

**SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MIZORAM
(FIFTH SESSION)**

LIST OF BUSINESS

FOR SIXTH SITTING ON TUESDAY, THE 24th MARCH, 2015
(Time 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

QUESTIONS

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

LAYING OF PAPERS

2. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to lay on the Table of the House a copy each of the following :
 - i) 6th Annual Report 2013-2014 of Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur and Mizoram.
 - ii) Annual Report 2013-2014 (1st April 2013-31st March 2014) of Mizoram Information Commission.
 - iii) Notification published in the Gazette of India regarding JERC for the State of Manipur and Mizoram (form of Annual Statement of Accounts and Records) Rules, 2014.
 - iv) The Government of Mizoram (Transaction of Business) Rules, 2014 & The Government of Mizoram (Allocation of Business) Rules, 2014.
 - v) A Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23rd March, 2015 to Starred Question No. 23 Ballot No. 45 asked by Dr. K. Beichhua regarding “PWD hnuiaia lei dawh chungchang”.
3. **PU H. ROHLUNA**, Minister to lay on the Table of House a Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23rd March, 2015 to Starred Question No. 83 Ballot No. 46 asked by Pu Lalthanliana regarding “Conversion cost leh Cook honorarium chungchang”.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

4. **PU R. ROMAWIA**, Minister to move Motion for Election to Financial Committee.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

5. **PU CHALROSANGA RALTE** to present to the House the following Reports of Subject Committee-I
- i) First Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Transport Department.
 - ii) Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Bills for introduction, consideration and passing

6. **PU LAL THANHAWLA**, Chief Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015”.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

7. **PU LALSAWTA**, Minister to beg leave of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

ALSO
to introduce the Bill
to move that the Bill be taken into consideration
AND
to move that the Bill be passed.

NGURTHANZUALA
Secretary

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SPEAKER : For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his

people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.

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Starred Question No. 59 from Er. Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Will the Minister of Environment & Forests Department be pleased to state the amount of Catchment Area Treatment Plan (CATP) fund received for Serlui-B Hydel Project?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu Lalrinmawia Ralte to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the fund has not yet been received.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Pu Speaker, this catchment area is 39,700 hectares and is quite important. The Ministry of Environment & Forests requested the Govt. to initiate this CATP Project on September, 1995 but no action has been made till 2012. My supplementary question is: - How many were made and is there any hope to receive it?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: The request for clearance was started in 1987 and the MOEF gave in-principle approval in 1991. But then the catchment area treatment plan was not complied as the government evaluation of CATP back then was ₹2,30,00,000; the project was given to Soil & Water Conservation Department but it was dropped by the cabinet in 1997 due to some issues. This project was then revived in 1999 and the in-principle approval was again requested on 2nd July, 2012. The project goes on even though it was not complied. The project cost was ₹41,57,00,000 at first and raised to ₹1,91,13,000 after it was revised and adopted by the cabinet. The reason why I said ₹2 crore was because the 5% from the total project cost is for CATP. Therefore, the CATP increased to ₹9,55,65,000.

Unfortunately, in the year 2002, after the cabinet had revived it the Supreme Court ordered that the user agency should give all the lands worth that were covered by the Hydel Project. When assessment was made in 2002, the net present value of Serlui-B Hydel Project increased to ₹2,83,57,00,000 and when the in-principle approval was asked in 2012, the amount that the user agency should give to the Forest was ₹3,46,97,00,000. If the project was stopped and the department harvested the logs inside the area, the ₹20 crore would not have been added. But the project went on before doing the harvest and that cost was assessed where we were asked to pay for it. This has been such a burden for us.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : My Supplementary Question, Pu Speaker is: -

1) Forests are preserved in the catchment area to maintain sources of water and

preventing soil erosion. So, does the Forest Department aware of many farms are there in the catchment area every year?

- 2) If the fishes are disposed on mahal system, to whom the permits were given?
- 3) Will the bombing of Gelatins affect the tanks and if there a way to stop this?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to answer the question.

PU LALRINMAWIA RALTE, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, a compensatory afforestation is required as the user agency has to give ₹19,51,00,000 to the Department for afforestation which got stuck unfortunately.

The Department did not give any permission for such farms and so the Kolasib DC has taken necessary steps. Disposal of such fishes is the purview of the Fisheries Department; so, I cannot answer them.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 60 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. My question to the Hon. PWD Minister is: -

- a) How much is under propose for clearing the landslide at Rangvamual (NH-54) and from which source it is expected?
- b) When was the work started and when will it be completed?
- c) Who is the contractor?

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: The answer, Pu Speaker is: -

- a) ₹139,97,700 is being proposed and is expected from the Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department where the sanction is currently on hold.
- b) It was started on 16.02.2015 and is expected for completion within 60 days from the day it started.
- c) The contractor is Tantia Construction Ltd.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. The work is done at midday and this cause a huge traffic problem. What are the criteria used for selecting the contractor and why such tender had not been floated? If there is a plan to compensate Pu Vanlalchhunga of 53, husband of Pi Lalthankimi, Dinthar-II who had lost his life in an accident during the clearance of the landslide?

SPEAKER : Hon. Chief Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the accident was unfortunate, I will take discuss the matter with the lawyers and see what we can do.

Pu Speaker, the landslide was caused by the excavation of land above the area without any preventive measure which further cause blockade to the road. Such responsible land owners are Pu Ramthanmawia and Pi Lalhnuni of Saron Veng. Being the National Highway, most of the trucks enters at night time as it is closed for heavy vehicle at daytime. The clearance of this landslide started in 16.02.2015 and was completed on 15.03.2015. Also 46,000 cubic meters of soil was cleared as step was being taken to prevent further landslides. Yet, there are more works to be done next to this area and may be started during March - April.

The PWD, DC and Geology & Mining did an inspection on the 26th November since the area remains landslide prone. The Disaster Management Rehabilitation Department is the first choice to take the charge and PWD, an alternate choice. This landslide brings us continuous problem not only to the Govt. but also to the public as a whole as full attention is therefore being given by the senior officers.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 61 from Pu R.L. Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : My question to the Minister for Health & Family Welfare Department is: -

- a) How many are PHC without doctor?
- b) Is there a way to fill up such post?

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister, Pu Lal Thanzara to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: The answer, Pu Speaker is: -

- a) 12 PHC's.
- b) There are limited doctors for now; measure will be taken as soon as possible.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Pianmawia.

PU R.L. PIANMAWIA : The doctor posted at Ratu is no longer available. Whether the government takes any measure to resolve the problem of insufficiency of doctors?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu T. Sangkunga.

PU T. SANGKUNGA : Pu Speaker, will any doctor being transferred is not released until replacement is made? May the doctor be posted at Selesih also?

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Is the government aware of lack of

doctor in the aforementioned area to perform autopsy? If so, what step has been taken so far?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, despite the recently recruited 27 Nos. doctors, we are yet very limited at present as such recruitments are not of permanent and they hardly provide our demands as they cannot be posted at District Hospitals, PHC and CHC even if we really wanted to. So, they were posted at some CHC's and PHC's where it is deemed necessary; a demand is now being made to concerned authority for filling up of 7 Nos. vacant posts for replacement of the retired and deceased doctors. Fortunately, as a result of the request of our Hon. Chief Minister, the MD of National Health Mission and the Addl. Secretary of Ministry of Health assured to provide us incentives; with that, measure is being taken to provide Gyneachologist, Pediatrician, Anaesthetologist at more problematic areas with a salary of ₹1,00,000 and ₹1,20,000 per month.

In reply to the question of East Tuipui, the said doctor remains long enough at Khawbung and so applied for his transfer. For our part, we felt to hold him back is inappropriate as his application is being considered without delay.

In response to the question of a member from Aizawl West-II, I am not aware of the situation; the case may be considered as soon as posting & transferring is in process; we will try our best to not let that happen again.

PU T.T. ZOTHANSANGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. Our doctor at Rabung has been transferred to Chhualung. Is there a way from NHM to provide his replacement and doctors be posted at 12 places where there are no PHC at least on contractual?

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinliana Sailo.

PU LALRINLIANA SAILO: This Ministry came into being on the 14th December, 2013 whereas Khawhai remains without doctor since the early January up till now. May the doctor be posted there?

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : It is truly appreciative that our Health Minister resolved much of our problem at Saiha. While this is the case, Lawngtlai has a population of 1,32,500 with numbers of PHC. May at least one SMO be posted there?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, in reply to the question of representative of Champhai North, we are able to do so under NHM but no doctor is willing to apply for it due to low payment of the salary. As such is the case, the Director of the National

Health Mission suggested that we make a proposal to increase the amount of salary so that we may be able to find one on contract basis. In the same manner, suggestion made by the representative of Tuichang is noted.

In reply to the question of Dr. K. Beichhua, SMO is provided in any eligible region. Since Lawngtlai and Saiha district are prone area of malaria and other diseases, intensive step is being taken for prevention of such diseases and in cooperation with various NGOs there.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 62 from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my question to the Health & Family Welfare are: -

- a) Do we have any Dental Surgeon and Dental Hygienist under the National Oral Health Programme?
- b) If so, who are they?
- c) When was the appointment order released?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: The answer, Pu Speaker is: -

- a) 2 Dental Surgeons and 2 Dental Hygienists are appointed under NOHP.
- b) Yes, such Dental Surgeons are:-1) Dr. C. Zirsangliana, Lungdai PHC
2) Dr. Rebecca Rosangpuii, Darlawn PHC
The Dental Hygienists are: - 1) Zoramthari, Lungdai PHC
2) Mary Lallawmzuali, Darlawn PHC
- c) Their appointment orders are released on 27.01.2015.

SPEAKER : Supplementary question from Pu Lalruatkima.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. This advertisement was published on Vanglaini with certain minimum qualifications. Why was a corrigendum made after the release of the appointment?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU LAL THANZARA, MINISTER: The Dental Surgeons, Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants are appointed for one year contractual under NHM and seniority of the recruitment has not been maintained for such appointments are of contractual basis. It was a mistake in the part of the official and so a corrigendum was made. Besides, Pu Speaker, it may be noted that various jobs under the National Health Mission of one year contractual may be appointed without advertisement.

SPEAKER : Starred Question No. 63 from Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Thank you, Pu speaker. My question to the Sports & Youth Services Department is: -

- a) Has anyone received Sport incentives from Saiha District?
- b) If so, who are they and when did they receive? What medal, in which discipline and what is the name of the tournament?

SPEAKER : Minister Pu Zodintluanga to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: My answers to Dr. K. Beichhua is: -

- a) Yes.
- b) 1. B.B. Beihruakhai S/o. Beihaosa
Medal – Silver
Discipline - Football
Tournament - 29th Sub-Junior National Championship (U-16), 2006-2007.
2. Lalmuanpuia S/o. Lalsiama
Medal - Silver
Discipline – Football
Tournament - 29th Sub-Junior National Championship (U-16), 2006-2007.
3. T. Beirapathai S/o. T. Beimosa
Medal - Silver,
Discipline - Boxing
Tournament - 23rd Sub-Junior Boxing Championship, 2007-2008.
4. J. Vanlalenkawla S/o. J. Roliana
Medal - Bronze
Discipline - Karate
Tournament - 23rd Karate Championship (2014-2015), 2009-2010.
5. F.C. Jacob S/o. F.C. Buikhai
Medal - Silver
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - All India Inter Regional Taekwondo Tournament for Boys & Girls (Sub-Junior), 2009-2010.
6. F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o. F.C. Buikhai
Medal - Silver
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - 1st East Zone Taekwondo Championship, Guwahati (Junior), 2009-2010.
7. K. Lalnunsiam S/o. K. Riachho
Medal - Bronze
Discipline - Wushu
Tournament - 18th Senior National Wushu Championship 9th (Men & Women), 2009-2010.
8. Israel Hmangaiha S/o. Zosaplana
Medal - Bronze

- Discipline - Badminton
Tournament - 3rd National Level Rural Tournament Group-V (Team) Punjab, 2010-2011.
- 9 Lallunghnemi D/o. Rosiamliana
Medal - Gold Medal
Discipline - Muaythai
Tournament - 11th MTI Senior National Muaythai Championship, 2010-2011.
- 10 Dominic Chola Chozah S/o Choma Chozah
Medal - Gold
Discipline - Muaythai
Tournament - 11th MTI Senior National Muaythai Championship, 2010-2011.
- 11 F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o F.C. Bukhai
Medal - Gold Medal
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - 3rd National Level Rural Tournament Taekwondo, 2010-2011.
- 12 F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o. F.C. Bukhai
Medal - Gold Medal
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - 2nd East Zone Taekwondo Championship (Junior) 2010-2011.
- 13 Pawrili D/o. A. Zachho
Medal - Silver
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - 2nd East Zone Taekwondo Championship (Junior) 2010-2011.
- 14 F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o. F.C. Bukhai
Medal - Gold
Discipline - Taekwondo
Tournament - 2nd National Inter Zone Taekwondo Championship (Junior) 2010-2011
- 15 J. Vanlalenkawla S/o. Lalroliana
Medal - Silver
Discipline - Karate
Tournament - XXV North East Games, 2011, 2011-2012
- 16 F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o. F.C. Bukhai
Medal - Bronze
Discipline - Taekwondo, XXV North East Games, 2011, 2011-2012.
- 17 F.C. Jacob Laldinthara S/o. F.C. Bukhai
Medal - Silver
Discipline - Taekwondo
- 18 Tournament - XXVI North East Games, 2012, 2011-2012.

Pu Speaker, we have seen a lot of progresses made especially by the people of Saiha District and these results are due to the efforts of the District Level Deputy Commissioners and Block Level BDOs. Mizoram is also among the top 5 in RGKA.

SPEAKER : Dr. K. Beichhua.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : Saiha District has contributed a lot for the state but the sports infrastructure hardly established here. What measures are taken on sports for Saiha District and what are the visions?

SPEAKER : Minister to answer the question.

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, our youths are becoming successful mainly due to the Associations, 'Catch Them Young' programmes and Disciplines; teaching them well since their childhood can help them make improvements in the national levels. Boxing rings are being proposed to every district and Saiha District is among the first to obtain such equipment. The Chief Minister instructed the department to initiate major projects at each district as the works started from Kolasib, Lunglei and Champhai. While this is the case, the project cannot be started at Saiha due to unavailability of lands; we took a risk by excavating an empty land which was once occupied by the SSB from the Central. (Pu Lalruatkima: Pu Speaker, point of order; who was the contractor?) I cannot answer it since it is not a question hour. So, the land was cancelled by the Central and it is now owned by the District Council. At present, with the retaining being done, we hope that the work could be continued smoothly.

Dr. K. BEICHHUA : When will artificial turfs be laid at Saiha? The walls of certain halls constructed today's often collapse. Is the aforesaid retaining wall safe enough?

SPEAKER : What Pu Lalruatkima has stated is not a point of order.

PU LALRUATKIMA : Pu Speaker, my mistake. Who is the contractor under NBCC and what is the amount estimated?

PU ZODINTLUANGA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, the government and NBCC made an agreement; it is not our purview to know of the contractor selected by NBCC. Our responsibility is only to know if the work is done accordingly. In response to the supplementary question of Dr. K. Beichhua regarding the artificial turf, we are just beginning to resolve ownership of the proposed land for it is the first thing to be done.

The government is not interfering in the selection of the contract work under NBCC, the tender was floated nationwide so that any interested firm may apply. He may ask NBCC authority if he insisted to know.

SPEAKER : We will proceed to our next business which is Laying of papers. Now the Hon. Chief Minister Pu Lal Thanhawla to lay on the Table of the House: -

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PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the House, I hereby lay the following on the Table of the House: -

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Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will now invite the Hon. Minister Pu H. Rohluna to lay his papers.

PU H. ROHLUNA, MINISTER : With your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I hereby lay on the Table of the House, 'Statement of Correction on the reply given on the 23rd March, 2015 to Starred Question No.83, Ballot No.46 asked by Pu Lalthanliana regarding the conversion cost and cook honorarium.

SPEAKER : Let the copy be distributed. We will be having another Financial Committee that is Committee on Local Fund Accounts proposed by the 2nd Administrative Reform Commission and we need a motion for this voting. I request the Hon. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Pu R. Romawia to move the motion.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: On 17.03.2015, the Hon. Speaker had laid at the House, 'The Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly Amendment' for establishing 'a committee on Local Fund Accounts in Mizoram Legislative Assembly' and the House accepted this Amendment. The Rules 250(A) and 250(B) are added and so necessary to elect the members of the Committee on Local Fund Accounts just like PAC, COPU and Estimates. The number of the members is in the hands of the House.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission and approval of this august House, I give notice of my intention to move the following Motions in this House in regard to election to Financial Committees, that the members of the House do proceed to elect in a manner required by Sub-rule of Rule 202 read with 250(A) and 250(B) of Rules of the Procedure and Conduct of Business in Mizoram Legislative Assembly to serve as members of Committee on Local Fund Accounts, Mizoram Legislative Assembly for thirty months. Thank you.

SPEAKER : The motion is now moved. The election is done by voting according to the law but we have our own process here. We appointed the members proportionately with 4 INC members, 2 MNF and 1 MPC with the total number of 7 members. The names of the appointed should be submitted tomorrow if the House permits and the nominated should also be submitted to the Assembly Secretary till 3:00 PM. The nomination needs to be filed and every party should submit their suggestion.

Now, Pu Chalrosanga Ralte to lay the paper on the table of the House.

PU CHALROSANGA RALTE: Thank you, Pu Speaker. After careful study of the Transport Department and Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department, I have 2 Reports. As a Chairman, I thank the Committee for their hardworks especially to its members namely: - Pu Lalrinliana Sailo, Pu K. Sangthuama, Dr. Ngurdingliana, Pu Lalthanliana, Pu R. Vanlalvena and Pi Vanlalawmpuii Chawngthu. We have 9 sittings altogether with spot visit twice and discussion with the department officials. The Assembly Committee do intervene in exposing error in the Govt., if any, but takes necessary measure for the benefit of the state. Certain examples are shown here in the Report with the help of recommendation. Any recommendation is for the concerned department for taking measure in the implementation of any project which will be scrutinized by the Committee.

So, with your permission and of the House, Pu Speaker, I, hereby present: -

- 1) The First Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Transport Department;
- 2) The Second Report of Subject Committee-I relating to Disaster Management & Rehabilitation Department.

SPEAKER : We will now move on to the Legislative Business; i invite the Hon. House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla to ask permission of the House to introduce “The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015”.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Pu Speaker, I, hereby ask permission of this august House to introduce “The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015”.

SPEAKER : Let him introduce the Bill; it is preferable if it is directly moved for discussion to save the time.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. I request “The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015” to be passed and discussed in this House. Firstly, there is no extra financial involvement if this bill is passed and utilised. Secondly, it is necessary for making the Govt. accountable and for better public service delivery. I hope this will be truly accountable for “*Good Governance*”.

This bill possesses provisions to authorize a notification to different public services and appellate authorities. It will not be administered by the Civil Court and a disciplinary action may be taken to the concerned responsible person for lacking responsibility.

This will be useful in many ways; firstly, this will enable the people receiving public service at the right time. It will also be very important for the Govt. employees to provide better service as this bill indicates that the Govt. has a *Political Will* to cause a *Good Governance*. It will further serve as an important rule for fighting corruption where bribery will no longer in practice as receiving services will be the rights of the people.

The right to Public Service Act is being implemented in various states and Madhya Pradesh is the first to implement which was in 2010. If this bill is approved by the House, it is hopeful that more efficiency in public services is obtained. Thus, Pu Speaker, I request this House to approve this Bill.

SPEAKER : The Hon. Chief Minister has laid “The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015” on the table of the House for consideration. Is there anyone who would like to say anything in this regard? Yes, Pu R. Romawia.

PU R. ROMAWIA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. It may be noted by the members that this bill will enable the process of receiving public services availed on time; it will serve efficiency especially to the people in rural areas as it will protect the Rights of the people. This bill will further prove that every citizen is equal before the law.

I support this bill to resolve any problem for will law will be prevailed; I wish that it is adopted by the government with immediate effect. This is my opinion on this bill. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu Vanlalzawma.

PU VANLALZAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. As mentioned by the House Leader and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, this bill will serve an important purpose to the people.

I am happy to be a part of the 7th Legislative Assembly to pass this excellent bill as soon as it is in function. I request the government to determine some other important bills as well. Approaching any government servant in dealing with certain matters usually is a problem even for the members for it takes a lot of time. Yet, it is even more of a problem for rural people as

many become frustrated in their meeting with some official staffs. This bill will therefore pave a way for the public an easy access to any official matter; a disciplinary action could then be taken against any official who may cause objection to the people to access information etc. which is in demand as such act would be treated as negligence of duty.

The RTI is of utmost important for the service of the people and at the same time very useful especially for the politicians. So, “The Mizoram Right to Public Service Bill, 2015” will certainly serve an important role in any dealing between the official and the public. So, I give my support to this bill. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu H. Zothangliana.

PU H. ZOTHANGLIANA : Pu Speaker, I express my appreciation to those officials for making a lot of improvement with this new term. I appreciate that patent error or clerical mistake is hardly seen in the paperworks.

The bill itself is par excellent, brief and convincing. I sincerely support to pass it for it will become one of the most important bills. We have further seen the definition of the eligible person as defined in Clause C of No.2, Sec 3, as “eligible person means a citizen who is eligible for obtaining the notified service”. It would be more complete if the definition is improved as “eligible person means a bonafide citizen of India”.

Again, this bill is good as it has the Second Appellate Authority if the First Appellate Authority does not work out. It further underlines a monetary fine of ₹250/- upto ₹5,000/- for neglecting works as a disciplinary action is also mentioned in section 13. Rules are quite important as the punishments which may be given and therefore should be specific without any financial implication. So, I support this bill. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : Pu John Siamkunga.

PU JOHN SIAMKUNGA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. It is unfortunate that the concerned departments usually ignore to pursue the bills which have been passed by the Assembly. Any bill which is passed concerns the people. It is the duty of the government if any rule which is passed is put into practice. Regarding the definition of the eligible person, I opine ‘Power to make rules’ as seen in page No.8, Sec.17 should be more curtailed.

I support this bill for it will enable a person to lodge a complaint against anyone for being irresponsible and negligent to provide public services. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Pu Lalrinawma.

Er. LALRINAWMA : Thank you, Pu Speaker. I have once faced a problem while approaching an official staff of one department who seems to have no sense of politeness towards others; I am, therefore delighted to see this important bill which concern the general

people. This bill does not involve any financial memorandum or expenditure yet beneficial. It will be much appreciative if this kind of other bill is again laid in the House.

SPEAKER : I opine we had enough discussion. We have a suggestion regarding improvement of the wording of this bill on 'eligible person'. I call upon the Hon. Chief Minister to move for passing of this bill and for improvement of the wording if deemed necessary.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker. In order to implement any rule effectively, the context of the bill should be compact, specific and strong. The main objective of this bill is to enable the people to make their rightful claim but on the contrary, it may be a problem to non-citizen of India. This bill is necessary for it will simplify the process of tribal certificate, death & birth certificate, water and electric connections, vehicle registration and job card etc. It also includes disciplinary actions which may be taken against any misbehaving government employees.

Even though this bill found to be good enough, some portions needs improvement. Since everyone has his own business to maintain, we need better and specific rules to perform our duty with sincerity and be helpful to others. So, I sincerely support this bill. I request all concern Govt. employees and the departments to take this as an order. This rule has already been implemented in many state and we are a bit late to have the same. So, I request this House to accept this bill. Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : The hon'ble Chief Minister has asked the House to pass "The Mizoram Right to Public Services Bill, 2015". Is there any objection? If so, this Bill is passed by the House.

PU LAL THANHAWLA, CHIEF MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have another bill; i request the Hon. Minister for Law, Pu Lalsawta to move the House to introduce "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2015"

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and of the recommendation of the Governor, I move to introduce "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2015" to this House.

SPEAKER : He may introduce the bill.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, with your permission and the recommendation of the Governor, I hereby introduce "The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2015" to this House.

We had passed “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages” in 2007 in this House for registration of marriage but we have a problem in dealing with the case of divorce. Thus, a certificate is deemed necessary to avoid confusions and problems and so this bill is moved. “The Mizo Marriage/Divorce and Inheritance of Property Act” that was passed earlier has immensely upgrades the status of women in our society yet, it causes some sorts of problem in the case of divorce.

Today, we will be amending the context of “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages Act, 2007”, Section 12 (a) which underlines “Any marriage which has been registered is liable to be cancelled on production of Divorce Certificate or Decree of Divorce issued by any court of competent jurisdiction. Any person willing to cancel the registration of his/her marriage shall produce an original copy of Divorce Certificate/Decree of Divorce before the Marriage Registrar and also submit a certified/attested copy to the same for record of the Marriage Registrar. On production of the said documents by either party and after giving information to the other party, the Marriage Registrar shall cancel the registration of such marriage under his signature and seal indicating the Divorce Certificate number and date or case number in respect of Decree of Divorce with order date, and in both cases the name and designation of the issuing court. Such cancellation of registration shall immediately be informed to the Registrar General of Marriages”. Thus, the witness of the court is now required to settle the case of divorce. (SPEAKER: Will that be signed by both the party or by an individual?) It will be taken care of the one who filed for a divorce.

If this amendment is accepted, the problems which may be faced in pensions and services book will be resolved. There is no financial memorandum and no expenses; we will resolve the system only, and that is all I have to say. Thank you.

SPEAKER : We will proceed with the discussion. Pu Lalrinawma.

PU R. LALRINAWMA, DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pu Speaker, this Marriage Compulsory Registration Bill which was passed by the Mizoram State Legislative Assembly in 2007 started with the Supreme Court on account of Transfer Petition (Civil) No. 291 of 2005 Smt. Seema vs Aswani Kumar. So, the Supreme Court ordered a compulsory marriage registration all over the country. It is also meant to prevent child marriages and claiming of child custody by a single parent.

Our Legislative Assembly has rules of our own for marriage but not for divorces and the compulsory registrations remain active with no provisions for cancellations. So, the section 12 (a) is to grant provisions for cancellations so that the Court can provide Divorce Certificate or Divorce Decree. And with the help of these certificates, people can ask for cancellations to the Marriage Registrar which will be done so. Thank you.

SPEAKER : Hon. Minister to move the House to pass the Amendment.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Pu Speaker, divorces may occur due to various consequences and that is why we have a discussion to provide a rule for registration of divorces and its cancellations. The Mizoram Law Commission with its Chairman Pu John Siamkunga has taken care of the problem as the MHIP and MUP were also consulted. The House Leader, Pu Lal Thanhawla is also very supportive of our customary law. So, Pu Speaker, with your permission, I move the House to pass “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2015”.

SPEAKER : Those in favor of passing “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2015” may say, “I agree”. Is there anyone objection? I declare that “The Mizoram Compulsory Registration of Marriages (Amendment) Bill, 2015” is passed by the House.

PU LALSAWTA, MINISTER: Thank you, Pu Speaker.

SPEAKER : We have finished our business for today and discussion will be resumed tomorrow at 10:30 AM.

Sitting is adjourned (1:05 p.m.)