

**FOURTH MIZORAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
(FOURTEENTH SESSION)**

7TH SITTING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH MARCH, 2003

PRESENT

1. Pu R.Lalawia, Speaker at the Chair, Deputy Speaker, Chief Minister, 15 Ministers and 22 Members were present

QUESTIONS

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

**DISCUSSION & VOTING ON SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND
FOR 2002 - 2003 AND VOTE ON ACCOUNT**

3.
 - 1) Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demands for the year 2002 - 2003.
 - 2) Discussion and Voting on Vote on Accounts.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bill for introduction, consideration and passing.

4. **PU ZORAMTHANGA** to beg leave of the House :
to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2003.

ALSO

to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
to move that the Bill be passed

5. **Pu Zoramthanga** to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation (No 2) Bill, 2003.

Also to introduce the Bill

to move that the Bill be taken into consideration to move that the Bill be passed.

6. **Pu Lalrinchhana** to move that the Mozram (Land Survey and Settlement) Bill, 2003 be taken into consideration and Also to move that the Bill be passed.

S P E A K E R : 'The righteous themselves will possess the earth, And they will reside forever upon it. The mouth of the righteous is the one that utters wisdom in an undertone'.
Psalm 37 : 29,30.

We shall take question. Starred Question No. 81 to be asked by
Pu P.B.Rosanga.

PU P.B.ROSANGA : Mr. Speaker, I ask Starred Question No. 81

Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state :-

- (a) The number of vacant posts of Specialist at the Directorate of Hospital and Medical Education.
- (b) The reason for not filling up of the vacant post.

PU F. MALSAWMA : Mr. Speaker, the answer to Starred
MINISTER Question No. 81 are as below :-

- (a) There are 6 vacant posts of Senior Specialists and one Specialist post.
- (b) Due to lack of eligible candidate demanded by the Rules at the time the posts were not filled up. Step has been taken to fill up the posts by Amendment of Rules or by relaxation.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA : Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask how many Doctors under the Government of Mizoram have been undergoing Post Graduate course.

Recently, there was an advertisement from MPSC for the recruitment of two posts of Doctors but it was withdrawn. What is the reason for this?

PU J. LAWMZUALA : Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. Is the Government intending to post more Medical Officer to Lunglei Civil Hospital?

I would further like to enquire whether the Government intends to set up Regional Diagnostic Centre at Lunglei.

SPEAKER : The members are requested to ask questions that are relevant to the Starred Question.

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker, most of the Post Graduate Doctors are posted at Aizawl while there is shortage of Doctor in other places. Is there a way to solve this problem?

I would also like to ask whether Cobalt Therapy Unit at Zemabawk has continued to function.

PU K.T.ROKHAW : Mr. Speaker, I have often mentioned in the House that Saiha Hospital is greatly in need of Surgeon and Gynaecologist. Even if they are posted they are sent to undergo further courses. Can the Government sent the existing MBBS posted at Lawngtlai and Saiha for Post Graduate course.

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER

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Mr. Speaker, presently, the Government has 26 to 30 Doctors sent to undergo Post - Graduate training.

The advertisement for recruitment of 2 posts of Doctors has been cancelled as there are more vacant posts to be filled up.

Regarding the question asked by Pu J.Lawmzuala, the Government is aware of shortage of Doctors at Lunglei Civil Hospital and it is expected to be solved soon. As for the construction of Regional Diagnostic Centre, negotiation is on with Finance Department and it will be settled soon. Trauma Centre is also proposed to be set up. Purchase Board is also formed to look into the necessary equipments. Order had also been issued yesterday for purchase of waste management equipments. Let us hope that Regional Diagnostic Center will be opened soon.

As for the posting of doctors, Aizawi Civil Hospital has accommodated the majority number of Specialists. This is because the public demand is too high.

Cobalt Therapy has not functioned at present due to lack of technician and physicist. But, we have the approval of the Finance Department for the appointment of a Physicist. The matter will be settled shortly.

Regarding the training of Post-Graduates, the State Government has no authority. The State Government is always willing to sent as much as possible. But, it is the decision of the institution.

PU J. LAWMZUALA

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Mr. Speaker, will the hon'ble Minister i/c Higher and Technical Department be pleased to state -

- (a) Whether the Government of Mizoram has received fund from World Bank for utilization of Polytechnic.
- (b) If so, how far steps has been taken?

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA
MINISTER

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Mr. Speaker, the answer to the question raised by the member from Lunglei 'S'.

- (a) Yes.

(b)	Equipments	-	Rs 40.462 lakhs.
	Furniture	-	Rs 2.653 lakhs.
	Books and LR's	-	Rs 20.45 lakhs.
	Operation and Maintenance	-	Rs 25.72 lakhs.
	Civil Works	-	Rs 40.00 lakhs.
	Total	-	Rs 128.232 lakhs.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question please. My first question is whether the State Level Empower Committee is formed and who are the members? Secondly, If the Committee is set up, how many sittings was held during 2001 - 2002.

Thirdly, I want to ask whether Project Director and Staff are appoint under State Project Implementation Unit.

PU LALTHANZUALA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask why a separate women Polytechnic Institute is set up at Aizawl?

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker, I suppose what I am going to ask is relevant to the question. It is pleasing that due to the interest given by the Minister a prestigious Zirtiri Science College can function now. Here I would like to ask if more new subjects can be introduced under the finance of World Bank.

PU J.LAWMZUALA : Mr. Speaker, what is the amount of fund received for Lunglei Polytechnic.

PU B. LALTHLENGLIANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker, fund allocation for Lunglei Polytechnic is 1639.70 lakhs. As for the question of Lecturers, due to the problem of post creation, Lecturers are not yet appointed. But Guest Lecturers are employed if and when necessary.

Pu Lalhmingthanga has asked if Residential Science College can be developed from World Bank fund. In this regard, project is submitted to NEC for the introduction of BCA. As the information received last, the NEC is all set to supply 35 computers to the college.

Regarding the question raised by the member from Buarpui, Empower Committee is already set up but I cannot furnish the names of the member now.

For State Project Implementation Unit, Procurement Officer and SDO are appointed. A number of workers from Polytechnic are also appointed for this unit. For the Principal of Polytechnic Institute, the senior most Lecturer has been acting as temporary Principal as he is not yet qualified for the post.

Pu F. Lal Thanzuala has raised question relating to Women Polytechnic. Women Polytechnic has been established in Aizawl by the previous Government to introduce more subjects.

S P E A K E R : Starred Question No. 83 to be asked by Dr. Lalzama.

Dr. LALZAMA : Mr. Speaker, I ask Starred Question No.83 - Will the hon'ble Minister i/c Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state -

- (a) The number of Health Sub-Centre opened so far and if there is an intention to set up more.
- (b) The present condition of the construction of State Referral Hospital.
- (c) The number of PHC set up during 2002 - 2003.
- (d) Whether new steps have been taken for development of Aizawl Civil Hospital.

**PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER** : Mr. Speaker, the answer to Starred Question No.83 -

- (a) There are 351 Health Sub-Centres, and new ones are being opened.
- (b) As advised by the DONER, the Government intends to open and interim 50 bedded Hospital about 57.07 % work is completed.
- (c) There is no PHC opened during 2002 - 2003. There is proposal for PHC at Sihphir.
- (d) Steps are being taken for setting up of Intensive Care Unit, Construction of Out Patient Department and installation of new and modern equipments.

PU F. LAL THANZUALA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask if new measure can be taken for prohibition of smoking in and around the Hospital.

PU Z.H.ROPUA : Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the number of HSC proposed to be open this year and if Mualthuam 'S' is included in the proposal.

PU LALRINZUALA : Mr. Speaker, there are Sub-Centres within my constituency that have no Medical workers and cannot function due to this. How is the Government reacted to this? Can preference be given to Malaria prone areas for setting up of new Sub-Centre.

I would further like to ask if the bill can be released to contractors who worked for State Referral Hospital.

PU VANLALHLANA : Mr. Speaker, can fencing be done for Civil Hospital Compound following the report of Medicine theft.

Sub-Health Center is constructed at Vanchengpui. But, there are no workers. Can the Minister provide Medical workers for the said SHC?

COL.LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO : Mr. Speaker, we have heard from the hon'ble Minister and from the Governor's Address that State Referral Hospital is to be opened with 50 bedded accommodation. If so, does it mean that more Specialised Doctors will be posted?

Regarding Civil Hospital, can improvement be made on cleanliness and the quality of diet supplied to the patients?

PU H. LALTANPUIA : Mr. Speaker, Health Sub - Centre building is constructed at Thanglailung. Is the Government aware that construction work is completed. If so, is there an intention to post staff so as to make the Health Sub-Centre functional.

Secondly, I have often informed the hon'ble Chief Minister and the Health Minister that Health Sub-Centre is greatly needed in Zawngin village. But, the hon'ble Minister has said that there was no proposal for that. Can the Minister tell me what makes it difficult to set up Health Sub-Centre at Zawngin.

Thirdly, the Minister has stated that State Referral Hospital is designed to be a 50 bedded Hospital. Why is plan been changed? Is it due to fund supply? and what is the problem?

PU SANGHMINGTHANGA H. PAUTU : Mr. Speaker, the hon'ble Minister has stated that more Health Sub-Centres is proposed to be set up. I would like to inform and urge the hon'ble Minister that Mualkhang village is Malaria prone area and it would be most helpful for the people if Health Centre can be set up.

Regarding State Referral Hospital, it may not be possible to achieve optional estimate at the initial stage. But, one of the most important facilities is water supply. There seems to be water scarcity at the locality. Hence, priority should be given to have sufficient water supply.

PU NIRUPAM CHAKMA : Mr. Speaker, what is the staff pattern for Health Sub-Centre.

There are no Health Workers in Debasura 'S' and Agasura. It would be appreciated if Male and Female Health Workers could be posted at the said village.

PU J. LALTHANGLIANA : Mr. Speaker, Health Sub - Centre has played a significant role in Malaria infected areas, like Dampa Rengpui. The Medical Workers at the area worked relentlessly. Despite their hard work, many have died of Malaria. Last year the death toll due to Malaria had come to 25 in the area as marked as Dampa Rengpui. In my Starred Question, I have asked the number of malaria deaths at Dampa during the Calendar year of 2002. The answer received was none. My question today is - Is the record of the Sub-Centre not accepted?

PU ZAKHU HLYCHHO : Mr. Speaker, while we expect the State Referral Hospital to be completed soon, it is learnt that Consultancy firm is to be hired with 4.50 crores. What is the reason for this?

PU C.SANGZUALA : Mr. Speaker Sir, we still apply for establishment of Health Sub-Centre at Hlimen in my constituency. Is this included in the proposal for this coming financial year? And, what progressive steps were taken to improve Kulikawn Hospital during this financial year? Is it not good to fill up vacant posts in various Health Sub-Centre?

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, one female staff of Health Sub - Centre at Maite village in my constituency never attends the office. I have visited this village four times and I will visit it again for the fifth time on 2 April, 2003 to accompany Pu Lalchamliana, Hon'ble Minister. Can the Minister give strong order to her to attend the office or if she still refuse to do it, can we employ another person in her place?

S P E A K E R : Let us call upon Pu F.Malsawma to give answer to the questions?

PU F.MALSAWMA
MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, regarding question raised by Pu Lalzirliana, we have discussed about this and I will enquire this. In regard to establishment of Health Sub-Centre at Hlimen, we know its importance but we cannot fulfil all our desires due to financial problem. Therefore, I cannot say whether we will establish it or not. And regarding shortage of staff, we try our level best to solve this problem. We hope that this problem will be solved to some extent.

Regarding the question on Referral Hospital, Rs 40 crore was sanctioned during the Prime Minister ship of Mr. H.D.Deve Gowda in 1996. But such amount of money cannot complete this work and we begged for more fund from the Planning Commission. We were told to contact Hospital Consultancy Firm to make Project Reports. The rate for consultation of this firm is too high, it is Rs 1 crore. But when DONER was formed in the Central Government we can avoid to

consult this firm and we can contact DONER directly. Therefore, we did not spend any money to consult Hospital Consultancy Firm.

In this matter, we have spent Rs 25 crores and the remaining Rs 15 crore cannot be released by the Central Government. We have begged so many times to release this money. Therefore, they agreed to release Rs 10 crore but there is great financial crisis in the central too. So, they can release Rs 165.43 lakhs for starting of this Hospital with 50 beds. Thus, this Hospital is to be started with 50 beds.

In regard to the question raised by the hon'ble member from Phuldungsei constituency. Malaria seems to be prevalent in the western part of Mizoram. But, there is National norms to be followed in which the Doctor has to certify the dead person through a Laboratory test that Malaria is a cause of death. Therefore Malaria case might be less as a cause of death. Anyway, steps have been taken to eradicate malaria related deaths.

Regarding the question asked by the hon'ble member from Chawngte constituency, the minimum strength of staff in Health Sub-Centre is one female worker, male worker and IV Grade. We also want to establish clinical centres as much as possible as suggested by the hon'ble member from Kawnpui constituency. We try our best effort for this.

In regard to the question raised by the hon'ble member from Suangpuilawn constituency, Thanglailung and Zawngin villages are included in the proposal for this coming new financial year. Besides, the Government takes steps to repair Hospital building and staff quarters and for providing better diet to the patients.

In the matter of fencing for Civil Hospital, as asked by the hon'ble member from Lungpho constituency we will take steps for this after consulting Revenue Department. And, in regard to the question asked by the hon'ble member from Tawipui constituency, we have proposed to establish 10 new Health Sub-Centres in the new financial year. In addition to these, there are 5 centres for which proposal had been made but not yet implemented during the last financial year.

Regarding the question and suggestion raised by the hon'ble member from Hnahthial constituency, the Government still takes steps to keep our Hospital clean, in spite of this our civic sense cannot afford our desire. But I opine that there is gradual progress in this matter. Thank you.

S P E A K E R

Now, let us call upon Pu R.Lalziqliana to ask Starred Question No. 84.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, will the hon'ble Minister of Land Revenue and Settlement Department be pleased to state - Is L.S.C. applied in the Restricted Area of Lunglei Kawmzawl? If so, will the Government give it?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister of Revenue Department.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, there is application for L.S.C. in the Restricted Area of Lunglei Kawmzawl. But there is no proposal to give L.S.C. in this area.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I got an information that there is a strong pressure to the Minister to give L.S.C. in this restricted area. However, I am happy to hear such answer. I would like to ask supplementary questions. In this area, some people have had House Site even before it was declared restricted area. They are not allowed to patta their House Site. If so, can they get compensation? Or what will the Government do if they go to Law Court?

Mr. Speaker Sir, I also asked in the Unstarred Question as to what could be the reason for rejecting the application for site submitted by the U.P.C. (NEI). It was answered that Notification for General Election, 1998 had been issued which seemed to be the reason (Speaker : Our time is limited. Let him reply your question, will it be enough?) No, Mr. Speaker Sir, site is given to other Churches too. But why not to U.P.C. (NEI)?

SPEAKER : Let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Pu Vanlalduanga and Pi Vanlalchhuangi had been given House Pass by the Village Council which is commonly known as V/C Pass. They are the only persons who get House Pass before declaration of Restricted Area in this place. They applied for L.S.C. But their applications have been rejected as this area is declared Restricted Area. Compensation has also not been considered.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, compensation have been given to those who have lands of Periodic Patta. For example, the land owners in Tuirial area were given much. Therefore, Lunglei Kawmzawl area should also be verified.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, Periodic Patta of land is not cancelled when it became a Restricted Area. If the Government wants to requisite the land, compensation can be given to the pass holder. But in Lunglei Kawmzawl area, there has not been land requisition. The land still lays under Restricted Area. Now, we prepare better Act for Revenue, when this Act comes into force we hope that many problems would be solved.

The reason why land is not given to U.P.C. (NEI) is that House Pass had not been made from Revenue Department before Election Notification was issued. Meanwhile, other Churches could have made pass from Revenue Department during the previous Ministry. When the new Ministry was formed, the Cabinet Meeting decided not to give Government lands to any organization or person. That is why the application for land by the U.P.C. cannot be fulfilled even though the former Chief Minister had made commitment to give land to them.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA : Mr. Speaker Sir, land was given to other Churches.....

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, they have got Revenue pass during the previous Ministry.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA : Mr. Speaker Sir, the same case is there is Mac Donald Hill, Aizawl. The spirit of discrimination among the Churches is not there.

S P E A K E R : Now, we shall go to our next business, which is Discussion and Voting on Supplementary Demand for the year 2002 - 2003. We have had discussion earlier. Therefore, we shall call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the Leader of the House and Finance Minister to beg leave of the House to pass Supplementary Demand for the year 2002 - 2003.

PU LALHMINGTHANGA

Mr. Speaker Sir, I have few points to be clarified. I was not satisfied with the wind up speech of the Leader of the House yesterday.

Here in this Supplementary Demands there is Rs 71,86,33,000/- under the heads of minor works for 18 departments. I opine that it is not good to set aside such amount of money under the minor heads. It cannot be handled by the technical Departments. Secondly, it is often said that the Ministers when they go to Delhi usually bring home some amount of money. But, when we look at our Budget and Supplementary Demands they were not shown in the Budget. Therefore, this seems to be a bit confusing. Let this be clarified by the hon'ble Chief Minister. Thank you.

PU LALCHAMLIANA
MINISTER OF STATE

Mr. Speaker Sir, the total amount of fund under minor heads as mentioned by the Leader of the House seems to be too much. But it is for

various departments and its break-ups were less amounts. Therefore, they are rightly put under the heads of Minor works.

S P E A K E R

Having such amount of Supplementary Demands seems to be a great thing. Meanwhile discussion had already been done

yesterday and the Finance Minister had wound-up our speeches. Therefore, let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the Leader of the House and Finance Minister to beg leave of the House to pass Supplementary Demands and Vote on Account.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. As we have listened, our Supplementary Demand is very high. Explanation had also been done yesterday.

Therefore, I beg leave of this House to pass the Supplementary Demands of Rs 3,72,99,09,000/- and Vote on Account for 2003 - 2004 of Rs 390,49,99,000/-.

S P E A K E R

Now, the Leader of the House begged leave of the House to pass Supplementary Demands for the year 2002 - 2003 and Vote on

Account for 2003 - 2004. Those who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. (Members say 'Yes'). Supplementary Demands and Vote on Account as begged by the Leader of the House are passed unanimously in this House.

Our next business is Legislative Business. We need to pass Appropriation Bill to use the money for what we have passed now. Therefore, let us call upon Pu Zoramthanga, the Chief Minister and Finance Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation No.1 and No.2 Bill, 2003.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I beg leave of the House to introduce the Mizoram Appropriation No.2 Bill, 2003.

SPEAKER : Can we agree with him? (Yes). If so, let him introduce it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission I hereby introduce the Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account No.2 Bill, 2003, Bill No.2 of 2003 in this House.

SPEAKER : Now, he has introduced The Mizoram Appropriation No. 2 Bill, 2003. Let him beg leave of the House to pass it.

PU ZORAMTHANGA
CHIEF MINISTER : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg leave of the House to pass The Mizoram Appropriation Vote on Account Bill and Bill No.2 of 2003.

SPEAKER : The Chief Minister and Leader of the House now begged leave of this House to pass The Mizoram Appropriation No. 1 and No. 2 Bill, 2003. Those who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree to pass will say 'No'. (Members agreed). The Mizoram Appropriation No.1 and No.2 Bill, 2003 is passed by this House unanimously.

Now, let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister to beg leave of the House to discuss The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003. This Bill has been introduced earlier.

PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, with your permission, I beg leave of the House to consider The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003.

SPEAKER

Let us call Pu Lalrinchhana first to move his Bill.

PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER

Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill is a very important Bill. All other states of India have had Land Survey and Records. But in Mizoram, Agricultural Land and Forest Land have not been surveyed till date. Due to the efforts of the hon'ble Chief Minister we can have fund for this purpose. So, we can take steps to record Agricultural Land for the first phase. Now, we have Land Survey in the whole State except Autonomous District Council areas. We were aware of the need to have Land Survey and Record Settlement Operation Act. The previous Ministry also realized the importance of this Act and initial step was taken in 1994. But no Act has been made. Now, we made new proposal to make Acts and we tried our best while drafting detailed Rules. Such drafted rules were passed by Cabinet Meeting and Governor's Office and now it can be moved in this House.

We all have the copy of this Bill. So, I am not going to mention the detailed provisions of the Bill. It is very important for our State and I hope that we agree to pass it today. Therefore, I move this Bill for consideration in this House. Thank you.

SPEAKER

The Bill has been moved now. You can discuss it. Each member will have 10 minutes.

COL. LALCHUNGNUNGA SAILO

Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. I support this Bill and I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for preparing this important Bill. I am going to mention some little mistakes. First of all in page 7, para 16, the word 'howsoever' has no meaning. I opine that this is spelling mistake. Again in the same page under the head of 'Record of the rights' we see that ".....survey numbers, Sub-Division number area assessment of land....." this seems to be "assessed land". Also in page 14, there is ".....provided that any person agreed by the entry in or addition from any record finally published may within two years from the date of such publication....." Here, two years seems to

be too long and I opine that only one year should be enough. And, in Chapter-6, under the head of 'Power of exemption on operation, there is'..... The State Government may by notification direct that all or any of the provisions of this Act shall not be applied to such area as may be specified in the notification....." I opine that this provision needs to be revised. Can this Act be applied everywhere? If there is exemption to be applied, the Act can easily be misused. However, I support this Bill to be passed in this House. Thank you.

PU R.LALZIRLIANA

: Mr. Speaker Sir, Thank you. I would like to express my thanks to the hon'ble Minister for moving this important Bill. First of all, I would like to mention that the name of the post as we commonly called Settlement Officer and Assistant Settlement Officer do not appear in the drafted Rules upto Section 18. We see that Chief Surveyor and Surveyor to perform the same duty with Settlement Officer and Assistant Settlement Officer respectively. Are these post equivalent to each other.

Besides the above, there has not been any officer who can issue Land Settlement Certificate (LSC) in Lunglei. Therefore, I want Settlement Officers to be empowered to be able to issue L.S.C. in their respective jurisdictions. This can solve many pending problems in the Directorate Office Aizawl. Otherwise, the Directorate Office will still be very busy. As we cannot make amendment in the Bill, I also agree to pass it so that further Amendment Bill can be moved if required.

Next, I appreciate "Maps and other record opens to inspection" as seen in Section 17. This can check the greedy persons as the maps and records of the land can easily be seen for everybody. Anyway, I support this Bill to be passed in this House. Thank you.

PU J.LALTHANGLIANA

: Mr. Chairman, let me mention about objects and reasons of this Bill. If we look at Chapter 2, we need to pay some amount of money to the Department if we want to survey our land, to make maps of our land and if we want to change the name of ownership of the land. The amount of such fees should be fixed later in the Rules. In this regard I request the Government to fix least amount as possible. Otherwise, we cannot afford to have this Bill passed. For instance, in my constituency, the Revenue Department has carried out land survey, but they could not pay necessary fees to take out L.S.C. Next, I would like to ask whether one needs to pay fees to make correction on the mistakes committed by the Office Clerk?

Troubles may arise due to the absence of rigid boundary pillars. Therefore, we need to have good land records. I do not know whether the said land records is to be computerized or not. Anyway, I appreciate the Bill. Thank you.

PU K.L.LIANCHIA

: Mr. Chairman, I do not oppose this Bill, and I do not hesitate to pass it now. But, here in the definition we see 'prescribe' means prescribed by rules made under this Act. Therefore, the rules will be very important. We can make decision to say this Bill is good or bad when the detailed Rules come out. Meanwhile, I opine that this Bill is very important for our State.

In page 9, Sub-number 18, there is "Acquisition of Rights to be reported" it is written that any person acquiring by succession, survivorship, inheritance, partition, purchase, mortgage, gift, lease or otherwise, any right as holder, occupant, mortgage landlord, tenant or Government leasy of any land shall report orally or in writing his acquisition of such right to the Settlement Officer or the Survey Officer or the Assistant Settlement Officer within three months from the date of such acquisition and the said officer shall at once give a written acknowledge of the receipt of such report to the person making it. In this provision the word 'orally seems to be unsafe. I prefer 'any report in writing' to 'oral'.

Besides, I request the Minister to clarify 'Demarcation of village' as written in Section 38 of the Bill. I do not understand this portion at all. Thank you.

PU F. MALSAWMA
MINISTER

: Mr. Chairman, Thank you. I would like to convey my thanks to the hon'ble Minister of Revenue Department for introducing many important Bills. I also thank the staff of this Department for their un-tiring efforts. First of all, I would like to have a provision for the poor and ignorant people when the Rules is made. Because, there are many people in rural villages who never listen radio and who never read newspaper. Therefore, awareness is needed to be given through N.G.Os. So that our service can have better effect.

Next, there may be some staff in the Department who do not care much about justice in their service. In our experience, some Departments staff favour their relatives while surveying which further brought about boundary problems. Therefore, is it not good to make a provision to punish such staff? I request the Department to remember this point while making the Rules. Thank you.

PU LALRINZUALA

: Mr. Chairman, Thank you. I also want to thank the hon'ble Minister of Revenue Department for introducing many important Bills during this term, and I hope that this Bill is also to be passed today. Discussion of Bill is very difficult. Therefore, I am not going to speak much. First of all, this Bill seems to replace 'The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Act, 1994. Can we make amendment to the existing Act other than introducing new Bill? I am afraid that the reason why we want to replace the existing Act may be our expectation of greater revenue from the people. In Section 14, we can see that 'Recovery of cost of service' Is this the main object of this new Bill? Many poor people cannot afford this Bill.

Mr. Chairman, while speaking about Revenue Bill, I would like to mention one important thing which had been raised in 2000 Budget session. The President of M.N.F. Sub-Headquarters, Lunglei was given house site in the campus of Industry Department. At that time, the Minister of Revenue Department said that he would be given house site in other place. But today, he was given house site in the same place, complain was also made by J.A.C. Chanmari, Lunglei. His house pass can encroach the existing P.W.D. Road. Therefore, I would like to request the Minister to note down this and take necessary action. Thank you.

PU VANLALHLANA

: Mr. Chairman, let me mention some few points. We are going to have new Act. But, it is written in the Bill that "The Draft Mizoram Land Survey & Settlement Operation Bill, 2003" I am not sure whether this is a Bill or a Draft. In other Bills I never see the word 'Draft' Is it correct to use the word 'Draft' in the Bill?

Secondly, any Bill or even an Act passed in this House is mainly for the people. Some Bills, including this Bill, have financial involvement. Therefore, we need to give awareness to the people. For instance, in my constituency, Land Survey has been done in some villages, but the people are not aware of its importance. About one-third of the families cannot deliver problem. Therefore, it is very important to give awareness to the people through N.G.Os. So that our Acts can be more effective. Thank you.

PU C.SANGZUALA
CHAIRMAN

: Who will speak now? If there is no member to speak, let us call upon Pu Lalrinchhana, Minister to deliver a speech.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Chairman, Thank you. Six members have stood up and no one opposes it. First of all regarding the speech of hon'ble member Col.Lalchungnunga in the matter of Article 16 No.2 'howsoever' is typing mistake. It should be 'whosoever'. In regard to complaint to be made orally or in writing, this provision is made for those who cannot make a neat written report in which the officer can record necessary points from his verbal report.

Regarding empowerment of District Officers to issue L.S.C., we have practised this system some years ago. But it increases problems as there used to be Double L.S.C. on the same plot. Therefore, we opine that we cannot afford this and as our population is not so much now issuing L.S.C. is good to be done from Directorate Office only. So, we still adopt the system of centralization for some time. Regarding the speech of hon'ble member, Pu Vanlalhlana in the matter of 'Draft' and 'Bill' there is nothing to be worried. The words Draft and Bill should be replaced by 'Act' when it is passed. Mr. Chairman, there may be many more to be mentioned and I do not deny that this Bill will not be perfect, further amendment can be made if require.....

PU K.L. LIANCHIA : Mr. Chairman, can the Minister clarify my question on Demarcation of Boundaries ?

PU C.SANGZUALA CHAIRMAN : Our time is nearly over. Shall we continue, Yes, let us go on.

PU LALRINCHHANA MINISTER : Mr. Chairman, regarding demarcation of boundaries of villages, this will include the existing villages as well as a place to be proposed for village. There are two types of villages such as L.A.D. Village and Revenue Village. Our Bill seems to include these two types of villages. Anyway, I cannot mention such technical terms in detail. So, I request the hon'ble members to understand me. Mr. Chairman, I beg leave of this House to pass this Bill "The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003".

PU C.SANGZUALA CHAIRMAN : The Minister and mover of the Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003 begs leave of the House to pass his Bill. Those

who agree to pass will say 'Yes' and those who disagree will say 'No'. (Members say 'Yes') Now, The Mizoram Land Survey and Settlement Operation Bill, 2003 is passed unanimously in this House.

PU LALRINCHHANA
MINISTER

: Mr. Chairman, Thank you.

CHAIRMAN

: We have finished our business for today. Meeting will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 A.M.

Sitting Adjourned at 1:00 P.M.