regard.

Regarding the political rights of Cooperative societies, it does not mean that the Board of Directors will not involve in politics, it rather mean that the Act will

protect the political rights of Cooperatives Societies. Also regarding Cooperative Training centre as stated by Pu Lalduhom, we will take steps to utilize this centre. Today I am happy to have various suggestions from the members to enrich our idea. I do not deny that I, myself, am not expert in Cooperative matters. I, therefore request every member to make valuable contributions for the betterment of the Act. But now, immediate alteration is not appropriate. Therefore, Mr. Speaker sir, I beg leave of the House to pass this Bill. "The Mizoram Cooperative Societies Bill, 2006.

S P E A K E R : We have listened the wind up speech on this Bill from the concerned Minister. Those who agree to pass every clause of The Mizoram Cooperative societies Bill, 2006, will say 'yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. (Members say 'Yes') The Mizoram Cooperatives Societies Bill, 2006 is passed, clause - by - clause, by this House unanimously.

Our business for Today is over. We will have a break and sitting will be resumed tomorrow i.e, 18.10.2006. at 10 : 30 A.M.

Sitting is adjourned
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